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.

WHY BE GOOD?

While reading a book by Australian journalist and social researcher Hugh Mackay, titled "Right and Wrong", among many interesting questions he asks the following two: "Why be good?" and "Does it make any difference if I am a good, honest, faithful, compassionate person?" Simple, but demanding questions, questions that cut right to the heart of what motivates us to strive to be better people or to simply say that this is as good as I think I will get.

Our first response might be that we should be good people because then God will reward us (or punish us accordingly). This approach begs the question as to whether we should be doing the right thing, simply because it is right and not because we will be rewarded. As Mackay suggests we shouldn't need carrots to encourage us to do the right thing or sticks to discourage us from doing the wrong thing.

Another response might be that we strive to be good people because we feel better about ourselves when we know we have attempted to release ourselves from those many imperfections that creep so casually, yet decisively into our lives. They are often things not noticed by others and often dismissed as negligible by us, and yet they niggle us to the point that they become like a stone in our shoe. We will not be comfortable with ourselves until we free ourselves from their grasp. While there may be a certain nobility about this approach, it nevertheless has some link to the reward principle in that the goal is simply to feel better about ourselves.

So, what is it then that should motivate us to be better people? It's not like someone losing weight or getting fitter. Those aspirations usually only make a difference to one person, me. Since we are essentially relational creatures, we find our greatest expression of self and most significant meaning in the quality of our relationships, our connection with others. We exist because God wished to share love and consequently that we should share that love with others. There can be no other significant reason for our existence. Therefore, the better we try to be, the richer our relationships become, be they with God, with family, with the community at large. The better I become, the better we are, since it's only in relationships that our true nature is fully realised, and it's in the quality of these relationships that virtue brings its own reward.

Fr Peter

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 26 October to 1 November 2026

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (Mass)			
Friday	8am (Mass + Adoration + Benediction)	9am (Mass)		
Saturday	9am (Mass) 5.30pm (Mass)		5pm (Mass)	
Sunday	8am (Mass) 5.30pm (Mass)	8am (Mass)		9am (Mass)

AROUND OUR PARISHES

BULIMBA • KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE • BURANDA

Prayer Requests—please pray for the departed loved ones and those suffering illness from Bulimba, Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane and Buranda parishes, especially Angelina Lee, John Feltoe, Patricia Kretschmer, Eilisha Little ***recently deceased and also for*** Caitlin Donohue, Patricia Vieyra, Mary Hooper, Harold & Dulcie O'Connell, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Begley and Bourke families, Moira Dugera, Patricia Romero, Ross Saffioti, Margaret Turpin, Candelario Iquin, Ted Mazur, Joyce Dickens, Leoncio Rodriguez, Ross Saffioti, Ann Cleary, Hiep and Hach Nguyen, Mal Thomson, Beppo Pagliaro, Rosa Bringas Martinez.
Please remember the sick – Kay Bradnock, Hazel Langthorne, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Lance Tutanoa, Madonna Lapez, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin, Anne Bardwell, Paul Bardwell, Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Margaret Robba, Connie Sladen, Kim Koster.

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE PARISH LUCKY NUMBER
Last week's winner: **BRIAN SCHAEFER**

A FRIENDLY REMINDER: PARKING AT ST JOSEPH'S KANGAROO POINT
We kindly ask parishioners attending Mass at St Joseph's, Kangaroo Point, to please refrain from parking on the newly installed artificial turf. Vehicles parked on this surface can cause damage to the turf and its underlying layers. Thank you for your understanding.
St Joseph's Kangaroo Point Collective – School P&F group

THE BULIMBA SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE will meet in the parish boardroom today after the 8am Mass. All welcome.

SOCIAL JUSTICE RECONCILIATION NEWS: Sts Peter & Paul Parish Reconciliation Consultation Group has held several meetings to develop a **Parish RAP Implementation Plan**, following the launch of the Brisbane Archdiocese 2026-2028 RAP. You are welcome to join the next meeting at 5:30-6:30pm, **Monday 26th October** in the Parish Board Room. The meeting will work towards drafting the plan to issue to parishioners for comment before the end of the year.

RCIA – a final meeting for those to be initiated into the Catholic faith will be held on **Wednesday 28 October 2026** at 7pm at St Benedict's Church. This will be in preparation for our six candidates to be received across Masses on the weekend of 31 October and 1 November. A cause for great joy in our parish. Please keep them in your prayers.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held on **Sunday 1 November 2026** during 9am Mass at St Joseph's. You are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of understanding.
PARISH MORNING TEA at St Joseph's follows Mass—all welcome.

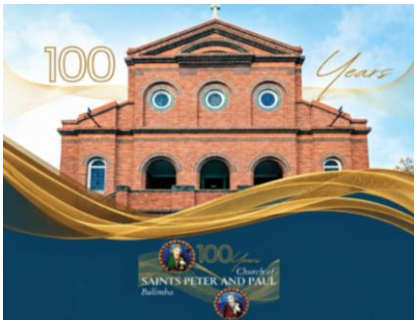
ANOINTING MASS—will be held at 9am on **Friday 6 November 2026** at St Luke's Buranda. This is the Church's sacrament for those who are sick and ageing and is a sacred moment when we pray for God's grace to strengthen someone who is suffering from any form of illness.
ROSARY will resume after Mass. Could those who would like to take a turn leading the Rosary, please give your name to Phil van Brunschot, Unit 10 St Luke's Green

LOOKING AHEAD

28 October	NO 8am Mass at East Brisbane
1 November	Feast Day – All Saints
2 November	Feast Day – All Souls
2 November	SVDP Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane chapter meet

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
After explaining the commandment to honour your father and mother, a Sunday School teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters. One boy, the oldest in his family, immediately answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS WEEK'S ACTION
Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home
Daily Habits of Care
Reduce and Reuse: Choose reusable bottles, bags, and containers instead of single-use plastics



The Centenary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 8 November 2026 at 9am.

This will be the only parish Mass at Bulimba for the weekend. Please assist us in getting the word out to fellow parishioners, old and new, that may be attending the celebrations and morning tea afterwards.
THANK YOU

Parishioners are invited as singers to join the choir.
You are welcome to a **rehearsal** scheduled for **Wednesday 28 October at 5pm** in the church.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL will occur at Bulimba parish this weekend where we will welcome Student Ambassadors to speak with us about the work Fr Mathew Semba is doing in Malawi.
As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo that we are '**One in Christ, United in Mission**'.
Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home. Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.
Please use the provided appeal envelope or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

October is traditionally celebrated as the **MONTH OF THE ROSARY**. The **Rosary is recited before the 9am Saturday Mass at Sts Peter and Paul's** and you are warmly invited to join in this devotion, asking Mary to intercede for our families, our parish community and the needs of our world.

CONGRATULATIONS to the children who will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** this week and thank you to all involved in preparing them. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them in their faith journey.

THANK YOU – to Nick Prove and his sons for the excellent work of removing (and replacing) the pews at St Benedicts to make way for the new carpet. It was a mammoth job and completed in record time.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE—During November, the Book of Remembrance will be placed in all churches for names of loved ones to be prayed for at Mass throughout the month of All Souls. The Paschal Candle will be lit beside the book during Mass

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: In pursuing and living our vocations, we must seek to live these two commandments: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind, and to love your neighbour as yourself. 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.

THE ORDER OF THE MASS

◆ FIRST Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26 ◆ SECOND Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 34-40

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

I love you, Lord, my strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
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.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

FIRST READING

Exodus 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.
"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.
"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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