



# NEWSLETTER

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

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 July 2024 (Year B)

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### ONCE A CATHOLIC...

As we hear frequently about the majority of baptised Catholics who rarely or never practice their faith in the traditional way of participation in the Eucharistic community of the church through Sunday Mass, I started to wonder just what people go through when they “leave their faith”, as we say. Do they actually make a decision or do they just drift away without purpose or reason?

People leave the Church for many reasons. Some leave because of boredom, indifference, ignorance and misunderstanding of the basic beliefs of the Church, anger and hurt – real or perceived – caused by representatives of the Church, anger at God and a variety of other reasons. Relatively few people leave because of theological reasons. Most people drift away during their high school or university years while they are struggling with their life choices and searching for their own identity. Often they don’t see the relevance of the Church in their lives because they are focussed on finding and preparing for their life long career and determining their direction in life.

Many leave the Church because they simply move to a new area and never make the effort to find a new parish, or some leave when they marry someone from a different faith or without any religious affiliation.

Whatever the myriad of reasons people leave, I firmly believe most non-practicing Catholics would prefer to return, they just don’t know how. They are afraid to approach the church because they are afraid of being rejected. To those on the outside of the Church, it is perceived as a closed system, and being on the outside is a lonely place to be. Many are especially concerned about their status and mistakenly think they have been excommunicated and are not allowed to come back.

Before we attempt to discover ways by which we can welcome back those who have moved away, we must first ask “To what are we welcoming them? Are we actually a community that people would want to be part of, and how do we make this welcoming community known to them? Do we sit in Church and wait for them or do we take some steps towards being where they are? Tough questions, real questions. Questions that a community that honestly seeking to be truly Catholic has to ask. We have a responsibility to lighten the load and shorten the journey back for people who feel, awkward, fearful and hesitant about once again continuing the journey with us. Let’s leave the moralising and judging for those without sin.

*Fr. Peter Dillon*

### Liturgy and Prayers This Week 29 July to 4 August

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
<b>Wednesday</b>	7pm (Mass)			
<b>Friday</b>	8am Mass + Adoration + Benediction	9am (Anointing Mass)		
<b>Saturday</b>	9am (Mass) 5.30pm (Mass)		5pm (Mass)	
<b>Sunday</b>	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 Sr Patricia Dillon SGS, Ray Moresi **recently deceased and also for** Vince Long, Margaret Linnett, Harold and Dulcie O'Connell, June Porter, Dolores Reyes, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, Patrick and Clare Dugger, Kretschmer, McLachlan and Hanly families, Begley and Bourke families, Norman and Katie Timmins, Norman, Patrick and Daniel Timmins, Patrick and Pat Boyle, Karen Baker, Mike West, Patricia Ryan, Saffioti and Jarrett families.*

*Please remember the sick in your prayers – Hazel Langthorne, Pete Waldron, Joy Ashworth, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Lance Tutoa, Roy Hogan, Sr Ellen Randle SGS and Catherine Kearney.*

**FAMILY MASS** will be celebrated at the 8am Sunday Mass next weekend (4 August). You are encouraged to attend with your children and stay for morning afterwards.

**PARISH BAKE STALL** - Craving something sweet? Join us after Mass on Saturday 3 August or Sunday 4 August to purchase some lovely homemade baked goods. All proceeds go towards a parish social justice initiative.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**—meets this Sunday (28 July) at 9am in the parish boardroom. Anyone interested in Social Justice issues are welcome to attend.

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2024

*Please mark these important dates in your diary.*

**CONFIRMATION (Year 3 children)**

**Parent Workshop sessions**

8 August 7pm **OR** 9 August 9:30am

Celebration of Sacrament – 12 September



**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.

**Always carry a reusable water bottle**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** Bulimba chapter meets Thursday 1 June at 6pm in the parish hall. New members welcome.

**ROSARY** will be celebrated in the parish hall from 4.15pm Saturday 3 August. All welcome.

*A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us*  
I was abducted by aliens and made to wash my hands, clean my room and eat my vegetables.  
Turns out I was on the mothership.

## KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE . BURANDA

### Prayer Requests

*We ask you to pray for the recently deceased Betty Howell (Mother of Bishop Ken Howell), and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

*Please remember the sick in your prayers - Brian Prove, Michael Mulligan, Jeanette McMahon.*

### PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)

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

**PARISH SCRIPTURE GROUP** will next meet on **Tuesday 30 July** in St Benedict's Church, East Brisbane at 7pm.

We invite you along to this small faith sharing group, where each person can grow in their own faith journey. All welcome.



St Luke's Green, Buranda Knitters and Natters group are having a sale of covered coat hangers after Mass on Sunday, July 28th. The coat hangers have been made by the Village Knitting group. Please support this event as money raised goes to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** is offered in the Coolock Room at St Joseph's on Sunday 4 August during the 9am Mass. Thank you to our leaders. You are encouraged to send your child/ren along to hear the Word of God adapted to their level of understanding.

**ANointing of the SICK** will be celebrated with Mass at 9am on the first Friday of the month at St Luke's, Buranda. Anointing of the Sick is a source of healing, with the sacrament for those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or age. All welcome to join Friday, 2 August 2024.

### LOOKING AHEAD....

**30 July** Parish Scripture Group 7pm @ St Benedict's  
**31 July** Wednesday 8am Mass **CANCELLED**  
**2 August** Anointing Mass 9am @ St Luke's, Buranda

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



**A VOCATION VIEW:** Today we are reminded by St Paul that there is one body, one Lord, one faith and one baptism. The challenge is to 'bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience'. That is an essential part of our vocation: to lead a life worthy of these attributes. Please pray for vocations. 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](#).

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY** On Sunday, July 28, Catholics around the world are invited to take time to reflect on the great heritage and wisdom passed on by their grandparents and the elderly. We acknowledge the unique role grandparents have in our families and communities. We pray not only for their strength and health, but also for the wisdom to guide our children and grandchildren with love and faith. [So, let's pray.](#)

**HOLY CROSS FUNERALS' 25TH ANNIVERSARY MASS** Wednesday, 31st July 2024, at 6pm, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Kippa-Ring. RSVP to Peter Mullins. Kippa-Ring: 3293 0555 Caloundra: 5208 9337.

**LOURDES DAY HEALING MASS** The Order of Malta invites you to Lourdes Day Mass on Saturday, 3rd August 2024, at 10am, at St Mary's Catholic Parish, South Brisbane (Cnr of Merivale and Peel Streets).

**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**

The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia  
A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his 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.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest

**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****GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT**

*You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,  
They know and heed his voice;  
So when you call your family, Lord,  
We follow and rejoice.

With joyful lips we sing to you  
Our praise and gratitude,  
That you should count us worthy, Lord,  
To share this heav'nly food.

Is not the cup we bless and share  
The blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare  
Our oneness in the Lord.

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,  
No mortal tongue can tell:  
Whom all the world can not contain  
Comes in our hearts to dwell.

You give yourself to us, O Lord,  
Then selfless let us be  
To serve each other in your name  
In truth and charity.

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**RECESSIONAL HYMN****LORD OF CREATION, TO YOU BE ALL PRAISE**

Lord of creation, to you be all praise!  
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!  
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,  
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

Lord of all power, I give you my will,  
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.  
Your bondage is freedom; your service is song;  
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,  
rich truth that surpasses all knowledge to find;  
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard  
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

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