NEWSLETTER

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 September 2025 (Year C)

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This week we join with the Church throughout the world in celebrating the **Season of Creation**. Running from the ***World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation*** on September 1 through to the *Feast of St Francis of Assisi* on October 4, this special time each year invites us to reflect on the gift of creation and our shared responsibility to care for our common home.

The theme for 2025, *"Peace with Creation"*, calls us to consider how our lives, choices, and communities can be agents of peace and healing in a world marked by exploitation and conflict. The symbol for this year, the *Garden of Peace*, beautifully reflects Isaiah 32:14-18—a dove carrying an olive branch flies toward a flourishing tree, moving from barren land to fertile ground. It reminds us that humanity was first called to tend a garden, and we are entrusted still with that sacred mission.

I encourage you to take a moment to watch Pope Leo XIV's prayer video for this month, which speaks directly to our relationship with creation: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-09/september-prayer-intention-for-our-relationship-with-creation.html

Last week, the Churches in Australia marked **Social Justice Sunday**. Members of the Deanery and Bulimba parish social justice committee attended the launch of the Bishops' Statement for 2025/26: *Signs of Hope on the Edge – Serving homeless people with mental ill-health*. This statement paints a confronting picture of life for many in our society and calls us to respond with the compassion of Christ to those living on the margins.

May this Season of Creation inspire each of us to live more gently, justly, and faithfully in our world.

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The Archdiocese of Brisbane is saddened to hear of the death of Fr John Chalmers. John was a Bulimba boy whose family have a long association with Sts Peter and Paul's. John celebrated his Mass of Thanksgiving in the church after his ordination in 1973. John's priestly ministry was lived in parishes, in Seminary formation and as Director of Centacare. May he rest in peace.

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With every blessing,

Fr Kevin

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 8 September to 14 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)

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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

Prayer Requests
Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Fr John Chalmers, ***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.
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.

PARISH MORNING TEA to celebrate Father's Day and the beginning of Season of Creation will be offered after 8am Mass this Sunday. All welcome to join in for hospitality and conversation. We wish all our Dads, Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, Steps, FILs, Godfathers, Special Stand-in Role Models and Mentor Guys a Happy Father's Day.

THE SEASON OF CREATION runs from 1 September (Day of Prayer for Creation) to 4 October (St Francis Feast Day) each year. 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.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
Dad joke—Why did the golfer bring an extra pair of pants?

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Listen and respond to the cry of the Earth,
the cry of the poor and the cry of our future.

Conserve Water: Turn off taps while brushing teeth, collect rainwater for gardens, and fix leaks promptly.

DROP IN FRIDAY—you're invited to join in the conversation and share in morning tea, 10am in the parish hall Friday 12 September 2025. This is a great morning of conversation and hospitality. Why not consider attending and get to know your fellow parishioners? All welcome.

FAREWELL THANKSGIVING MASS for Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be celebrated this Saturday 6 September at 11.30am in the Cathedral of St Stephen. All are welcome to attend as the Archdiocese celebrates his service and leadership for over 13 years. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Hanly Room.

INSTALLATION MASS FOR ARCHBISHOP-ELECT Shane Mackinlay—will take place on Thursday 11 September at 11am. Due to the number of visitors and clergy attending from across the country, seating in the Cathedral is limited to invitation only. You are invited to share in the livestreaming event brisbanecatholic.org.au/our-diocese/mass-live-stream/

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

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE . BURANDA

Prayer Requests
We ask you to pray for the recently deceased 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: **TANYA NAVRATIL**
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!!!***

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FR PETER who celebrates seventy trips around the sun this week—and still shining brightly! Many happy returns for this milestone birthday. May God continue his many blessings on you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be held this Sunday 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.

PARISH MORNING TEA to celebrate Father's Day will follow the 9am Mass this Sunday. All parishioners welcome.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PLAYGROUND GALA - A Celebration of Community, Giving, and Play

You are invited to join for a vibrant night out at St Joseph's Primary School, Kangaroo Point's signature fundraising event for 2025!

To be held on **Saturday 13 September** at **Future Magic Brew Co.**, this evening brings together our community in support of a wonderful cause: revitalising our much-loved but aging school playgrounds—spaces where creativity, connection, and childhood flourish.

Tickets available at the following link https://events.humanitix.com/the-playground-gala

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN—thank you for your support. Please return outstanding envelopes via the plate or to the parish office as collections will commence this week.

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: You have been given a precious life, and we must be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship. Will you pick up your cross and follow Jesus? 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

THE ORDER OF THE MASS MUSIC AT BULIMBA

◆ FIRST Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18 ◆ SECOND Reading: Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17 ◆ GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

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

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

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 Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

SECOND READING Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.
'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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