



NEWSLETTER

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



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 February 2026 (Year A)

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THE LADDER OF CHARITY

The first and lowest degree is to give, but with reluctance or regret, this is a gift of the hand and not the heart.

The second is to give cheerfully, but not in proportion to the distress of the sufferer.

The third is to give in proportion to the need, but not until we are asked.

The fourth is to give cheerfully, proportionally, and even unasked, but to put it into the poor man's hand, drawing him into the painful emotion of shame.

The fifth is to give in such a way as the needy may receive their alms and know their benefactor, without the benefactor knowing them.

The sixth is to know the recipients of our charity, while remaining unknown to them.

The seventh is to bestow charity in such a way that the benefactor does not know the recipient or the recipient the benefactor.

Lastly, the eighth and most meritorious way of all, is to anticipate charity by preventing poverty. This can be done by giving a gift or loan of money to enable a person to get back on their feet, or by teaching them a trade, or putting them in the way of business, so that they may earn an honest livelihood, and not be forced into the dreadful alternative of holding out their hand for charity.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 16 February to 22 February 2026

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	9am + 7pm (Mass) Ash Wednesday	9am (Mass) Ash Wednesday	8am (Mass) Ash Wednesday	
Friday	8am (Mass + Adoration + Benediction) 7pm Stations of the Cross	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 Joan West, Sr Margaret Shannon SGS, Dawn Carney, Eva Rodriguez, Philip Breene, Marcia Ariel **recently deceased and also for** Noel Nicholson, Patricia Vieyra, Mary Hooper, Emma Moretto, Peggy Teache, Harold & Dulcie O'Connell, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Begley and Bourke families, Mal Thomson, Moira Dugera.

Please remember the sick in your prayers—Kay Bradnock, Hugh McCormick, Luigia D'Allura, Hazel Langthorne, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Lance Tutanoa, Roy Hogan, Catherine Kearney, Madonna Lapez, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin, Robyn Britnell.

THANK YOU FROM FR KEVIN—I was truly moved by your expressions of love and kindness expressed to me as we acknowledged forty years of priestly ministry. Every day of those years has only been possible due to the goodness of God, the gift of Christ's priesthood in the Church and the faith of so many people such as in this parish community. The Papal Blessing was a wonderful surprise as was seeing people from around Brisbane who visited on the day. And of course, my very sincere thanks for the wonderful supper and morning tea that everyone enjoyed. Thank you and God bless.

ASH WEDNESDAY is the first day of the season of Lent. It is designated by the Church as a day of fasting and abstinence, as is Good Friday. Masses will be celebrated on **Wednesday 18 February** at 9am and 7am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be celebrated in the church throughout Lent on Friday evenings at 7pm, commencing 20 February 2026.

LENTEN RESOURCE—The Journey Home—reflections for Lent, now available for \$5 at the parish office.

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY—this Lent, we are called to **Unite Against Poverty** through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes or envelopes or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate



LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home
Borrow, share or hire items you rarely use
(such as tools or party supplies)

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2026

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

(for children Year 4+ who have completed
Sacrament of Confirmation)

Parents wishing to enrol their child in the Sacrament of First Communion invited to attend one of the information sessions offered on the following dates:

Thursday 19 March 7pm OR Friday 20 March 9:30am

Information on the program will be explained at these sessions with resources available to enrol your child.

Be inspired by Australia's first Saint—Mary Mackillop—**GLORIOUS LIVES** documenting her life, will screen in the parish hall on Sunday 22 February at 9.10am. All welcome.

Sts Peter and Paul's School runs a **Support-a-Reader Program** for the students in the early years and relies on volunteers to assist Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 1:50 to 2:55pm. If you would like to be part of this valuable program please contact Mary Clarris mclarris@bne.catholic.edu.au or phone the school on 3399 1281.

Expressions of interest are sort by the parish for an administration assistant with current availability on Fridays. Please contact the office for further details or to make an enquiry.

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 Noreen Rawlings
Please remember the sick in your prayers - Anne Bardwell, Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Angelina Lee.

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)

Last week's winner: **CHRISTEEN**

*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!!!***

YOU'RE INVITED—PARISH LADIES' LUNCH on Thursday, 26 February 2026 at 11am at the Pineapple Hotel. This is a relaxed and friendly gathering, offering a lovely opportunity to enjoy good company, welcome new parishioners, and make new friends within our parish community. Everyone from across the parishes are welcome, we would love to see you there. Please RSVP to Catherine by 22 February 2026 on 0438 649 568

PARISH LENTEN GROUP commences Wednesday 18 February at 7pm in St Benedict's, East Brisbane and continues each week until Palm Sunday. The Lenten resource '*The Journey Home*' will be used and available at the piety stall for purchase. All are welcome.

OBLATE YOUTH IONA (15-25) Youth Mass + Dinner—Sunday 15 Feb 6pm Iona College Chapel. Registration www.oblateyouth.com.au/iona

LOOKING AHEAD

18 February **ASH WEDNESDAY**

19 February **PPC/PFC meeting** at St Joseph's

25 February **NO 8am Mass** at East Brisbane



Project Compassion Sunday 14–15 of February 2026

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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 in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began. Some people he predestined to be priests or religious—might you be one of them? Listen to the call. 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](#).

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

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you
have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the
kingdom.
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

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

FIRST READING

Sirach 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:17-37

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.
'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.
'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.
'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.
'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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