NEWSLETTER

Catholic Parishes of Bulimba • Buranda • East Brisbane • Kangaroo Point

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 October 2025 (Year C)

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This weekend we conclude the **Season of Creation**, a time set aside to renew our relationship with God's gift of the Earth and to embrace our call as stewards of Creation. Fittingly, this Saturday, 4th October, we celebrate the **Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi**, patron of ecology, who teaches us to see God's presence in every creature and to live with simplicity and joy.

The theme for this year's Season of Creation, inspired by *Isaiah 32:14–18*, calls us to reflect on the "War on Creation" and to long for the Spirit who renews the wilderness into a fruitful field. Isaiah's vision of peace reminds us that **justice is the pathway to harmony within Creation**, when relationships with God, neighbour, and the Earth are restored.

As the late Pope Francis reminded us in *Laudato Si'*, "The effect of righteousness will be peace" (Isaiah 32:17). Let us continue beyond this Season of Creation to live out our baptismal call to care for our common home, to stand with the poor, and to seek ecological conversion, so that together we may witness to God's promise of peace and abundant life for all.

A Message for Parishioners of Bulimba…..

Next February will be forty years since my ordination to priesthood in St Mary's Church Ipswich which was my home parish. I'm not sure what forty years is supposed to feel like, but that amount of time does accrue so many experiences, blessings, achievements, struggles, opportunities and of course so many wonderful people. As you know every year priests and Religious make a retreat, which is a time of reflection and renewal. The practice begins while we are still in training.

In October I hope to do the full Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. This a guided time with a spiritual director through thirty days of silence. This will take place at the Jesuit Centre for Spirituality in South Australia. I have not undertaken this sort of retreat before, so it is a step into the unknown but good silence is not a step into emptiness, in fact it is quite the opposite. I commence next Monday 6th October and if I don't wander off into the South Australian wilderness I return on the 10th November. I'm grateful to Fr David Willis OP who will be celebrating the Sunday Masses and to the ministers who will continue to serve the parish so generously and faithfully. Please note that Wednesday Mass is postponed and Friday morning Adoration will commence at 8.00am each week. Parish Office hours remain the same.

Be assured of my prayers because I will have no excuse not to, and please pray for me.

God bless,
Fr Kevin.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 6 October to 12 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)

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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.

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*** Augustinus Krismanto, Leoncio Rodriguez, Eruthayamary Pillai, Mary Margaretta Packiam, 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, Karen Baker, Mike West, Timmons and Lyons families, Patrick and Pat Boyle, Candelario Iquin, Sr Ellen Randle, SGS, Michael French, Ross Saffioti.
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.

THE SEASON OF CREATION concludes this week with the celebration of the Feast of St Francis. Join us on Sunday, 5 October 2025 for the 8am Mass, followed by parish morning tea and the **Blessing of the Animals** at 10am. Parishioners are invited to bring their pets (*on a leash or in a carrier*) for this special occasion blessing.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
A lonely frog telephones the Psychic Hotline to asks what his future holds. The advisor tells him 'You are going to meet a beautiful young girl who will want to know everything about you'. The frog is thrilled! 'This is great, will I meet her at a party?' he croaks. 'No', says the psychic, 'you'll meet her in a biology class'.

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.

PAUSE IN GRATITUDE
Spend time outdoors, pray with creation and reflect on the gift of God's earth.

DROP IN FRIDAY—you're invited to join in the conversation and stay for morning tea, 10am in the parish hall Friday 10 October 2025. This is a great morning of conversation and hospitality. Why not consider attending?

Please note there will be **NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** during the school holidays. Children's Liturgy will return during the 8am Mass on Sunday 12 October 2025.

Next weekend we welcome **FR DAVID WILLIS** from the Dominican Community at Carina to celebrate Masses with us while Fr Kevin is on retreat during October. 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. All welcome.

The parish office will be **CLOSED** on Monday 6 October for the King's Birthday Public Holiday.

PROVIDENCE PROJECT—there is still time to donate to this Social Justice initiative. Consider giving hope to stateless women and children in Northern Thailand. support their education, secure their safety, protect their human rights. Online payments can be made to the following account—

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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 *- Angelina Lee, Anne Bardwell, Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Mary Leahy*

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)
Last week's winner: **JOHN WESSELL**
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

5 October	**Children's Liturgy of the Word**—St Joseph's
6 October	Parish office **CLOSED** due to King's Birthday PH
7 October	School resumes for Term 4
15 October	**NO** 8am Mass at East Brisbane
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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held this Sunday 5 October 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. Thank you to our leaders for their continued commitment to this parish Ministry.

PARISH MORNING TEA will follow the 9am Mass. Everyone welcome.

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.

Your continuing financial support welcome through the following details -

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A **REMINDER** to members of the parish **Pastoral and Finance Councils**—next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 22 October at 6.30pm in the Coolock Room at St Joseph's.

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: The Spirit of God makes us strong, loving and wise. How will you use these gifts to serve the Gospel? Consider being a sister, brother, priest or deacon (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14). 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 READINGS

◆ FIRST Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 ◆ SECOND Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 ◆ GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-9

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

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection until you come again.

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,
'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-9

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'
The Gospel of the Lord.

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