



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



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 February 2026 (Year A)

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I suppose 40 continuous years in one career, vocation, or relationship is a long time, especially in a society which prefers and “gets high” on novelty and something different on a regular basis. From ordination in St Mary’s Ipswich in February 1986 to Bulimba Parish Priest is not such an extraordinary journey for a diocesan priest. What is extraordinary is the obvious and powerful grace of God that on so many occasions and in a countless number of people has been central to that journey.

As a Deacon I was on placement to Caloundra parish. After priestly ordination I was appointed Associate Pastor to Stafford parish where the Parish Priest, Fr Clem Hodge, afforded me unbelievable patience, encouragement and wisdom. Appointments then followed to Goodna Parish and Redcliffe Peninsular before being appointed Parish Priest of Coolangatta-Tugun where I stayed for 18 years and then to Parish Priest of Caloundra. Shamefully, I still cannot ride a surfboard. I was asked to assist with the pastoral formation of seminarians before arriving here at Bulimba in July 2020, mid covid.

Weaved within these years and places is the love, faith, generosity and support of more people than I could ever name and yet to whom I will always be grateful. People in the parishes have indeed been the best teachers, and your faith and wisdom will always be the real strength of any faith community. Mistakes, lucky escapes and a few regrets are certainly part of the story, but the forgiveness of God is greater than any of them.

Thank you for the celebrations this weekend and your prayer support which never wavers. I pray that these days will be an opportunity to see how the grace of God and the life of Jesus Christ shines within us all.

God bless,

Fr Kevin

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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.

#### Liturgy and Prayers This Week 9 February to 15 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)

# 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, 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, 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. **THIS Saturday 7 February 2026 (6.30pm) Wine and Cheese**  
**THIS Sunday 8 February 2026 (9am) Parish Morning Tea**

**DROP IN FRIDAY—correction**—to be held this Friday 13 February at the later start time of 10.30am in the parish hall. Consider joining the conversation with morning tea on offer.

**YOUNG ADULTS DINNER**—Young adults and parishioners (MUST BE 18+) are invited to join us for dinner THIS 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!

**GOOD BYE and GOOD LUCK**—This week we say farewell to Veronica in the office as she moves on to full time work. Thank you all for the support, laughter and teamwork shared. Although Veronica is moving on, she will remain in the community (including administering the parish Facebook page) so we look forward to crossing paths and cheering her on from nearby. We wish you continued success and happiness. THANK YOU



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

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### 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.

**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 on Tuesday, 10th February at 7pm, at St James Church, Coorparoo. Register and access the livestream: [tinyurl.com/sjstate26](https://tinyurl.com/sjstate26)

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.

## 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, Angelina Lee.

### PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)

Last week's winner: **JULIE JOUGHAN**

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 17 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 to join in.

### LOOKING AHEAD

13 February Parent information session: Sacrament of Penance  
18 February ASH WEDNESDAY  
19 February PPC/PFC meeting at St Joseph's  
25 February NO 8am Mass at East Brisbane

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(Parish hall located at 25 Main Avenue, Bulimba)

**ARCHDIOCESAN MINISTRIES** new Lenten reflection resource for 2026 called '**The Journey Home**' is now 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.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** Kangaroo Point conference will next meet in the church on Monday 23 February. Members aspire to be recognised as a caring Catholic Charity offering 'a hand up to people who seek assistance'. At the centre of this vision is a small team-work of united individuals who work collaboratively to support those in need. Perhaps you'd like to consider joining? New members are very welcome.

## 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:** Jesus speaks on Vocations: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father." 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](#).

**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**

A light arises in the darkness for the upright.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me will have the light of life.  
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**

Isaiah 58:7-10

*Your light will shine like the dawn*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.  
Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'  
If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:13-16

*You are the light of the world*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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