NEWSLETTER

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

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WORDS, WORDS, WORDS

For a long time I have known I was a 'logophile', but was careful not to admit it for fear of making people keep quiet when in my company. I really love 'words'. I love reading them, speaking them, spelling them and discovering them. I read a range of words every day, in newspapers, books, online and on cereal boxes. I do crosswords and other word puzzles, I look up the meanings of words I have never heard before. I have about 5 dictionaries and thesauruses as well as a short cut to google. I try to include them in conversations and, above all, I listen to them. I particularly enjoy mixed metaphors and secretly delight in hearing mispronunciations or malapropisms (the unintentional misuse of a word by confusion with one of a similar sound, as in *under the affluence of alcohol*). I try to learn about their derivation and am interested to know how and where they arrive from to eventually be included in our daily use.

One of my favourite sources for the background to words is called *Mother Tongue* by the travel writer Bill Bryson, who is even more obsessed than I am with words and their usage. I have five copies of this book, all presently on loan to people who may never return them. Not a problem. Bryson has done the hard work of looking into the history and country of birth of commonly used words as well as their evolution. Stephen Fry is another is another logophile, as is Eric Partridge, whose reference book *Usage and Abusage* written in 1942 is never far from my desk.

As comforting as all these words are to me, they can also be a source of enormous angst, particularly in recent times when I hear so much abusage of words and phrases. Mainly, I am sorry to say, from young people, who have taken to using precious words as fill-ins when they can't think of the right word to say. While I think that tablets and various digital screens are to blame, the chief offender is the use of the emoji (a small digital image or icon used to express an idea or emotion), usually when you can't think of an alphabetic word to use.

In particular I am referring to the word "LIKE". You can also throw in similar phrases. "You know", 'kind of", "sort of" and "Yeah/No". Often they are grouped in one sentence, as in: "Yeah, No, it's kinda, sorta like ya know". When uttered, I can only just remain silent and hope that this so-called sentence will be followed with a subject, object or even a noun that will give be a vague hint of what is being asked or offered. I realise my years of distance from teenagehood may have dulled me to new-age language that is now common parlance, but even I know that 'fully sick', doesn't mean a debilitating illness.

I recently heard a footballer (not necessarily a good example) being interviewed, who used the word "like" 16 times in a brief commentary; at no time using the word in its comparative sense. For example, "I tried to tackle *like* the coach had instructed us during *like* training.

I'm not just being churlish about the misuse of this word , because I genuinely believe that if we do not check this verbal laziness, then it will eventually become impossible for certain adults to have any meaningful conversation with a teenager (soon to be an adult), without asking in every second sentence "I don't know that you are saying". It will become an intergenerational dialect, which will only make the present stress of communicating with a teenager even harder.

Sometime ago I made an offer to my then teenage niece that I would pay her a certain amount of money if she could go for 24 hours without using the word "like" incorrectly. Her immediate reply, within seconds was, "Like, how do you sort of mean?" I rest my case.

Fr Peter

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 22 September to 28 September 2025

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (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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AROUND OUR PARISHES

BULIMBA

Prayer Requests
Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Fr John Chalmers, Sr Therese Fleming SGS, Rhys Agnew, Josie Bulgarelli, Anne Cleary ***recently deceased and also for*** Leoncio Rodriguez, Eruthayamary Pillai, Mary Margaretta Packiam, Margert Turpin, Sandra Swales, George Bracken, Paul Troja, 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, Karen Baker, Mike West, Timmons and Lyons families, Patrick and Pat Boyle, Candelario Iquin, Sr Ellen Randle, SGS, Michael French, Ross Saffioti.
Please remember the sick in your prayers – Luigia D'Allura, Hazel Langthorne, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Anita Xavier, Lance Tutanoa, Roy Hogan, Catherine Kearney, Madonna Lapez (nee Cullen), Natalina Rossi, Rita Zoch, Patrick Larkin, Mimy Andree, Robyn Britnell, Pat Strotton.

THE SEASON OF CREATION continues until 4 October (St Francis Feast Day). It is celebrated by Christians throughout the world and is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and to focus on God's gift of creation and our responsibility to care for it, our common home. Consider downloading a new app '**Season of Creation Devotional**' which contains a reflection, prayer and verse for each day.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.
A very religious man went on a safari. While there, he saw a huge lion. The man didn't have a gun and there was no way he could outrun the lion, so he did the only thing he could. He got on his knees and prayed 'Dear God, I was always a good Christian. Will you perform a miracle and give this lion some Christian feelings?'. That moment, the clouds parted and a beam came from above and touched the lion's heart. The lion raised his paws to the heavens and loudly prayed, 'Thank you Lord for this meal I'm about to receive'.

LITTLE STEPS SJ INITIATIVE
THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Some simple, faith-inspired steps for living sustainably and in harmony with creation, in the spirit of Laudato Si' and the Season of Creation.

Limit Food Waste
Plan meals, use leftovers creatively, and compost scraps.

The Brisbane East Deanery will begin the **Psalms: The School of Prayer** Scripture Study shortly**,** with an option of morning or evening sessions. The Psalms are at the heart of the Bible. They are prayers from God that help us learn to pray. This study will explore how the words of the Psalms captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God. Please contact Louise Simento for more information or to register your interest, on 0456 700 040 or gps23@bigpond.com

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - 17 to 19 October 2025
We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!
The live-in weekend is being held at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. The weekend starts at 7pm on Friday night and finishes after Mass at 4pm Sunday. Book via www.wwme.org.au or phone Joseph and Lisha Deseam on 0481 307 821 or email qldbookings@wwme.org.au for further details.

ARE YOU A CARER? Do you look after someone who lives with disability, has a medical or mental health condition or is frail due to age? You might be young or old, looking after a relative or friend 24 hours a day or just some of the time. If you need support, you are invited to our Carer's meeting held in the parish hall on Tuesday 23 September from 10am-12pm. All welcome.

KANGAROO POINT/EAST BRISBANE • BURANDA

Prayer Requests
We ask you to pray for the recently deceased *Francis Townsend, Paul Mann (brother of Paula Stein)* ***and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.***
Please remember the sick in your prayers *- Anne Bardwell, Michael Mulligan, Leo Rawlings, Tony Cotter, Mary Leahy*

PARISH LUCKY NUMBER (KPEB)
Last week's winner: **MARY SMITH**
Any parishioners interested in being part of the Lucky Number Draw see with Isobel at the foyer of St Benedict's Church 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!!!***

LOOKING AHEAD

22 Sept	St Vincent de Paul meet at 6pm in the church—new members welcome
24 Sept	NO MASS at St Benedict's East Brisbane
3 Oct	Anointing Mass—9am at St Luke's, Buranda
5 Oct	Children's Liturgy of the Word—St Joseph's

DATE CLAIMER - Parishioners of Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane parish are invited to a **parish gathering** at the recently renovated Lord Stanley Hotel at East Brisbane on Saturday evening 4 October following the 5pm Mass at Saint Benedict's.
We are very close to having at least 40 parishioners attending. Please make sure you have reserved your place by leaving your name at the desk at the front of the church. Feel free to invite any friends as well. Your friends are our friends!

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Connor Finn, our Local Safeguarding Representative, who has just been made Head of Campus at Southern Cross Catholic College at Scarborough.
A major responsibility for a very capable person. We wish Conor success and satisfaction as he takes on this significant role.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS—Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or beyond, are invited to attend Mass, together with their family and friends on Saturday, 27 September at 11.30am at the Cathedral of St Stephen.

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: You cannot serve two masters. Whom do you choose to follow? You must make a choice. (Luke 16:1-13). 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.

THE ORDER OF THE MASS MUSIC AT BULIMBA

◆ FIRST Reading: Amos 8:4-7 ◆ SECOND Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 ◆ GOSPEL: Luke 16:10-13

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over
so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.
In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

GOSPEL

Luke 16:10-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?
'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

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