



# NEWSLETTER

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## The Presentation of the Lord

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### Just Say "NO"

*"No, you may not".*

*"Why not?" "*

*Because I said so . . . ."*

How often did I have that conversation, or rather monologue, with either of my parents for most of my childhood. Although it was not a satisfying outcome, it usually meant the end of any further discussion. For me then, and now, 'NO' was a non-negotiable directive and it was usually respected. Somehow, over the years, 'no' got to be seen as 'maybe', particularly when accompanied by whinging and whining and especially effective when followed up with "but everyone else is allowed to".

I recently heard a parent saying that they had great difficulty getting their 11 year old to Mass on Sundays. They child apparently said "It doesn't interest me, and other parents don't make their kids go". Well, kid, sometimes it doesn't interest me either, but fortunately someone, many years ago, said "no" to my belief that my needs were superior to everyone else's, and I eventually came to understand that often we need to do things that are not always about my enjoyment, but more to do with the needs of others. I appreciate that it is particularly difficult for parents to juggle respect and authority these days, but, I'm sure the parent instruction manual says somewhere your children won't understand why you do some things till they become parents themselves.

Frequently "no" is not easy to say because we are afraid that someone won't like us when we say it. Well, I know that when Jesus said love your enemies, he didn't say we won't have any. Of course people might not like hearing "no", but people who always say "yes" end up building a lot of resentment towards others, and they get tired of always putting others first. "Yes" people feel that they are not in control and always trying to please everyone else catches up with them, and they try to avoid being with these demanding people.

The hardest part of saying "no" is doing it for the first time. We anticipate the worst and expect outrage from the person making the request. In learning to say "no", the following pointers may help.

First, be brief and quick with your response. To hesitate and ramble often sends a message of uncertainty. Be sure that "no" is the right and truthful response, not simply an avoidance response.

Secondly, don't burn your bridges. If you think that in the future you may wish to say "yes" to another invitation or request from that person, simply say "thanks for asking but I cannot do it at the moment."

The third pointer is to separate the request from the person. You are not rejecting the person, simply the request they are making at the moment. "No" said with concern and respect, should be understood in the same way. If not, then perhaps it is nothing you can do anything about.

*May those who love us, love us. And those who don't love us, may God turn their hearts. And if God doesn't turn their hearts, may he turn their ankles, so that we will know them by their limping.*

Traditional Celtic Lore

*Fr Peter*

### Liturgy and Prayers This Week 3 February to 9 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)

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** Basil Christoff, Pat Cook, Jan Hoger, Anna Torcaso, Kath Schodel, Peter Moss, Wanda Mallon, 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, Mal Thomson, Ross Saffioti, Elizabeth (Betty) Rose, Noel Nicholson, Joselito 'Bong' Lansie, Karen Baker, Mike West, Timmins and Lyons families, Patrick and Pat Boyle, Margaretha Atta Widodo, Pagliaro, Kauter, Ryan, Backstrom, Tarte and Noonan 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 Visuehwara.



**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 sign up and register with the parish. THANK YOU

**CONGRATULATIONS** to long-term devoted parishioner, Mrs Beverley Hanley who will be 90 years young this week. Bev attended school here at Bulimba and then went on to secondary school at Lourdes Hill. We wish her every happiness on this special occasion and good health for the years ahead!

**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 Clarris by email [mclarris@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mclarris@bne.catholic.edu.au)

*A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.  
I have a chicken proof lawn – it's impeccable!*



### 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.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** Bulimba chapter meets Thursday 6 February at 6pm in the parish hall. New members welcome to attend.

**PARISH MORNING TEA** will be offered after the 8am Mass today. Please join in for refreshments and conversation.

### 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 and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

**Please remember the sick in your prayers** - Brian Prove, Michael Mulligan, Jeanette McMahon, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter

#### PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: **FR PETER**

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!!!**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** will be held this Sunday 2 February in the Coolock Room, during 9am Mass at St Joseph's. You are encouraged to bring your children to hear the Gospel adapted to their level of understanding. Thank you to all our leaders for their continued dedication to this parish Ministry.

**PARISH MORNING TEA** will be celebrated in the Coolock Room this Sunday after the 9am Mass at St Joseph's. All welcome.

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

**ANOINTING MASS** will be held at 9am on **Friday 7 February 2025** at St Luke's Buranda. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is the Church's sacrament for those who are sick and aging, and is a sacred moment when we pray for God's grace to strengthen someone who is suffering from any form of illness. Following Mass the Rosary will be offered through the Vianney Mission for Priests for all Priests and Deacons. All are welcome to join.



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#### LOOKING AHEAD....

**7 February** Anointing Mass at 9am St Luke's Buranda

**26 February** MASS CANCELLED St Benedict's East Brisbane

## 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:** Like Simeon, we should listen to God's call and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us as we serve with faith and purpose. 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**

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of  
your people, Israel.  
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****ALL THE EARTH**

*All the earth proclaim the Lord,  
Sing your praise to God.*

Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness,  
Come into his presence singing for joy!

Know that the Lord is our Creator,  
Yes, he is our Father, we are his own.

Enter his gates bringing thanksgiving,  
O enter his courts while singing his praise.

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**COMMUNION HYMN****BREAD OF LIFE**

*Bread of life, hope of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our brother:  
Feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.*

As we proclaim your death, as we recall your life,  
we remember your promise to return again.

The bread we break and share was scattered once as grain  
Just as now it is gathered, make your people one.

We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup:  
Sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting love.

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;  
That the world may believe in you, God of all who live.

You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy,  
Broken now for your people, poured in endless love.

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**RECESSIONAL HYMN****HOLY GOD WE PRAISE THY NAME**

Holy God, we praise thy name,  
Lord of all, we bow before thee;  
all on earth thy sceptre claim,  
all in heav'n above adore thee;  
infinite thy vast domain,  
everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn,  
angels choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and Seraphim  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!

Text: Te Deum laudamus: German: Grosser Gott, wir loben dich; Ignaz Franz 1791-1790 tr. Clarence Alphonsus  
Walworth 1820-1900, alt. Tune: GROSSER GOTT 78.78.77; melody adapt. From Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna,  
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