NEWSLETTER

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The Exaltation of the Cross

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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 2025

The Catholic Church in Australia today marks Safeguarding Sunday (*formerly Child Protection Sunday*) - at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week, a time to celebrate our shared responsibility in creating safe, supportive, and nurturing environments for children and young people. Keeping children safe from harm is a responsibility we all share.

When communities work together, children grow up feeling valued, protected, and heard. Children and young people often show great courage when they share their experiences. Listening to them and believing them is one of the most powerful ways we can protect them. By responding with care, respect, and action, we send a strong message that their voices matter. Research shows that children may have to tell several people before someone truly hears them. That's why it's so important for parents, professionals, and community members to listen attentively, seek advice when needed, and take the right steps to ensure safety.

Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

Today we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 15 September to 21 September 2025

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (Mass)		8am (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

Prayer Requests
Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Fr John Chalmers, Sr Therese Fleming SGS ***recently deceased and also for*** Leoncio Rodriguez, Eruthayamary Pillai, Mary Margaretta Packiam, John and Clare Smith, Muriel Jones, Margert Turpin, Sandra Swales, George Bracken, 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, Ross Saffioti, Saffioti and Jarrett families, Candelario Iquin, Sr Ellen Randle, SGS
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.

THE SEASON OF CREATION continues until 4 October (St Francis Feast Day). It is celebrated by Christians throughout the world and is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all Creation. A new App created by Queensland Churches Environmental Network called '**Season of Creation Devotional**' is available to download and contains a reflection, prayer and verse for each day. The devotions are illustrated by beautiful photographs featuring the Australian landscape, flora and fauna and remind the reader of the interconnectedness of creation, of the peace we can feel when being in nature, and the beauty that is all around us. Access is available for free by using the Apple Store or through the google store – simply search for Season of Creation.

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.

Eat Seasonally & Locally: support local farmers and reduce the carbon footprint of your meals.

The Brisbane East Deanery will begin the **Psalms: The School of Prayer** Scripture Study **third week in September** with an option of morning sessions or evening sessions. The Psalms are at the heart of the Bible. They are prayers from God that help us learn to pray. This study will explore how the words of the Psalms captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God. Please contact Louise Simento for more information or to register your interest, on 0456 700 040 or gps23@bigpond.com

THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM—God's blessings to Hugo, Fletcher and Summer who will be baptised into our faith community this weekend. May the Lord guide you, protect you and fill your life with His abundant love and blessings.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - 17th to 19th October 2025
We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!

The live-in weekend is being held at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. The weekend starts at 7pm on Friday night and finishes after Mass at 4pm Sunday. Book via www.wwme.org.au or phone Joseph and Lisha Deseam on 0481 307 821 or email qldbookings@wwme.org.au for further details.

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE • BURANDA

Prayer Requests
We ask you to pray for the recently deceased Francis Townsend ***and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.***
Please remember the sick in your prayers - *Anne Bardwell, Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Paul Mann, Mary Leahy*

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)
Last week's winner: **JULIE JOUGHAN**
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!!!***

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS—Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or beyond, are invited to attend Mass, together with their family and friends on Saturday, 27 September at 11.30am at the Cathedral of St Stephen.

DATE CLAIMER - Parishioners of Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane parish are invited to a parish gathering at the recently renovated Lord Stanley Hotel at East Brisbane on Saturday evening 4 October following the 5pm Mass at Saint Benedict's. Reservations will be required. **Please leave your name and contact at the piety stall at either Church**. Further details to follow.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross reflection
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him**.**
John 3:16-17.

Reflect, today, upon your own crosses. As you do, try not to see them as a burden. Instead, realise the potential within those crosses. Prayerfully look at your crosses as invitations to share in Christ's Cross. Say Yes to your crosses. Choose them freely. Unite them to Christ's Cross. As you do, have hope that God's glory will come forth in your life and in the world through your free embrace of them. Know that these burdens will be transformed and become a source of exaltation in your life by the transforming power of God.

LOOKING AHEAD

19 Sept	School Term 3 finishes
22 Sept	St Vincent de Paul meet at 6pm in the church—new members welcome
3 Oct	Anointing Mass—9am at St Luke's, Buranda
5 Oct	Children's Liturgy of the Word—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: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life." Follow Christ with your life that you too may have eternal life. (John 3:13-17) 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: Numbers 21:4-9 ◆ SECOND Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 ◆ GOSPEL: John 3:13-17

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, 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

Numbers 21:4-9

When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'
At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

The state of Jesus was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of the Father.

GOSPEL

John 3:13-17

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
'No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.'

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