



# NEWSLETTER

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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Out of Left Field

Sometimes I think that there isn't enough time in Lent to get ready for the Easter Season. With all my good intentions to allow more time for quiet and prayer, I still find myself rushing to fit it all in. Similarly, with all the focused attention on the Easter event it can be something right out of "left field" (an American baseball term, referring to something coming from unexpected or unplanned source) that puts you in mind of what it about to take place.

Having been caught in traffic just before Easter, the words of a song on the radio slowly began to impinge on my consciousness: 'Wash, wash me clean/ Mend my wounded seams/ Cleanse my tarnished dreams/ Swim, swim through my veins/ Drown me in your reign'.

It was a K.D Lang love song but it took on a deeper meaning for me. In just a few words it captured the essence of Christ's transforming love for the whole world. It reminded me that Easter is a celebration of Christ's forgiving, healing, empowering and invincible presence. At the Vigil we sing: 'this is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin ... are restored to grace and grow together in holiness'.

Easter is the great Christian season of hope and promise especially for those who feel most undeserving and estranged. We should never forget that desperate and broken people came to the tomb on Easter morning. The first was a woman, a social outcast, and then came those who had lost courage, disciples who had deserted Jesus in his hour of need, Peter who had three times denied him. They came daring to hope still for forgiveness, desperate to be washed clean and mended and they were not disappointed. Jesus died, in agony and abandonment, but suddenly the grave was empty. Christ had risen and the blood of his despondent followers suddenly raced with the expectation of his return. Peter saw and believed. Mary saw and believed. We can believe because of what our brothers and sister, weak sinful people like ourselves did 2000 years ago.

Thomas Carlyle once wrote: 'The tragedy of life is not so much what we suffer, but rather what we miss'. Like the disciples, we can become so preoccupied with our own troubles that we risk missing the signs of resurrection all around us - the laughter of a child, an offer to help, a friendly phone call, even a K.D. Lang lyric in maddening, snail-paced traffic!

Fr. Peter

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During the month of May we draw attention in a particular way to the crime of domestic violence. The Church teaches and provides support in the face of this tragic human experience.

"Violence against women cannot be treated as 'normal,' maintaining a culture of machismo blind to the leading role that women play in our communities... It is not right for us to look the other way and let the dignity of so many women, especially young women, be trampled upon." Pope Francis, Apostolic Journey of His Holiness Pope Francis to Chile & Peru (15-22 Jan 2018), Meeting with the population, 19 January 2018

### Liturgy and Prayers This Week 19 May to 25 May 2025

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
<b>Wednesday</b>	7pm (Mass)		8am (Mass)	
<b>Friday</b>	8am (Mass + Adoration + Benediction)	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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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** Pushpa Devi, Francis Grotowski **recently deceased and also for** 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, Frances Cleary, Karen Baker, Mike West, Timmons and Lyons families, Patrick and Pat Boyle.

**Please remember the sick in your prayers** – Hazel Langthorne, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Lance Tutanoa, Roy Hogan, Catherine Kearney, Madonna Lapez (nee Cullen), Remy Rossi, Carol Visueshwara, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin.

**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.

**POPE FRANCIS' AUTOBIOGRAPHY** has kindly been donated, with several copies available on the shelf near the vestry. You are welcome to take it home and read it and return as soon as possible.

**FAITH AND KINDNESS**....Over the Mother's Day weekend, a parishioner was thoughtful enough to provide flowers for the church. Another placed a beautiful bunch of flowers before the statue of Our Lady beside the church. These acts of thoughtfulness express a genuine and deep faith that is always appreciated by the wider community, and I thank you sincerely. May God bless us and Our Lady hear our prayers.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE** will meet after the 8am Mass this Sunday 18th May in the parish boardroom. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO DATE. Why not consider joining the conversation? All welcome.

*A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.*

**Instructor**—Welcome to salsa class! Who's ready to learn how to dance?

**Me, hiding a bag of chips**—There's been a misunderstanding!



### 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.

Keep a reusable coffee mug at hand ready for your take away.

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2025

#### FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4 children)

*Celebration of First Holy Communion 14-15 June -*

*We continue to pray for candidates as they journey towards the Sacrament*

#### CONFIRMATION (Year 3 children)

**Parent information sessions**

24 July 7pm **OR** 25 July 9:30am

**Celebration of Confirmation—Thursday 28 August**

**PARISH BAKE STALL**—Mark your calendars! The Parish Bake Stall is coming soon. Get ready to indulge in homemade goodies and support the Sts Peter & Paul's community. After the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 31st May and 8am Mass on Sunday 1st June. Don't miss out on the chance to taste the best treats around. If you would like to join the bake team, please send an email to [parishbakestall@gmail.com](mailto:parishbakestall@gmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE**—**DEACON SANG DUC BUI** who completed his pastoral placement at Bulimba will be ordained to the priesthood on Friday 13 June at 7pm at St Stephen's Cathedral. Sang will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving in the parish on **Saturday 14 June** at 10am followed by hospitality in the parish hall and grounds. All welcome to attend.

**SAVE THE DATE**—Family Mass—Sunday 1 June @ 8am

## KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE . BURANDA

### Prayer Requests

**We ask you to pray for the recently deceased** Jeanette McMahon, Harold McMahon, Brenda Burnheim **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time**—Rose Payne. **Please remember the sick in your prayers** - Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Paul Mann

### PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)

Last week's winner: **ISOBEL SOWERBY**

Any parishioners interested in being part of the Lucky Number Draw simply need to speak 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!!!**

**PARISH LADIES LUNCH** - a reminder our next lunch will be held on Thursday 29 May at the Pineapple Hotel starting at 11am. The last lunch was enjoyed by all who could make it, and was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Please let Catherine know by Sunday 25 May if you can make it, or message her on 0438 649 568. Everyone is welcome!

**SAVE THE DATE**—Sunday 8 June @ St Luke's—St Luke's Green Knitting & Natter Group will hold a market stall to sell their hand-made products with proceeds going to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Come prepared with your cash!

### LOOKING AHEAD....

**19 May** SVDP meet at 6pm St Joseph's church  
**21 May** PPC/PFC meeting—6.30pm Coolock Room  
**28 May** 8am Mass @ East Brisbane—**CANCELLED**  
**29 May** Ladies Lunch @ 11am Pineapple Hotel

## CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

"HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS" - JOHN 8:12



**2PM SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025**

Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen  
and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction  
with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

[corpuschristibrisbane.com](http://corpuschristibrisbane.com)



## 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 has chosen to dwell with us. Share your gifts with others to reveal his presence. (Revelations 21:1-5)  
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

# THE ORDER OF THE MASS READINGS

◆ FIRST Reading: Acts 14:21-27

◆ SECOND Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

◆ GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

## **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**

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
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.

## **SANCTUS**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Bless'd 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**

Acts 14:21-27

*They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

## **SECOND READING**

Revelation 21:1-5

*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

## **GOSPEL**

John 13:31-35

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said:  
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.  
If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.  
My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;  
just as I have loved you,  
you also must love one another.  
By this love you have for one another,  
everyone will know that you are my disciples'.