NEWSLETTER

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 September 2026 (Year A)

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THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY

Recently I read about what is required to be a saint, which got me thinking about what is the difference, then, between our own locally grown Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and your average church attendee?

From God's perspective, not a great deal! God loves both of them. God forgives both of them. God calls both of them to die to self, to take up their cross and follow Christ into a quality of life and love that the world cannot give. Yet one of them chooses to live from the power of this gracious call, to trust in its power, and the other (one suspects) does not.

One chooses to love as Christ loved, loving the neighbour even to the point of great personal sacrifice, while the other perhaps chooses to put faith aside when the going gets tough or when there is money or status at stake. One really believes that Christ's life, no matter how difficult, is the only life worth living. The other suspects that Christianity is a bit impractical, a set of admirable ideals mind you, but not to be lived too literally.

For those of us who claim to be people of faith, we are called to be Mary MacKillops. To let go of all our hungers for health, wealth, family and security, to surrender such things into the hands of God and to hunger instead for the commonwealth of peace and justice that Christ will bring. A hunger for the kingdom is exactly like the hunger for food. If you are starving, if you have nothing to eat, you will do almost anything to find nourishment. You will travel hundreds of kilometres over rough and dangerous terrain, like a refugee, in search of the one thing you need to sustain life.

So it is with the desire for God's kingdom. A desire clearly evident in the life of Mary of the Cross. It is a desire that consumes all else, a desire which comes to us as a painful longing that the world might be different than it is, a desire which drives and motivates us as though it came from a place other than ourselves. And so it does, for it is the desire of God!

Blessings,
Fr Peter

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 7 September to 13 September 2026

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday				
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 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.

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 Elaine Kamp, Stephen Baker, Sr Helen Ryan SGS, 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, Bryce Caughey.

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE PARISH LUCKY NUMBER
Last week's winner: **J. THURBON**

WELCOME to Fr Bavin Clarke who will once again celebrate Mass at Bulimba this weekend while Father Kevin is on annual leave. Please make him 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held today 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.

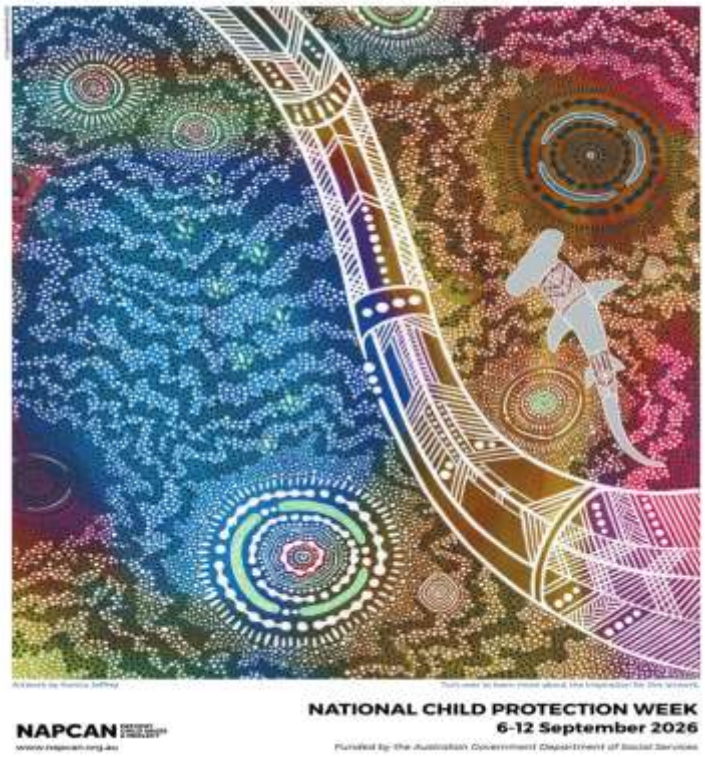
THE SEASON OF CREATION runs from the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation - September 1 - to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - October 4. It is a time set aside each year to focus on God's gift of creation and our responsibility to care for it, our common home. The theme for the Season of Creation in 2026 is "Living Water"
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*).

DROP IN FRIDAY will be held on Friday **11 September 2026** in the parish hall at Sts Peter and Paul's, Bulimba from 10am-12pm. If you've not visited previously, why not consider 'dropping in' for the conversation and morning tea on offer. This is a great social gathering for everyone. Come and meet someone new!

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.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
Four engineers get into a care. The car won't start.
Mechanical engineer: It's a broken starter
Electrical engineer: Dead Battery
Chemical engineer: Impurities in the petrol
IT engineer: Hey guys, I have an idea. How about we all get out of the car and get back in!

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS MONTH'S ACTION
Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home
Season of Creation 2026
Action is motivated by what we love.
Do you take time to love God's creation every day?



Artwork by Karina Jeffrey, a contemporary Aboriginal artist and a proud Woolwonga and Uwanwul woman from Darwin, Northern Territory. This design symbolises people from all walks of life coming together, sharing, listening, and working collectively towards positive change.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2026 runs from 6-12 September 2026. This year's campaign encourages us to move beyond conversations about child safety and turn those conversations into meaningful action. Conversations can spark new ideas, challenge our thinking and encourage reflection. However, real change happens when those conversations lead to practical steps that create safer environments and stronger support for children and families.
National Child Protection Week provides an opportunity for all of us to help turn those conversations into action.
We encourage parishioners to reflect on the practical steps we can all take to help create safe and welcoming communities for children and families, including keeping up to date with Safeguarding and Reportable Conduct Scheme training.

Safeguarding Commitment

We show our collective commitment to creating safer communities by reinforcing our Safeguarding Commitment—we have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in our activities, ministries and services.
The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

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: How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus' stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them! 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

◆ FIRST Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9 ◆ SECOND Reading: Romans 13:8-10 ◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 15-20

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

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

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.

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,

FIRST READING Ezekiel 33: 7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

SECOND READING Romans 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.
'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.
'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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