NEWSLETTER

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We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

THE VALUE OF LITERATURE

Being something of an avid reader, I was particularly interested when in 2024 Pope Francis released a 5,000-word letter on the fairly novel subject of the role of literature in faith education. Francis writes that priests in particular often do not have a "sufficient grounding in literature", and warns that this can lead to "serious intellectual and spiritual impoverishment". He draws on scientific evidence about reading's cognitive benefits, and reflects on the way it allows us "privileged access" to "the very heart of human culture".

A particularly interesting section sees the Pope developing T.S. Eliot's idea that the crisis of religion today is fundamentally a crisis of emotional response. "If we are to believe this diagnosis," Francis says, "the problem for faith today is not primarily that of believing more or believing less with regard to particular doctrines. Rather, it is the inability of so many of our contemporaries to be profoundly moved in the face of God, his Creation and other human beings." Literature, the Pope says, helps address this problem, by "healing and enriching our responsiveness".

The letter is movingly personal. Francis reveals, for instance, his love for the tragedians, saying that "in weeping for the fate of their characters, we are essentially weeping for ourselves, for our own emptiness, shortcomings and loneliness". He adds that "in moments of weariness, anger, disappointment or failure, when prayer itself does not help us find inner serenity, a good book can help us weather the storm."

Fr Peter Dillon

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Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday with the Annual Catholic Mission appeal. Please take an envelope from the pews or doors and consider your donation to support their work.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 20 October to 26 October 2025

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday			8am (Mass)	
Friday	8am (Adoration)	9am (Mass)		
Saturday	5.30pm (Mass)		5pm (Mass)	
Sunday	8am (Mass) 5.30pm (Mass)	8am (Mass)		9am (Mass)

AROUND OUR PARISHES

BULIMBA

Prayer Requests
Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Laurence Hall, Angie Durelli, Rhys Agnew, Josie Bulgarelli, Anne Cleary ***recently deceased and also for*** Veronica Indinah, Augustinus Krismanto, Leoncio Rodriguez, Eruthayamary Pillai, Margert Turpin, Paul Troja, Patricia Vieyra, Mary Hooper, Emma Moretto, Peggy Teache, Ann Toomey, Harold & Dulcie O'Connell, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Begley and Bourke families, Candelario Iquin, Sr Ellen Randle, SGS, Michael French, Ross Saffioti, Mal Thomson.
Please remember the sick in your prayers – Luigia D'Allura, Hazel Langthorne, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Lance Tutanoa, Roy Hogan, Catherine Kearney, Madonna Lapez (nee Cullen), Natalina Rossi, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin, Mimy Andree, Robyn Britnell, Pat Strotton.

Fr David Willis, OP continues to celebrate Mass with us. We thank the Dominican community at Carina for assisting. Please introduce yourself and make him feel welcome. Please note there will be **NO** weekday Masses while Fr Kevin is on retreat. **Adoration** will be offered at 8am on Friday mornings.

Feast of All Saints—9am Mass will be offered on Sat 1 November.

October is **World Mission Month** and in partnership with Catholic Mission, the annual church appeal will be held this weekend 18-19 October . We invite you to support the work of ***the Church in Zambia bringing hope to those who need it*** – for mothers struggling to provide for their families, women risking their lives to give birth and entire communities yearning for a brighter future. Please take an envelope from the pew or church doors and return via the collection plate. Thank you for your support.

MESSAGE FROM SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE—Thank you to all who gave generously to the project for the **Sisters of Providence** who are caring for vulnerable girls and young women in Thailand. The parish has raised **$5,606** in response to last week's call to reach the target of $5,000**.** What a great response! THANK YOU

The SJ Committee meet next **Sunday 26 October** in the parish boardroom after the 8am Mass. All welcome to join the conversation around social justice issues.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
Taking steps to overcome my hiking addiction. I'm not out of the woods yet!

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Some simple, faith-inspired steps for living sustainably and in harmony with creation, in the spirit of Laudato Si' and the Season of Creation.

SIMPLIFY LIFE
Choose what is essential, avoiding overconsumption and waste.

SAVE THE DATE—The Sts Peter &Paul's School Fete will be held next weekend **Saturday, 25th October 2025 from 9.30am to 4.00pm**. The Fete Committee warmly invites the whole parish community to come along and enjoy a wonderful day of rides, food trucks, stalls, and plenty of family fun. There will also be a much-loved **Cake Stall**, and we would greatly appreciate donations of cakes or baked goods. If you are able to help, please email Natalie at nataliecatanzaro0@gmail.com
Don't forget to purchase your **Fete Raffle Tickets** – a wonderful way to support our school community, with funds going towards upgrading the seating on the school oval. You'll also be in the running to win a $10,000 Flight Centre holiday voucher or a $3,000 SnowScene package. Purchase your ticket here: https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=982w7&sref=y6bzvbmn

Please note that parishioners attending the 5.30pm Saturday Mass will not have access to the church carpark.

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE . BURANDA

Prayer Requests
We ask you to pray for the recently deceased *Nair Coimbra, Patricia Bretz, Francis Townsend, Paul Mann (brother of Paula Stein), Giuse Thai Nguyen* ***and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.***
Please remember the sick in your prayers *- Anne Bardwell, Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Mary Leahy, Angelina Lee .*

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)
Last week's winner: **ISOBEL SOWERBY**
Any parishioners interested in being part of the Lucky Number Draw see with Isobel at the foyer of St Benedict's Church on Saturday evening. Proceeds of the lucky number draw go to support St Vincent de Paul and other social needs in the Parish. ***GOOD LUCK!!!***

LOOKING AHEAD

18/19 Oct	**CATHOLIC MISSIONS APPEAL** weekend
20 October	**St Vincent de Paul** meet in the church @ 6pm
22 October	**PPC/PFC** committees meet at St Joseph's
2 November	**Feast of All Souls**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Kangaroo Point Chapter will meet on **Monday 20 October** at 6pm in St Joseph's church. All new and interested parishioners are invited and welcome to attend.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—you are invited to join in remembering loved ones, friends and parishioners who have died and now share in the Feast of Eternal Life. **Sunday 2 November** at 8am Mass at St Luke's Buranda. Light refreshments will follow. Please RSVP to 3129 9070 by 30 October, or sign the form at the church entrance. Please let us know your loved one's name so they can be added to the prayer list.

INVITATION TO COMMEMORATE RED NOVEMBER 2025—*Aid to the Church in Need* invites the parish community to unite and draw attention to and pray for persecuted Christians worldwide. Wednesday 19 November has been set aside to pray the Rosary—focusing each decade on a different continent where Christians suffer persecution. Resources available at www.rednovember.org or prayer cards at the church doors.
Remember—Pray—Support

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISHES

As a Catholic community, we are deeply grateful for the goodwill and generosity that sustain our mission and service to others.
Your continued support is vital to our work, helping us to live out Christ's love in Bulimba, Buranda, and Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane.
To arrange planned giving for your parish, we invite you to reach out to the parish office for more information.
Thank you for being a cherished part of our faith journey.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

A VOCATION VIEW: Pray persistently, and God will respond. Ask God to bless the Church with faith-filled ministers. (Luke 18:1-8). Scan the QR code to find out more or contact the vocation office on 1300 133 544 or www.vocationbrisbane.com Follow us on @vocationbrisbane

TWO MINUTE HOMILY by priests from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. You are able to watch this week's homily here.

◆ FIRST Reading: Exodus 17:8-13 ◆ SECOND Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2 ◆ GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the holy one,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day, he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting,

Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim
your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14 -4 4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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