



NEWSLETTER

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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I have been so very fortunate to have had opportunities to travel beyond our own local shores and as well as realising that, without any argument, Australia is the most secure, picturesque and welcoming country I have ever been to (*I am open to discussion about this, but it would need to be with an interesting person who likes a nice red*), I have learned two very valuable lessons. The first is that at some point in your travels you will find yourself in a dire predicament – out of money, out of food, unable to find a hotel room, lost in a big city or on a remote trail, stranded in the middle of nowhere. The second is that someone will miraculously take care of you – to lend you money, feed you, put you up for the night, and lead you to where you want to go. Whatever the situation, dramatic or mundane, **some stranger will save you. While some may call this stranger a ‘guardian angel’, I choose to think of them as St Christopher reasserting himself after being removed from the Roman calendar of saints in 1969.** These two lessons will become important whenever we travel again outside our own state or country.

The reason and moral of these lessons is simple and clear: human beings care about each other. Whatever their background, religion, culture and condition, on a person-to-person level, just about everyone everywhere wants to be good to others. This is particularly true of travellers who can all recall how at some time on our journeys we have all needed a kind understanding face or a guiding smile in a strange land.

This message of human care, that we all know in our hearts, periodically gets beaten down or drowned out by world affairs. We tend to keep a balance sheet of giving and receiving and when we feel that balance tends too much against our comfort or satisfaction, we try to right it by withholding or begrudging. Then ignorance, greed and divisiveness take hold. Despair and distrust abound. Stereotypes are sown and spread. Threats are brandished, and missiles, real or figurative are primed. Fearful spectres are invoked and dispatched. Personal and sometimes global rifts grow. Can this ever be changed or are we destined to just follow the same patterns? Does history need to keep repeating itself? Does it require the greatest minds of the world to discover a formula to stop the inevitable collapse that seems to start so simply, positively and innocently but complicates itself because we **won't humble ourselves enough to offer or receive the kindness of others.**

If we really think about it, our very survival depends upon the acts of kindness of so many people. Right from the moment of our birth, we are under the care and kindness of our parents; later in life when facing the suffering of disease or old age, we again are dependent upon the kindness of others. If at the beginning and the end of our lives we depend upon others kindness, why then in the middle should we not act kindly toward others. Has kindness been devalued, by not being taught, encouraged or appreciated?

Kindness can be such a soft and insipid word, unless we give it substance and power, unless it is less a concept and more an action. . The truth is that kindness is ours to withhold or bestow. If we live every day with a sense of wonder and curiosity and appreciation, if we encounter other with respect and openness, if we see our human differences as enriching rather than threatening, we will go a long way toward creating a world graced, interlaced with peace and opportunity. I believe all this is possible if we learn from childhood the value and strength of kindness.

Fr Peter

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 20 January to 26 January 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)

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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 Pat Cook, Jan Hoger, Anna Torcaso, Kath Schodel, Peter Moss, Wanda Mallon, Estrella Siddayao **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' Lansil, Karen Baker, Mike West, Timmins and Lyons families, Patrick and Pat Boyle, Margaretha Atta Widodo, Pagliaro, Kauter, Ryan, Backstrom, Tarte and Noonan 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.

CATHOLIC FORMATION COURSE – Parishioners are invited to participate in the first module of the Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation, *Theology in Context*. This 10-week course engages participants in the study and experience of God in the Catholic Tradition. Held on Monday evenings 7-9pm from 3rd February at Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo. Brochures with registration details are available at the church doors. For further information visit archdiocesanministries.org.au

SYNOD24 ACTION PLANS – Parishioners are encouraged to read the action plans from SYNOD24, which reflect discussions and decisions shaping the Church's future in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This document serves as a roadmap, guiding us forward. You are also invited to share suggestions on implementing these actions locally in our parish. These resources can be found and downloaded online: <https://aobsynod2024.com/synod24-resources/>

Our heartfelt **CONGRATULATIONS** to Charlie Randle on his 60th anniversary of Profession with the Marist Brothers. It is an extraordinary blessing and no doubt many stories of faith and grace are found over those 60 years. From everyone at Sts Peter and Paul's Charlie we assure you of our prayers and gratitude. God Bless.

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

What if Biblical characters had New Year resolutions?

Adam – seems like everyone's all about high fibre. I plan to eat LESS FRUIT this year.

David – done fighting lions and Philistines. Taking a safer job playing my harp for the King.

Wise Men – this year we're using Google Maps – no more asking a burning ball of astro-gas for directions!



A TRUE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE Parishioners may recall the Family Reunion Project undertaken in 2023 to bring Tamil refugee Redson Selvam's family to Australia. We are delighted to share that, after 12 years of separation, Redson was reunited with his wife, Pushpamala, his son, Vitushan, and his daughter, Paranika, on Christmas night. By God's grace, a suitable three-bedroom rental property was found in Darra just one week after the Department of Home Affairs granted visas to the family. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners, especially the Social Justice Committee, for their generous support and tireless efforts in fundraising and driving this project to completion. *First pic: Des Lavey handed keys to Redson's new family home. Second pic: Redson's family in their new home. Third pic: Redson's wife and children.

CHRISTMAS MASSES—Thank you to all parishioners and visitors who attended our Christmas Masses—it was a joy to see the church filled with our faithful community. A special thank you to all volunteers who ministered during the celebrations; your support was invaluable, and we are very blessed to have such a supportive community in our parish.

SINULOG FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO — Join the Filipino community in celebrating "Sinulog," the Feast of Santo Niño, symbolising the arrival of Christianity in the Philippines. You are welcome to bring your statue for a blessing. A Mass will be held at Sts Peter and Paul's Church on Sunday, 19th January, at 11am, followed by a community gathering in the parish hall. **Please bring a plate to share.**

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.

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, John Goh, Leo Rawlings.

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)

The winner of last week's lucky number was: **MARIAN KELLY**
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!!!**

THANK YOU—to all those involved in donating and packing the St Vincent de Paul Christmas hampers. The society were overwhelmed by the generosity of items given to help those over the Christmas Season.

LOOKING AHEAD...

26 January Australia Day
2 February Children's Liturgy of the Word during 9am Mass at St Joseph's Kangaroo Point
7 February Anointing Mass at 9am St Luke's Buranda
26 February MASS CANCELLED 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will continue this year on the first Sunday of the month. Held in the 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.

AUSTRALIA DAY—Mass will be celebrated for Australia Day in lieu of Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. January 26 is the date of the arrival in 1788 of the first European settlers in Australia. This liturgy marks Australia's national day with prayers seeking God's blessings on all its peoples and commending its destiny into God's hands.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER—Pope Francis has asked all Catholics who did not know or remember the date of their baptism to find out. The date is important, he said, and it should be celebrated 'as if it were a new birthday—that of our birth in the Spirit of God'. To subscribe to the weekly round-up newsletter, visit catholicleader.com.au

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's Spirit is given to each person for the common good. What are your gifts? Be willing to share them for the good of others. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11). 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

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God has called us with the Gospel to share
in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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**SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD**

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Singing alleluia.*

All God's people dance with joy!
O come before the Lord.
And play for God with glad tambourines,
And let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep.
Your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
And filled your soul with song.

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COMMUNION HYMN**TAKE AND EAT**

*Take and eat; take and eat.
This is my body given up for you.
Take and drink; take and drink.
This is my blood given up for you.*

I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

I am the way that leads the exile home;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace that fills your cup with joy.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN**GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD**

CHORUS *Glory and praise to our God,
Who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.*

In his wisdom he strengthens us,
Like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
Our God is there to save.

Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day
Our God is waiting to save,
always ready to seek the lost,
To answer those who pray.

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