



# NEWSLETTER

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

## First Sunday of Lent

22 February 2026 (Year A)



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### LENT

Throughout our Churches history the season of Lent has served various purposes, and its length has also changed considerably. While penitential in nature, lent has always had a strong connection to the Sacrament of Baptism, being a time of **focused preparation for those who were soon to be baptised.** This 'season' of whatever length took place immediately before Easter which was the only time baptism was celebrated. Easter, the most important time in the Churches year is the celebration of Christ alive, Christ who was crucified and died and is now risen. Christ whose life is now poured into us, and Christ alive in whom we now live. Lent, for those preparing for baptism is a time of learning and preparing to receive this life and what it means to live it. For those already baptised Lent is a time to return to this life of Christ in us, to fine tune that which requires renewing through prayer, fasting and giving to the poor. At Easter ceremonies the high point will be the celebration of baptism for catechumens and renewal of baptismal promises for the already baptised.

How can we engage with this grace filled season? In the busy nature of our lives, we can far too easily miss the many opportunities lent provides and simply go on as usual. With some effort and thought we can reflect on simple ways of being more aware of renewing our faith. Do I make time to reflect upon the good things **God has given me? Well put a time in the phone and use it. Don't set aside an hour, just five minutes.** We are not about climbing Everest instead we can use lent to take small steps to create good habits. Is grace before meals a good time to focus for those at the table? If there are young children in the family, can I pray with them **as I wish them 'goodnight'?**

One thing to always remember is that every day offers us the opportunity to begin again. In ways small and great the merciful love of God reaches out to us as individuals and as faith communities to examine the life of Christ we carry and live it more faithfully.

God bless you this lent,  
*Fr Kevin*

#### Liturgy and Prayers This Week 23 February to 1 March 2026

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
<b>Wednesday</b>	7pm (Mass)			
<b>Friday</b>	8am (Mass + Adoration + Benediction) 7pm Stations of the Cross	9am (Mass)		
<b>Saturday</b>	9am (Mass) 5.30pm (Mass)		5pm (Mass)	
<b>Sunday</b>	8am (Mass) 5.30pm (Mass)	8am (Mass)		9am (Mass)

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# AROUND OUR PARISHES

## BULIMBA

### Prayer Requests

Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Joan West, Sr Pam Pullen SGS, Sr Margaret Shannon SGS, Dawn Carney, Eva Rodriguez **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.

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

**PROJECT COMPASSION** —this Lent season we are called to **Unite Against Poverty** through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generosity 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](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

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

**SAVE THE DATE**—we warmly invite all families who are new to the parish to join us for our monthly morning tea on Sunday 1 March after the 8am Mass. Whether you're eager to get involved or wish to learn more about the parish, we would love to welcome you to meet fellow parishioners. Please RSVP to the parish office at bulimba@bne.catholic.net.au All welcome

**PARISH BAKE STALL** is back for 2026! Families are warmly invited to participate in the 5.30pm Saturday evening Mass OR 8am Mass on Sunday 1 March 2026, stay for morning tea afterwards and shop for sweet treats. If you're a keen baker, contributions can be dropped off outside the parish hall beforehand.



### LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Living Laudato Si' through everyday actions at home

Reuse and refill soap, shampoo and cleaning bottles.

### 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 are invited to attend one of the following information sessions:

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.

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#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (for children Year 3+ who have completed Sacrament of Baptism)

Parents wishing to enrol their child in the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend one of the following information sessions:

Thursday 20 August 7pm OR Friday 21 August 9:30am

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday 29 October across two sessions

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

## KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE . BURANDA

### Prayer Requests

We ask you to pray for the recently deceased Angelina Erba and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Noreen Rawlings

Please remember the sick in your prayers - Anne Bardwell, Mi-

### PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)

Last week's winner: **BERNIE SHELTON**

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 [this weekend](mailto:thisweekend@kangaroo.catholic.net.au) on 0438 649 568

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

**KANGAROO POINT ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHAPTER** meet Monday 23 February, 6pm at St Joseph's Kangaroo Point. New members are very welcome.

### LOOKING AHEAD

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



### First Sunday of Lent

21–22 February 2026

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, [Monoranon](#) from Bangladesh, [Manaini](#) from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza.

Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.



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this Lent

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Or online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

## 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:** Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth. These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling. Scan the QR code to find out more or contact the vocation office on 1300 133 544 or [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://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](https://www.catholic.com.au).

◆ FIRST Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

◆ SECOND Reading: Romans 5:12-19

◆ GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

**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.

*Lord have mercy*  
*Christ have mercy*  
*Lord have mercy*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the  
third day in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son, is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the Prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. 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**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your  
Resurrection until you come again.

**FIRST READING**

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

*Creation of our first parents, and sin*

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he  
breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became  
a living being.  
The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and  
there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to  
spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and  
good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge  
of good and evil in the middle of the garden.  
The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the  
Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you  
were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The  
woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees  
in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the  
garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain  
of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will  
not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes  
will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.'  
The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to  
the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it  
could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave  
some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then  
the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that  
they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make  
themselves loin-cloths.

**SECOND READING**

Romans 5:12-19

*Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death,  
and thus death has spread through the whole human race  
because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned  
over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even  
more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to  
reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve,  
of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought  
condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings  
everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's  
disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's  
obedience many will be made righteous.

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 4:1-11

*Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!*

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted  
by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after  
which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to  
him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into  
loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:  
Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes  
from the mouth of God.'  
The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on  
the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said,  
'throw yourself down; for scripture says:  
He will put you in his angels' charge,  
and they will support you on their hands  
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'  
Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:  
You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'  
Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him  
all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give  
you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.'  
Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:  
You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone.'  
Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after  
him.

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