



NEWSLETTER

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 August 2025 (Year C)

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I Can't Hear You

At the Archdiocesan Synod gathering last year was an attempt to further focus the question, "What is the Holy Spirit saying to the Church in Australia at this time?", only we were asking how it refers to our own archdiocese. It was a noble goal, and I have to say we gave it a very good effort. Parishes and special interest groups collected an enormous number of responses and tried valiantly to collate them into what might become foundations for future planning and discussion. One of the key requirements was that we should 'listen' to each other and not just 'talk at' each other.

The essential difference between 'listening' and "hearing" is that listening presupposes that after hearing the words, we will be open to changing our opinion and perspective. That we will consider the logic and facts that others might offer, and be open to considering another's point of view. We should always be open to the fact that someone else in the room might know more than we do. Not an easy concept to accept, but a necessary one, if we hope to achieve any consensus, which was the great hope of the Synod gathering. Speaking and listening in any conversation environment should not require shouting or anger, although passion and conviction are certainly acceptable. If my point is valid and my argument logical, then volume should not make it more acceptable. But what about public protests and the disruption to the lives of the wider community.

I have no trouble at all with peoples' right to protest as I regard it as one of the great freedoms offered to us here in Australia. My concern is with how the protests happen, such that it is understandable that those of us who are seeking to listen, in the very best sense of the word, have great difficulty hearing a clear voice and message. It is not unreasonable to expect that those who have a message to deliver, particularly one they feel passionate about, should try to be both clear and careful in making sure it hits the mark. For example, a person gluing themselves to a road surface or climbing onto the Story Bridge and waving a printed message might succeed in stopping traffic, but as for attracting people to their cause or listening to their argument, I can't see it happening. When you threaten someone or make them feel uncomfortable, as opposed to being concerned, then it is quite understandable for the listener to put up barriers and guard against being assaulted, even if it is only verbally.

The old adage of catching more flies with honey has a new relevance now that those with a cause to push these days seem to need to scream and shake fists at those they expect to listen. Perhaps they think that if they see politicians yelling and belittling the opposing party with unsavory language or sarcastic put-downs, then that is how you win an argument or show that you are serious. If you want me to listen speak so that I can hear your argument. I want to listen, but sometimes I just can't hear. Perhaps it's time for a little less obfuscation and a little more conversation.

Fr. Peter Dillon

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 11 August to 17 August 2025

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (Mass)		8am (Mass)	
Friday	9am (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 Carol Visueshwara, Leo Abbott, Sr Hiro Kageyama SGS, David French, Cielo Patricia Medrano Lindarte, **recently deceased and also for** John and Clare Smith, Muriel Jones, Margert Turpin, Sandra Swales, 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, Karen Baker, Mike West, Timmons and Lyons families, Patrick and Pat Boyle, Ross Saffioti, Saffioti and Jarrett families.

Please remember the sick in your prayers – Luigia D'Allura, Hazel Langthorne, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Lance Tutanoa, Roy Hogan, Catherine Kearney, Madonna Lapez (nee Cullen), Natalina Rossi, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin.

FAMILY MASS & PARISH BAKE STALL—Join us for the **Family Mass on THIS Sunday, 10th August at 8am**, followed by our Parish Bake Stall. The Bake Stall will also run on **Saturday, 9th August at 5:30pm**. All proceeds support our Social Justice initiatives. All welcome.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER QUEENSLAND—invites you to a formation day, *We Are the Light of the World*, on Saturday 30 August 2025 at St Oliver Plunkett Church, Cannon Hill. The day begins with Mass at 9.15am and concludes around 4pm. Please RSVP to lolitajorris@gmail.com and bring a pen, notebook, and something sweet or savoury to share.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us. The children were lined up in the cafeteria for lunch. At the head of the tables was large piles of apples. The nun made a note on the tray: 'Take only ONE. God is watching'. Moving further along the lunch line, there was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note: 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'



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.

Remember to snip the security ring on plastic bottle lids. These are dangerous to small animals.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2025

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Celebration of Confirmation—Thursday 28 August

PASCHAL CANDLES—Several large paschal candles from previous years and with sacred symbols removed can be cut and repurposed. Perhaps a Men's Shed contact could assist us. Bees wax is a great lubricant for a circular saw!

CHURCH CENTENARY—Thank you to everyone who joined us last Saturday to share suggestions and ideas for our Church's Centenary celebration next year. We would love to hear more ideas from you, please email us with your ideas to: bulimba@bne.catholic.net.au

QUEENSLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & COLLEGES MUSIC FESTIVAL—Join us from 14–17 August at Villanova College and St James' Parish, Coorparoo, for performances by school bands, choirs, and ensembles from across Queensland. Passes available at the door or via www.qcmf.com.au.

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— Caitlin Donohue, Terry Skehan. **Please remember the sick in your prayers** - Anne Bardwell, Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Paul Mann.

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)

Last week's winner: **TANYA NAVRATIL**
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!!!**

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK is a crucial opportunity to promote the importance of vocations and discernment in the Church, allowing people to explore their calling, and encourage their next step in following the call of God. How will you respond to God's call this week? How will you encourage others in their call?



PARISH MORNING TEA AT ST LUKE'S—To acknowledge the extraordinary service of Betty and Jessie Bourke and Shirley Hallinan, **parish morning tea** will be held in St Luke's theatre area **THIS SUNDAY 10 AUGUST** following the 8.00am Mass. All welcome, please come along to the celebration.

PARISH LADIES LUNCH—Please join us at the Pineapple Hotel on **Thursday 28 August at 11.00am** for lunch. It's a great way to catch up with friends and meet new ones. Everyone is welcome! RSVP to Catherine by 26/8 on 0438649568.

SAVE THE DATE – MULTICULTURAL MASS 2025 Celebrate faith and culture at the Archdiocese of Brisbane's Multicultural Mass on **Sunday, 24 August at 2pm**, Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, Inala. Join Archbishop Mark Coleridge and cultural communities across the Archdiocese for a vibrant afternoon of prayer, music, and celebration. Traditional dress encouraged. All welcome!

SAVE THE DATE – MUSICAL AFTERNOON AT ST LUKE'S. Join us for an afternoon of beautiful music at St Luke's on **Thursday, 28th August at 2pm**, followed by a relaxed afternoon tea. This is a free event and all are welcome! To help with catering, please RSVP by **Friday, 18th August** to: stlukes@bne.catholic.net.au.

SVDP WINTER APPEAL – Thank you to all who supported our recent Winter Appeal across St Luke's, St Benedict's, and St Joseph's. A total of **\$2,500** was raised, exceeding last year's amount! Those parishioners who requested a receipt, receipts can be collected after Mass this weekend at the Pious Goods stall.

JUBILEE PILGRIMS OF HOPE WALK—Join the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club on Saturday 16 August for a 10km pilgrimage walk, starting 8am at St Anne's Kalinga (shorter join points available), finishing at the Cathedral for 11.30am Mass. RSVP by 14 August to Michele at michele.endicott@gmail.com or 0418 708 638.

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: This National Vocation Awareness Week, Jesus calls us to be generous with the gifts that he has given. When we share our treasures with others, we will have a true treasure in heaven. (Luke 12:13-21) 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

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 the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

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

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

FIRST READING

Wisdom 18:6-9

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors,
so that,
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in,
they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people,
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes
you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:
that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove
the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was
for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a
country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants,
and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith
he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as
if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with
him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked
forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was
made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had
made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there
came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead
himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the
stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-48

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and
have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return
from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he
comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds
awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron,
sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second
watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he
finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the
householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he
would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You
too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour
you do not expect.'

It makes good sense to plan ahead



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