



NEWSLETTER

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



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 February 2026 (Year A)

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Word of God Sunday

In 2019 Pope Francis nominated the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as Word of God Sunday. In Australia at that holiday time of year, there is only enough energy to get some sand between the toes for us to give proper attention to this most worthy topic. The Australian Bishops have moved this day each year to the first Sunday in February so no doubt relaxed and refreshed we can delight in the Word of God!

This day enables us to pause and focus on the importance of the Bible in the life of the Church, ensuring that it is not treated as just another book but as the living, nourishing Word of God. As the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ so too the spoken Word of God embodies the presence and message of God to the faithful and to all those of good will. The Scriptures are indeed living and powerful, touching the heart and mind and opening us up to the Will of God, to hear His words and ways. The Word of God embodies and leads us as individuals and as a Community of faith in the way of the Kingdom of God.

For all Christians the Bible is respected as a gift from God, but the Catholic tradition has come later to the general prayer, study and celebration of the Word. Thankfully there are many opportunities, including some in our own Deanery, to study the Bible. For most Catholics exposure and celebration of the Word of God occurs at Mass with the proclamation of the Readings and the homily. This puts some justified pressure on those who proclaim the Word and 'break it open' in the homily. Let's all fulfil this sacred ministry as best we can with due prayer and preparation.

May the Word of God enlighten every heart, and I hope the return to school has been a blessed and exciting time,

Fr Kevin.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 2 February to 8 February 2026

	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 Eva Rodriguez, Campbell Lane, Philip Breene, Sam Maher, Sheila Burns, Sonya Edmonds **recently deceased and also for** Noel Nicholson, John Egan, Patricia Vieira, Mary Hooper, Emma Moretto, Peggy Teache, Ann Toomey, Harold & Dulcie O'Connell, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Begley and Bourke families, Mal Thomson, Moira Dugera, Karen Baker, Mike Wesst, Timmins & Lyons families, Pat and Patrick Boyle.

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.

FR KEVIN'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION— Please join us as we joyfully celebrate this momentous occasion. **Saturday 7 February 2026, Wine and Cheese Evening** - after the 5.30pm Mass and on **Sunday 8 February 2026, Parish Morning Tea** - after the 8.00am Mass (*volunteers to assist most welcome*). These gatherings also mark the beginning of our 2026 celebrations for the **100th anniversary of the opening of the Church of Sts Peter and Paul**. All welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Bulimba chapter meet Thursday 5 February at 6pm in the parish hall. New members welcome to attend.

DROP IN FRIDAY—you are invited to join in the conversation and stay for morning tea, 10am in the parish hall Friday 6 February 2026.

YOUNG ADULTS DINNER—Young adults and parishioners (MUST BE 18+) are invited to join us for dinner after the Sunday, 8th February after 5:30pm Mass. Meet outside the church then head to Dok Bua Restaurant on Oxford Street, followed by dessert at Yo-Chi. All young adults welcome!



LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home

Avoid fast fashion. Choose second-hand or ethically made clothing.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2026

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

(for children Year 5+ who have completed Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion)

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

Thursday 12 February 7pm OR Friday 13 February 9:30am

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD—this parish ministry is looking for new volunteers to present the Gospel to school aged children. Your commitment is once per term during the 8am Sunday Mass and training will be provided. *Under our commitment to Safeguarding, all leaders must be registered, possess a Blue Card and undergo Safeguarding training.* Please contact the parish office for further information.

MEDITATION will re-commence Tuesday 3 Feb 2026 @ 4 pm, Good Samaritan Convent, 50 Hawthorne Rd. All are welcome. For more information contact Brian 0412 657 707

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE . BURANDA

Prayer Requests

We ask you to pray for the recently deceased Ron Boswell, Mary Leahy, Adriana van Brunschot and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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: **KATHY WESSEL**

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 welcome, we would love to see you there. Please RSVP to Catherine by 22 February 2026 on 0438 649 568

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will continue this year on the first Sunday of the month during 9am Mass at St Joseph's. You are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of understanding. Next date is 1 February **PARISH MORNING TEA** follows Mass—all welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD

2 February SVDPP Meeting at 6PM— St Joseph's
6 February Anointing Mass at St Luke's Buranda
18 February ASH WEDNESDAY

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(Parish hall located at 25 Main Avenue, Bulimba)

ARCHDIOCESAN MINISTRIES' new Lenten reflection resource for 2026 called **'The Journey Home'** will soon be available for purchase through the parish. Featuring daily reflections written by **Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge**, this resource is designed to help individuals and small groups pray with Scripture through the season of Lent which begins with **Ash Wednesday on 18 February**. Copies are just \$5 each.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT LAUNCH—All are invited to the Brisbane launch of the ACBC 2026 Social Justice Statement, "The Cost of Our Living: Economic and Social Justice for the Common Good", to be launched by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay. The launch will be held on Tuesday, 10th February at 7pm, at St James Church, Coorparoo. Register and access the livestream: tinyurl.com/sjstate26

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 are called to be happy in all seasons and share it with others. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today? 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](#).

◆ FIRST Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 ◆ SECOND Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26–31

◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

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

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
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

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the
Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

It makes good sense to plan ahead

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