



*St Ignatius Church
Kensington Terrace, Toowong*



*Holy Spirit Church
Harriett Street, Auchenflower*



St Ignatius Parish TOOWONG

**Christmas Day
Year A**



25th December 2022

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

1st January 2023

The Christmas Saints

The famous twelve days of Christmas run from Christmas Day until the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th. During that time, there are a number of Feast Days in the Roman Liturgical Calendar, some of which obviously link in with the Christmas Feast and some where the connection is not so obvious. So I thought it might be good to go through the various Feast Days and point out their connection with Christmas.

December 26th: St Stephen. Stephen was the first Christian martyr. Luke who reports his death in the Acts of the Apostles patterns it on his account of Jesus' death, with both forgiving their executioners and commending their Spirit to God, but whereas Jesus hands it over to the Father, Stephen hands it over to Jesus (Acts 7/59). In many ways this juxtaposition reflects Paul's introductory remarks to the Romans we listened to last week in describing Jesus as "descended from David according to the flesh, and declared to be Son of God with power by resurrection from the dead".

December 27th: St John, the Evangelist. Actually, John's Gospel has no account of the birth of Jesus, but is the only Gospel writer to speak of the pre-existence of Jesus. Naming Jesus as the Word of God, he begins his Gospel with those famous lines: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1/1), before giving us the phrase enshrined in the Nicene Creed: "And the Word was made flesh" (John 1/14).

December 28th: The Holy Innocents. commemorating all the boys around Bethlehem under the age of two who were put to death by Herod in an attempt to remove the threat to his throne that he felt in the birth of Jesus (Matt. 2/16ff).

Sunday between Christmas and New Year: The Holy Family. recognizing the pivotal role of family in the upbringing of children and the influence that Mary and Joseph (and their extended family) had on the character and compassion of Jesus who was like us in ALL things, except sin! This year, the Gospel tells about the Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2/13-15, 19-23); in Year B of the cycle, it will be the story of Simeon and Anna greeting the parents when they present the child in the Temple (Luke 2/22-40), and in Year C it will be the story of Jesus seeking his own independence in the Temple (Luke 2/41-52).

January 1st: Mary, Mother of God. The primary Feast Day of Mary, out of which flows any other celebration we have of her life. The significant thing about her is that she is mother and who she is mother for. This celebrates the close connection of mother and child, with probably the most telling line in the Gospel being: "As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Luke 2/19).

January 2nd: St Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen. These two scholars who formed a deep friendship as University students lived some 300 years after Christ, but are known and celebrated for their defence of the divinity of Jesus against the Arian controversy following the Council of Nicea.

January 6th: The Epiphany. The visit of the Magi and our recognition that Christ's coming was not just for a select few, but for people of all nations, fulfilling the dream of Isaiah that Israel would become a light to the nations so that God's salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49/6).

J. Doe

PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES: HOLY SPIRIT Auchenflower: 9am Mondays and Fridays.
ST IGNATIUS Toowong: 5.30pm Tuesdays & Wednesdays & 9.15am Thursdays.

PARISH WEEKEND MASSES: HOLY SPIRIT Auchenflower: Sunday 8.30am.
ST IGNATIUS Toowong: Saturday 6.00pm Vigil and **Sunday** 7.00am & 5.00pm.
Nb. RECONCILIATION remains suspended until further notice.

*We respectfully acknowledge the Turrbal people, as the traditional owners and caretakers of the land which is the Toowong Catholic Parish.
We acknowledge the Elders, past and present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.*



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2022

CHRISTMAS EVE: (Sat 24th December)

6.00pm St Ignatius School Oval*

9.00pm St Ignatius Church (+ Live Stream)

CHRISTMAS DAY: (Sun 25th December)

7.00am St Ignatius Church (No 5pm)

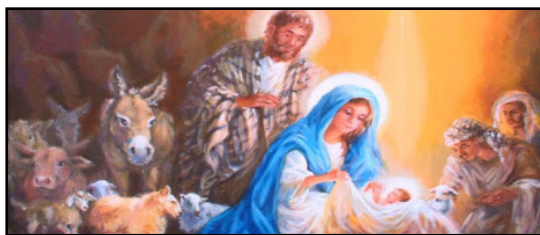
8.30am Holy Spirit Church.

*This year, we plan to hold **6pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass** under lights on *St Ignatius School's Susan Palmer Field*. **Pedestrian access to the oval** is via the stairs at the side of St Ignatius Church. Please bring your own foldup chairs.

Nb. Live Stream: click to *YouTube* icon on parish website.

Please note: No 9am Mass at Holy Spirit Church on **Monday 26 December** (Boxing Day).

Wishing a very happy and blessed Christmas to all parishioners of St Ignatius Toowong & Holy Spirit Auchenflower.



With gratitude from Fr Wrex Woolnough, Parish Priest & Monica Florence, Parish Secretary.



At Christmas look for the Crib in the St Ignatius Shrine.

Available Now (at both churches)

2023 Columban Art Calendar: \$11.00 each.

Sales aid Toowong Conference of Society of St Vincent de Paul.



Safeguarding News

Change to Parish's *Local Safeguarding Representative*.

On **1st December**, we welcomed

Janine Curcuruto to this vital Parish role (taking over from Kaylene Perissinotto).

The contact details for Parish's *Local Safeguarding Representative* are amended to the following —

Mobile: 0412 452 164 | **Email:** lsr.toowong@bne.catholic.net.au or jscur@icloud.com

'Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility'

JESUIT & IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY AUSTRALIA — FABER CENTRE INFORMATION

SAVE THE DATE. IM23 Ignatian Arboretum.

Enter the forest, feel the connections, become a tree. Explore the roots, branches, fruit, and seeds of Ignatian Spirituality. Experience the energy of this organic spirituality event.

Online May 2023: Sun 21, Mon 22, Tue 23 & Wed 24 May 2023

2 options each day: 10am - 12noon OR 6.30 - 8.30pm AEST

More details to follow.

PHONE [1300 392 636](tel:1300392636) | EMAIL info@jisa.org.au | Find us online at jisa.org.au



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Catholic Church | Queensland

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Email Fill in a [Professional Standards disclosure form](#) (accessed via our website psogld.catholic.net.au) and email it to psogld@catholic.net.au

Post Fill in a [Professional Standards disclosure form](#) and post it to us at: PO Box 3264, Brisbane Qld 4001

Phone 1800 337 928 OR (07) 3324 3070
Office hours 9.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday (excepting public holidays)

Where to find YOUTUBE on Parish's new website (top of screen) select **'Our Parish'** & (from drop-down list) select **'Parish YouTube Recordings'** click on it & it will take you to the Parish's YouTube page (or alternatively scroll down page to the blue footer along bottom and click on the 'arrow' icon, which will take you to the Parish's YouTube page), from there you can select to stream Sunday 5pm Mass or view other parish recordings.

Readings: The Nativity of the Lord: (Mass during the Day) Isaiah 52:7-10. Hebrews 1:1-6. John 1:1-18.

Next Sunday: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: Numbers 6: 22-27. Galatians 4:4-7. Luke 2: 16-21.

Entrance Antiphon: A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Spoken Response: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sung Response: All the ends of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.

YEAR A

1 January 2023

Readings: Numbers 6: 22-27. Galatians 4:4-7. Luke 2: 16-21.

Entrance Antiphon: Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

Spoken Response: May God bless us in his mercy.

Sung Response: All the Ends of the Earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Your Prayers Are Requested For **All Parishioners & friends who are sick & in need**

SICK: Maria Duque, Susi Rieder, Pat Clohessy, Peter Lawson, Ricardo Pacheco, Louis Nunan, Elvira Pertudo, Mia O'Donnell, Betty Andrews, Elizabeth Teresa, Tandina Gabriel, Cathy Mamata, Margaret Twomey, Melissa Acosta, Doreen Waller, Mark Clifford, Lyndal & Grant Mitchell, Matthew McKay, Fran Lewis, Elio Socal, Judy Hijin, Nina Starkey, Sr Marie Patrice rsm, Fr Peter Chappell, Yohanna Suharni, John O'Rourke, Marianne Andrews, Glenice Dickinson, Hannah Sinead, Ronald George Herrick, Susi Hopkins, Leigh Victoria, Teresa Galarza, Adriana Meneses, Paul Massingham, Fr Michael Lowcock, Isabella Shand, David O'Connor, James McKay, Peter Anthony, Darrin Edkins.



RECENTLY DECEASED: Anne-Marie Moore, Sr Patricia Sullivan rsm.

ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin Bell, Clive Thompson, Clementina Mazzotta, Kevin Davies, Angela-Marie Adams.

WEDDING: (2/1/2023) Stefan Rohmer & Rosalyn Mathews.

Diary Dates December

- Christmas Eve
Masses:
24 6pm St Ignatius School Oval.
9pm St Ignatius Church + live stream
- CHRISTMAS DAY**
Masses:
25 7am St Ignatius Church.
8.30am Holy Spirit Church.
(please note: no 5pm Mass)
- 26** Boxing Day (Public Holiday)
No 9am Mass (Holy Spirit)
Saint Stephen
- 27** *Saint John*
Public Holiday
- 28** *The Holy Innocents*
- 29** Fifth Day within the Octave ...
- 30** Holy Family of Jesus, Mary (& Joseph)
- 31** Seventh Day within the Octave ...

January 2023

- 1** Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
New Years Day
- 2** Public Holiday
Saints Basil & Gregory
Wedding: — St Ignatius
- 6** 9am Anointing Mass—Holy Spirit
- 8** *The Epiphany of the Lord*
- 10** 7.15pm SVDp meeting—Horstmann Room



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS Week Advent (1)

1st Reading	Gospel
Mon: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59.	Matt. 10:17-22.
Tues: 1 John 1:1-4.	John 20:2-8.
Wed: 1 John 1:5-2:2.	Matt. 2:13-18.
Thu: 1 John 2:3-11.	Luke 2:22-35.
Fri: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14. Matt. 2:13-15, 19-23.	
Sat: 1 John 2:18-21.	John 1:1-18.

Please note:

Any inclusions for the Parish newsletter should be marked to the attention of Parish Secretary & received, by email or note, at Parish Office no later than 12noon Thursdays. Thank you.

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH COLLECTIONS: \$3,803.45, Other: nil.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Parish Office will be closed from Friday 23 December until Wednesday 11 January 2023. Emails will be checked during this time. Thank you for your understanding. For any urgent matters or in emergency please call Fr Wrex on his 0402 049 017.

CHRISTMAS DUES ENVELOPES available from rotary stands at both churches (and in TG envelope packs). Please place into collection baskets.

PPC 2022 REPORT. Printed copies available from rotary stands and via parish website's 'Newsletter' page <https://www.stignatiustooowong.org.au/our-parish/newsletter/> ~ Also, PPC will not meet in January; next meeting: **Thursday 9 February 2023** at 7.30pm.

EXPECT-A-CUPPA at St Ignatius Church will not be held in January and the **AFTER—MASS HOSPITALITY** at 8.30am Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit will next be held on Sunday 15 January 2023.

ANointing MASS at Holy Spirit Church will be held on **Friday 6 January** at 9am.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, TOOWONG. Next meeting: **Tuesday 10 January 2023** at 7.15pm in the Horstmann Room.

CWL TOOWONG will not be meeting in January; next meeting scheduled for **Monday 20 February 2023** after 9am Mass at Holy Spirit Church.

ST. IGNATIUS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE GROUP. As we have done during the year members of our group will continue to ring the bell of St Ignatius Church on the eleventh day each month during 2023, at approx. 11am (an idea put forward by the 'Australian Religious Response to Climate Change' to mark the few minutes before 11am on the eleventh day of each month, to mark the closeness of the world to the hour of global catastrophe on the Doomsday Clock). Listen for St Ignatius Church bell ringing on **Wednesday 11 January 2023** or better still come and join in! **Also**, please note we will not meet in January; next meeting: **Monday 6 February 2023** at 7.30pm in the Horstmann Room.

'CHILDREN'S LITURGY is held during Holy Spirit's 8.30am Sunday Mass, fortnightly during school terms only. Scheduled to resume Term 1 2023. Watch this space for re-start date.

CHANGE TO 'OPEN DOOR' INITIATIVE. Frequency of our fellowship has changed and will now be held monthly (on **first Friday** each month from 12 noon to approx. 2pm). It is held at St Thomas', Jephson St, Toowong. However, please note, there will be no gathering in January; next gathering planned for **Friday 4 February 2023**. Join us for a chat plus a cuppa & sandwich bring a friend. Info. E: notKummer2019@gmail.com This is a joint outreach by parishes of St Ignatius & St Thomas Anglican Toowong.

BE AWARE—SCAM EMAILS. Parishioners are asked to be wary of emails claiming to be from Fr Wrex (or other clergy), particularly if they have not come from our parish's email address: toowong@bne.catholic.net.au. We are again aware of emails being received appearing to be from Fr Wrex but are from fake email addresses (which may be asking the recipient for help or to supply 'gift cards' or similar); these are scams! Please delete any such email immediately and do not reply or send any 'cards'.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER has printed a **CHRISTMAS EDITION**. Copies are available now.

THE
CATHOLIC LEADER

Limited copies of the **DECEMBER & CHRISTMAS** editions will be available at both churches for **\$4 each** (please place your payment in money-box provided).

PARISH WEBSITE, <https://www.stignatiustooowong.org.au/>, provides links to:

***READ** Parish's weekly editions of Newsletter & E-news (which include the Sunday readings and Fr Wrex's latest homily) plus

***VIEW** Parish's YouTube, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLghy4aXqqJRrUilXpjoSA?view_as=subscriber, to

STREAM 5PM SUNDAY MASS from St Ignatius Church each Sunday (or watch previous MASS OR EVENT RECORDINGS).

ARCHDIOCESAN LINKS: ***WATCH MASS** live from St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane (8am Weekdays, 8am & 10am Sundays) go to <http://archbne.org/bzw> ***View '2 MINUTE HOMILIES'** for Sunday's Gospel (featuring clergy from parishes around Archdiocese of Brisbane).

ARCHDIOCESAN INFORMATION

PEACE IN A VIOLENT WORLD
LIGHT IN A DARKENED WORLD
JOY IN A SORROWING WORLD



May the blessings of the newborn Child
come upon the world and upon you
at Christmas and through the New Year

+MARK COLERIDGE
ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

We invite you to share your
thoughts on how you access
Catholic content in our survey.



Archdiocese Survey.

The Archdiocese would appreciate your feedback by completing this short survey about how you access Catholic content.

Your answers to the survey will help the Archdiocese do a better job of connecting you with the content you would like to see more of.
<http://bit.ly/3VHEkcl>

OUR MISSION PRAYER

*We, the St Ignatius community, are called to live the good news.
We pray that we become the people that Jesus Christ called us to be.
We pray that we know the Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit
through knowing Jesus in prayer, scripture and liturgy.*

*We pray that we give hope to others by a practical, personal kindness,
affirming each person's dignity, worth and destiny in Christ. May we live out this mission of our
Christian vocation in the spirit of St. Ignatius.*



The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

Archdiocese of Brisbane's Office for Safeguarding -
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>
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<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/privacy-policy>

STOPline Service. STOPline is an external service provided for the Archdiocese to receive confidential disclosures. Disclosures can be made anonymously. Phone: 1300 304 550 | Email: AOb@stopline.com.au | Online: www.bneatholic.stoplinereport.com

When making out your will please consider the needs of the parish.

Parish WEBSITE www.stignatiustoowong.org.au **Current Newsletter now on our website!**

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION



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We are part of the Brisbane West Deanery ~ website: www.brisbanewestdeanery.com.au email: bwdeanery@bne.catholic.net.au

EmergencyContact If you require a priest in an emergency, please phone the parish priest on 0402 049 017.

*** Fr Wrex Woolnough,**
PARISH PRIEST

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Parish Office Staff

Monica Florence (Tues-Fri)

- PARISH SECRETARY
(including Newsletter)

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

Janine Curcuruto -

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