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.

IS IT EVER WORTH IT?

Everyone seems angry about something these days. Be it politics, traffic snarls, high prices or just everyone else who does not agree with my opinion. Anger seems to be the default position.

Although teenagers often think they have a monopoly on anger, I believe it is equally shared across the generations. Often presenting as frustration or lack of patience, jealousy or resentment, the symptoms are still the same – someone or something is responsible for me not feeling happy.

No doubt, there are many valid reasons for the anger, but the resolution of frustration and connection between the cause and the result, often seem to be out of balance. Clearly, we live in a world of high expectations, excessive choices and serious demands on our time, but the cost of meeting those expectations and accessing those choices seems to be a short fuse and lack of control, which is proving to be too expensive a price to pay for a moderate outcome.

Many people are meeting with a therapist or going to yoga retreats hoping to bring a little relief to their angry existence. Prayer seems to be a well-proven remedy, if only you can get into a peaceful state to pray meaningfully, without letting to focus of the anger overwhelm you.

Let every thought be the thought of a dying man, the Stoics say, over and over again. A dying person doesn't have any excess time to be angry. A person who realises how fragile life is doesn't take chances in saying things they'll have to apologize for—because they know they might not get to. We can waste a great deal of life waiting for the other person to apologise, only to discover that we are the ones who have at least half of the control, half of the ability to bring matters to a conclusion, one way or another.

There are many reasons to be a good person, but perhaps the best one might be the fact that this could be your very last opportunity. Do the nice thing now—not later. Don't hang onto anger you know you're going to let go of later—let go of it right this second. Don't contribute to some tit-for-tat argument that you know you'll both acknowledge was a mistake at the end—stop it now.

We don't have the luxury. Life is impermanent...but this moment isn't.

Fr Peter Dillon

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 27 October to 2 November 2025

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

AROUND OUR PARISHES

BULIMBA

Prayer Requests
Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Natalina Rossi, Sr Kathleen (Katie) Lee SGS, Laurence Hall ***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, 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), 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 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 Saturday 1 November to commemorate this feast day. All welcome.

There will be **NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** offered this Sunday 26 October during the 8am Mass—apologies.

SAVE THE DATE—Join us for the final **Family Mass** of the year on **Sunday, 2nd November at 8am**, followed by a friendly Parish Morning Tea. Our final **Parish Bake Stall**, with a festive Christmas theme, will also be held that weekend across Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 8am Masses. Come along, enjoy some delicious treats, and support our parish's Social Justice initiatives.

The **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE** meet this **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.
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

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

ADVOCATE AND EDUCATE
Join parish or school initiatives that protect creation and inspire others to act.

WELCOME and THANK YOU to well-known Australian composer, guitarist and singer, Michael Mangan, who will join the music ministry at Sts Peter and Paul's this Sunday (26 October) at 5:30pm Mass. Two of the hymns being sung are Michael's compositions so we encourage everyone to join in.

SAVE THE DATE—You're invited to the next **Young Adult** gathering on Sunday, 2nd November, following the 5.30pm Mass. We'll be heading to Betty's Burgers for a relaxed evening of food, faith, and friendship. All young adults (18+) welcome!

This year's **ADVENT DAILY PRAYER RESOURCE**—***In Holy Stillness***—is available for $5 per copy. Each weekday includes a short scripture text, a reflection upon it, as well as some thoughts to provoke prayer and discussion. Reserve your copy by contacting the parish office.

ARE YOU A CARER? Do you look after someone who lives with disability, has a medical or mental health condition or is frail due to age? You might be young or old, looking after a relative or friend 24 hours a day or just some of the time. If you need support, you are invited to our Carer's meeting to be held in the parish hall on **Tuesday 28 October from 10am-12pm.** All welcome.

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.

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: **PHIL SMITH**
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

1 November	Feast of All Saints
2 November	Feast of All Souls Children's Liturgy of the Word offered during 9am Mass, followed by parish morning tea
7 November	Anointing Mass—9am @ St Luke's Buranda
10 November	SVDP meet at 6pm @ St Joseph's church

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held next Sunday 2 November in the Coolock Room during the 9am Mass at St Joseph's, Kangaroo Point. You are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of understanding.

PARISH MORNING TEA will follow the 9am Mass on Sunday 2 November. All parishioners welcome.

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: Be humble and allow God to do great things through you. (Luke 18:9-14). 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 MUSIC AT BULIMBA

◆ FIRST Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19 ◆ SECOND Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 ◆ GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

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

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
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

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.
The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be

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