



NEWSLETTER

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 February 2025 (Year C)

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Much is being said about racism in Australia and how it is affecting our 'social cohesion'. Two Federal politicians were interviewed on the radio during the week, one of whom is a serving Senator from Tasmania whose presentation style could be described as passionate to possibly volcanic. When questioned about racism she quickly and 'passionately' included the behaviour of fans at the Australian Tennis Open booing a former champion (naturally she got his name wrong) and said that such behaviour is un-Australian and disrespectful. "Whatever happened to the fair go?" she asked. The reporter asked incredulously if the Senator was comparing booing with anti-semitism and yes, she was.

What it boils down to is my respect for other people. If it is acceptable behaviour, or worse encouraged, to yell out what I want to say, however rude, inappropriate or hurtful because after all, that's how I feel and that's 'my truth'. Then why can't I do the same thing with a tin of paint and a brush! No one is getting hurt. In fact, in both examples people are getting very hurt and it is testing our social cohesion. Lurking within most of us is a nastiness that seeks to get back or be better than the other. It is a nastiness held in check by always trying to respect people and use self-discipline to do so. Most of the time it will be enough. But I can't repeatedly unleash such nastiness in some circumstances and expect it to not rear its ugly head later.

As a child if I booed a competitor just because they were a competitor, I would have my ear clipped and told to leave. That was considered disrespectful and unacceptable behaviour. I must admit it makes me think twice, despite an ardent desire, to paint obscenities on some walls.

God bless your week,

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 10 February to 16 February 2025				
	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 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.

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

FRIENDS and PARISHIONERS are invited to celebrate Saturday 9am Mass on 15 February, which will be dedicated to Veronica Corcoran with a blessing of her ashes.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
This morning I was in a shoe shop trying on a shoe and said to the assistant, 'It's too tight'. She said, 'Try it with the tongue out'. I said, 'It's tho who good, it's th thtill thoo thight'.



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 SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE— Please take time to read the attachment to the newsletter (copies available at church doors) to honour **St Josephine Bakhita** and the work of ACRATH. Thank you.

MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE at Regis Aged Care will be held on Tuesday 11 February at 10.30am. ALL WELCOME to attend and support the residents as we lead them in prayer.

DROP IN FRIDAY—come and enjoy hospitality with friendly parishioners - Friday 14 February from 10am in the parish hall. Have a chat and enjoy morning tea in a relaxed setting. If you are from a neighbouring parish, consider joining in. ALL WELCOME.

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—Noreen Rawlings

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

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: **MARIE GRIMAUD**
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....

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

5 March **ASH WEDNESDAY**

7 March Anointing Mass @ St Luke's followed by Rosary

9 March International Women's Day Fun Run

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THANK YOU

Our local **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHAPTER** welcomed some new faces for our very first meeting for 2025. Thank you to Fr Peter for making mention of our parish Vinnies conference at mass last weekend. At our first meeting for the year our treasurer indicated the receipts, in terms of cash from the two occasions when we seek the support of the parish (*Winter Appeal and Christmas Appeal*) recorded exceptional generosity from members of the parish and we extend a huge thank you to parishioners for your support in 2024. Over recent months we have received donations from parishioners who have furniture which they no longer need. Again thank you to those individuals. We look forward to maintaining our commitment to the less fortunate individuals who seek our help as Vincentians during 2025.

The next meeting will be on Monday February 24 commencing at 6.00pm at St Joseph's Church. New members 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: Holiness is a gift of God. Open yourself to the gift. When God calls, be ready to respond; 'Here I am, send me!' (Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8) 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

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

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
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 YOUR PEOPLE**

CHORUS

*Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.*

Draw us forth to the table of life:
Brothers and sisters,
Each of us called to walk in your light.

We are parts of the body of Christ,
Needing each other,
Each of the gifts the Spirit provides.

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COMMUNION HYMN**WILL YOU LOVE ME**

Will you give me your life forever?
Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

CHORUS

*Will you love me as I have loved you?
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night,
And the sun will be shining on you.*

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,
is your love strong enough to endure?
Does your faith carry on through the shadows?
Does it shine in the night for the world?

Can you walk in the footprints of silence through the
wilderness sands in the sun,
From the desert of doubt and temptation, to the glorious
mountain of fire?

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RECESSIONAL HYMN**TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU**

Take the word of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow.

Refrain:

*Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.
Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.*

Take the peace of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's peace and make them grow.

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