



# NEWSLETTER

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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.

### LOVE THY ENEMY

One of the most challenging teachings of Jesus to his disciples was 'to love their enemies'. It got me thinking: do I have any enemies? I'm not personally at war with anyone, and, while there may be many who disagree with my opinions, attitudes, perspective and sometimes, even my actions, these people have been courteous enough not to let me know who they are, *(please God, it will stay that way)*.

Still they are not what I would call an 'enemy'. But what about the people who have hurt or disappointed me, the ones I strongly disagree with and have dismissed from my circle of care because of our differences? Have I made them my soft version of 'an enemy'? Of course, if I was serious about not wanting to have people I disagree with, or dismiss as lacking in any moral fibre or conscience, then I need only stop reading the newspaper or stop listening to evening news. That would certainly lower my level of intolerance and stop me forming opinions about individuals I have never met, and may never get a chance to discover what I'm hearing from a journalist is actually the truth. But unfortunately, I'm addicted to news reports and, like most people, I'm drawn in by sensationalism and negative reports rather than good news stories. *(What's that about?)*

Lorenzo Rosebaugh, an Oblate priest shot to death in Guatemala ten years ago, used to share some advice once given to him. Lorenzo, when contemplating an act of civil disobedience to protest the Vietnam War, was told: "If you can't do this without becoming bitter, then don't do it! Do it only if you can do it with a mellow heart! Do it only if you can be sure you won't end up hating those who arrest you!"

Now while I have no intention of committing any acts of civil disobedience, nor getting arrested, nevertheless the message of loving those who may hurt or hate you still confronts those of us who live in a world where the challenges to our sense of justice are more subtle. That's hard to do; but, in the end, it's the ultimate challenge, namely, to not hate those who oppose us, to continue to have gracious and forgiving hearts in the face of misunderstanding, bitter opposition, jealousy, anger, hatred, positive mistreatment, and even the threat of death. And to be a disciple of Jesus means that, at some point, we will be hated. We will make enemies. It happened to Jesus and he assured us that it will happen to us.

But Jesus also left us the ultimate example of how we need to respond to our enemies. When scripture tells us that Jesus saved the people from their sins, it doesn't just mean that in offering his death to his father as a sacrifice in one eternal act he took away our sins. It also points to his way of living and how, as he demonstrated, forgiving and loving one's enemies take away sin, by absorbing it. Jesus' great act of love, as Kierkegaard once said, is meant to be imitated not just admired.

But how do we do this? *Part two coming next week....*  
Enjoy your week  
*Fr Peter*

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 17 February to 23 February 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)

# AROUND OUR PARISHES

## BULIMBA

### Prayer Requests

**Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially** Leif Acas Gorres, Lucia Bellucci (in Italy), Basil Christoff, Pat Cook, Jan Hoger, Estrella Siddayao, Rose Buenaventura **recently deceased and also for** Leon Bakunowicz, 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, Bernie Larkin, Begley and Bourke families.

**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.

**FLOCKNOTE**—Parish Database & Communication tool—if you haven't already done so we ask parishioners to assist the parish with transitioning to Flocknote, our communication and engagement tool. **The 'old' contact records haven't been transferred so your assistance is greatly appreciated.** Flocknote is free for parishioners to use, and there is no need to download anything. Your information is kept secure and private. Parishioners are invited to use the QR code to signup and register with the parish. **THANK YOU**



**URGENT HELP NEEDED**—Our **St Vinnies' Casserole Bank** is running low, and we need **volunteers** to cook or donate home-cooked or store-bought meals to help families in need. With many in our parish and community facing financial hardship, the demand for hearty meals is high. If you can assist, please contact the parish office. Your generosity will make a real difference. Thank you.

**OFFICE CLOSURE**—The Parish Office will be closed on **Tuesday 18 February** for staff training. Our phone lines will be unattended, so please leave a message or email your enquiry and we will respond as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

**STS PETER AND PAUL'S SCHOOL** is looking for volunteers to assist with their Support-a-Reader program on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons 1.50-2.55pm. For further information please contact May Clarriss by email [mclarriss@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mclarriss@bne.catholic.edu.au)

*A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.  
Just got a new job as a church bell ringer.  
It's my first day so they're just showing me the ropes!*



### 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.

Spread the word.

Our ideas may inspire others to make positive changes.

**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 possess a Blue Card and undergo Safeguarding training. Please contact the parish office for further information.

**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 on the 1st and 2nd March. 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)

**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY**—the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) in the UK has published a short article to help parents and carers learn more about artificial intelligence (AI) content and tools. The article explains what AI-generated content is and offers six tips to support children to use AI safely. The article can be found [here](#)

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2025

#### **PENANCE (Year 5 children)**

##### **Parent information sessions**

27 February 7pm **OR** 28 February 9:30am

#### **FIRST COMMUNION (Year 4 children)**

##### **Parent information sessions**

1 May 7pm **OR** 2 May 9:30am

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

#### **CONFIRMATION (Year 3 children)**

##### **Parent information sessions**

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

**Celebration of Confirmation—Thursday 28 August**

## KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE . BURANDA

### Prayer Requests

**We ask you to pray for the recently deceased** Marion White, Peter Hunt, Betty Bryne Henderson, Norm Clark, Lynnette Prosser, Joan Lemas **and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time**—Noreen Rawlings

**Please remember the sick in your prayers** - Brian Prove, Michael Mulligan, Jeanette McMahan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Sr Joan Cusack pbvm, Paul Mann

### PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: **GISELLA NIAGARA**  
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 at Mass 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!!!**

**SCRIPTURE GROUP** will resume on Tuesday 4 March at St Benedict's, East Brisbane.

### LOOKING AHEAD....

**24 February** SVDP meet at 6pm at St Joseph's  
**26 February** **MASS CANCELLED** St Benedict's East Brisbane  
**2 March** Children's Liturgy of the Word @ St Joseph's  
**4 March** Scripture group recommences

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The Sacrament of Penance is being offered for children in Year 5 or older (who have received the Sacrament of First Communion).

Parent information sessions will take place at the parish hall of Sts Peter and Paul at 25 Main Ave, Bulimba on Thursday 27 February at 7pm OR Friday 28 February at 9.30am.

Parents will need to attend one of the sessions on offer to receive resources and information on the program.

The individual rite of the Sacrament will be offered from Saturday 29 March onwards

Please contact the parish office for further information

## 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:** Christ's resurrection makes our faith fruitful and our lives worthwhile. Be open to Jesus' great gift. (1 Cor 15:12, 16-20) 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)  
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**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**

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad; your reward is 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.

**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.

**ENTRANCE HYMN****GATHER US IN**

Here in this place, new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness, vanished away,  
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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**COMMUNION HYMN****WHERE THERE IS CHARITY AND LOVE**

*Where there is charity and love, there the love of God abides.*

The love of Christ has gathered us as one,  
Rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;  
Let us revere and love the living God  
And love each other with unfeigning hearts.

And so when we are gathered here as one,  
Let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;  
Be our resolve all bitterness to shun  
And in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.

Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace,  
To where the blessed glory in your sight;  
There let us see and love you face to face,  
Gathered once more in everlasting light.

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**RECESSIONAL HYMN****A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD**

REFRAIN  
Create a new heart, Holy Lord,  
beckon our lives through your word,  
open our eyes to your call,  
united as one for your world.  
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,  
Heal us of pride and of hurt,  
may we go forth in your name  
we pray our hearts change.

The heart of the cross,  
lowly and poor, calls us on.  
Lord, it is you promising hope,  
promising truth.

Restless,  
the hearts who yearn for your peace in this land.  
Deepen the dream justice brings life,  
justice redeems.

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