NEWSLETTER

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 September 2026 (Year A)

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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.

Safeguarding Sunday 2026

Safe Church. Safe People.

"Safeguarding is not simply a compliance requirement; it is a Gospel responsibility that calls us to uphold the dignity and wellbeing of every person entrusted to our care."

Bishop Karol Kulczycki SDS, ACSL media release, 2026

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (*formerly Child Protection Sunday*) on the second Sunday of September each year – at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week.

On Safeguarding Sunday, we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by anyone in Church settings and acknowledge the vulnerability of some within our parishes and communities.

We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance.

Safeguarding is more than a policy, a training requirement or a compliance task. It is how a community puts safety, dignity and wellbeing at the heart of how people lead, serve, participate and belong. In Catholic settings, safeguarding is visible in relationships, ministry, governance, decisions and everyday practice.

This year the theme is Love Protects and the readings show us that real love is not passive goodwill. Rather it actively shields the vulnerable, tells the truth, and never lets silence stand in for safety.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 14 September to 20 September 2026				
	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 • 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 Sr Teresa Lanigan SGS, Elaine Kamp, Stephen Baker, Michael Kotiw ***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, Sandra Swales, Candelario Iquin, Ted Mazur, Joyce Dickens, Leoncio Rodriguez.
Please remember the sick – Kay Bradnock, Hazel Langthorne, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Lance Tutanoa, Madonna Lapez, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin, Anne Bardwell, Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Angelina Lee, Margaret Robba, Connie Sladen, Kim Koster.

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE PARISH LUCKY NUMBER
Last week's winner: **KATHY WESSEL**

ST LUKE'S PARISHIONERS are encouraged to bring their cans and bottles for recycling towards **Containers for Change**. They can be placed in the receptacle in the church foyer.

WELCOME to Fr Pan Jordan and Fr Peter Weineke who will celebrate Mass at Bulimba this weekend with us while Father Kevin is on annual leave. Please make them feel welcome.

Note there will be NO weekday Masses while Fr Kevin is on leave, however Adoration will still be offered on Friday mornings from 8am. At Adoration there is a place for everyone in the stillness before the Sacramental Presence of Christ Risen. Come for peace, renewal through listening and wisdom for support, healing and hope..from the inside. All welcome.

The next **RCIA GATHERING** for those interested in journeying with the Catholic church will be held at 7pm , **Wednesday 16 September 2026** at St Benedict's, East Brisbane.

BULIMBA PARISH MORNING TEA will be held after the Sunday 8am Mass this week (*13 September*). You are invited to join for hospitality. Any assistance you can offer in setting up and serving is greatly welcome.

THANK YOU to the Woodturners Society in Greenslopes, for their beautifully crafted toys that have been delighting our smallest parishioners (and parents) on Sunday mornings at St Joseph's.

LOOKING AHEAD

23 September	NO 8am Mass at East Brisbane
5 October	Public Holiday—Office closed
18 October	Sts Peter and Paul's, Centenary Mass
21 October	NO 8am Mass at East Brisbane

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
In wine there is wisdom
In beer there is strength
In water there is bacteria
You decide

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS MONTH'S ACTION
Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home
Season of Creation 2026
How can we encourage ourselves to relish our personal creativity every day?

THE SEASON OF CREATION runs from the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation - September 1 - to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - October 4. It is a time set aside each year to focus on God's gift of creation and our responsibility to care for it, our common home. The theme for the Season of Creation in 2026 is "Living Water"
Pope Leo's message for the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation 2026 is available at https://www.humandevelopment.va/en/news/2026/messaggio-papa-leone-xiv-giornata-preghiera-creato-2026.html
The Bulimba Social Justice Committee invite you to pause and read the weekly reflection and prayer (*attached to newsletter mail out or at the church doors*).

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: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Make a stand for mercy, empathy, forgiveness, and selflessness! 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 CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN warmly invites couples who are celebrating 50 years of marriage and above to the annual **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS.** Saturday **26 September 2026** at 11.30am, the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 26:ASCEND—A national catholic conference with something for everyone. Young people of this generation are asking the deep questions of life and faith. Ignite conference is an incredible way to kick-start a newfound relationship with Jesus, revive a faith that has grown tired and equip emerging parish leaders. Four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship. Hosted in and supported by the Archdiocese of Brisbane. 24-27 September 2026. visit igniteconference.com.au for more information.

Parishioners and ministry leaders are warmly invited to participate in the upcoming **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT** - **a** day dedicated to inspiring, equipping, and encouraging leaders in their mission. Details of the event are as follows -
Date: **Thursday 22 October** OR **Saturday 24 October** from 9 am to 4pm.
Venue: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 196 Charlotte Street, Brisbane City.
Cost: $75 includes catering and materials. (This is a 50% discount offered for those who work or volunteer in a Catholic organisation, ministry, parish or community). The Summit will feature world-class leadership content, practical insights and opportunities for reflection and connection with other clergy and church leaders. Please register at https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/gls26 to assist with catering and planning. To receive the discount, please choose the correct ticket for the day and hit register. Then enter the discount code (**GLSDisc26)**.

THE ORDER OF THE MASS HYMNS AT BULIMBA

◆ FIRST Reading: Sirach 27:30— 28:7 ◆ SECOND Reading: Romans 14:7-9 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 21-35

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 is kind and merciful;
slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment,
love one another as I have loved you.
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

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

FIRST READING Sirach 27: 30-28:7

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death and live by the commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook the offence.

SECOND READING Romans 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.
'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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