NEWSLETTER

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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 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.

THE COMMANDMENTS OF JESUS

The Do's and Don'ts.

While most of us are familiar with The Ten Commandments of the Old Testament, we might have to dredge more deeply to find the commandments that Jesus taught throughout the Gospels. Here are a few to get us started.

- Do not return evil for evil. Nothing is achieved by retaliation, except to pile darkness on darkness.
- Do not judge your neighbour. No one knows all the facts in a particular situation, except God. Therefore, leave judgement to God.
- Do not worry about food, drink, or clothes as if these were the most important things in life. Make it your first concern to live as a worthy son or daughter of god and all the others things will fall into place.
- Do not store up treasures for yourself on earth – money, property, goods. These are like chaff that will be blown away in the first winds of judgment.
- Do not look back once you have put your hands to the plough that is once you have decided to follow the way of Jesus. When you believe you have made the right decision, go forward trusting in God.
- Do not give up hope when tough times come. Keep on trusting in God who believes you are worth more than a thousand sparrows.

- Do let the light of your goodness shine before people. The light you shed around you will help others find the way.
- Do love you enemies. Be kind to those you don't like or who may have been unkind to you. If you do this you will be the salt of the earth.
- Do give generously. The measure you give to others will be the measure you receive from God.
- Do forgive those who sin against you. Then you have nothing to fear in regard to your own sins. God has already forgiven them.
- Do see that you minds and hearts are clean. Then all your thoughts, words and deeds will be clean also.
- Do love one another , the way I have loved you. Then you will know that you are my disciples.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 28 September to 4 October 2026

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (Mass)		8am (Mass)	
Friday	8am (Mass + Adoration + Benediction)	9am (Anointing 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 Carlos Lazo, Sr M Theresia Hiranabe SGS, Mary Fuller, Mary Grieve, 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, Ross Saffioti, Ann Cleary.
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: **JOHN 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.

This weekend we thank and welcome Fr David Pascoe to celebrate Sunday 8am Mass at St Luke's Buranda.

ANOINTING MASS—will be held at 9am on **Friday 2 October 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. We welcome Fr John Sullivan, OSA from St James' Augustinian community to celebrate with us. Please make him feel welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held on **Sunday 4 October 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.

PARISH BAKE STALL will we held on the weekend of **10/11 October 2026 a**nd the coordinators would love your help with contributions. If you'd like to donate home-made sweet or savoury baked goods please email parishbakestall@gmail.com with your offer to assist. Any contribution is warmly appreciated. All proceeds to a parish nominated charity.

SAVE THE DATE—Catholic Mission Church Appeal will occur at the parishes of St Luke's and Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane across the weekend of 17/18 October. Further information to follow.

Please note there will be NO access to St Benedict's church from Sunday 18 October—Friday 23 October due to new carpet flooring installation.
There will be NO 8am Mass on Wednesday 21 October.

LOOKING AHEAD

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.
Boss: 'Why sick on week days only?'
Me: 'Must be my weekend immune system'

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS MONTH'S ACTION
Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home

Season of Creation 2026 (Week 5) Happiness
What are the key elements in our life that give us deep happiness?

As we enter the final week of **THE SEASON OF CREATION 2026,** why not consider setting aside a time to focus on God's gift of creation and our responsibility to care for it, our common home.
Try visiting the ART EXHIBITION being held at St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct. 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 (*Week 5 attached to newsletter mail out or at the church doors).*

Bulimba **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE** will meet this **Sunday 27 September 2026** after the 8am Sunday Mass in the parish boardroom. Consider joining the conversation. All welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH PARKING—We kindly ask parishioners and visitors **not to park** on the newly laid turf in the school undercover section. The area requires time to establish, and vehicle traffic can cause significant damage, undoing the considerable effort and expense involved in its installation. Please use the designated parking areas. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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: We cannot act overly proud just because we have responded God's call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness; serving God with perseverance and happiness fulfils us. 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.

CELEBRATING ST FRANCIS—800 Years On! The inclusion team from Archdiocesan Ministries invites all to celebrate St Francis' life through a shared lunch and the Story of the Universe Experience. 800 years on, it's a chance to hear St Francis' call to see God's love in all of creation, including the art series Days of Creation by Dianne Minnaar. All are welcome.
Free Event: Tuesday 6 October 12pm-2pm in the Hanly Room, St Francis Rush Centre, Brisbane.
RVSP at **tinyurl.com/StFrancisEvent26**

THE ORDER OF THE MASS

◆ FIRST Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25-28 ◆ SECOND Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 21: 28-32

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

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
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

Ezekiel 18: 25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law- abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:
His state 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 God the Father.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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