



*St Ignatius Church  
Kensington Terrace, Toowong*



*Holy Spirit Church  
Harriett Street, Auchenflower*



# St Ignatius Parish TOOWONG

**Epiphany of the Lord**



**8th January 2023**

**Baptism of the Lord**



**15th January 2023**

**3rd Sunday Ordinary**

**22nd January 2023**

## Christmas Continues

"It matters not what someone is born, but what they grow to be". These words which J.K. Rowling put on the lips of Dumbledore in "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" are very relevant as we celebrate Christmas. For Christmas is not just about the birth of a child and who he is, but about what this child will become. That is why the final feast of the Christmas Season is not the Epiphany (the visit of the Magi), but rather the Baptism of Jesus. For it is in the Baptism of Jesus that he discovers not just who he is, but also what is his mission - *"You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased"*.

Not only don't we acknowledge that, but we even tend to compress the Christmas story as if it about a week in the life of Mary and Joseph! So, when it comes to the Story of the Magi, most people presume they turned up while Joseph was packing up the stable, having filled out the census forms and loaded the donkey for the trip home to Nazareth which would incorporate a short diversion into Jerusalem to have the kid circumcised!

But, in fact, Jesus would probably have been going on to the age of two before the Magi appeared on the scene. At least that is the implication, for we are told that Herod ordered the massacre of every child under the age of two in an attempt to eliminate the threat he saw in Jesus, *"reckoning on the date he had been careful to ask the Magi"* (Matthew 2/16), that is the exact date the star had first appeared (Matthew 2/7). So it could have been a long-term rental that Mary and Joseph had to find in Bethlehem!

But we need to remember that the Christmas Season is not just about the timing of events surrounding the birth of Jesus, but about the significance of the child. So the story of the circumcision of Jesus (Luke 2/21) is celebrated within the Christmas Season on the eighth day (Leviticus 12/3) which is New Year's day, while the Feast of the Purification and Presentation in the Temple (Luke 2/22ff) is celebrated on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, outside the Christmas Season but forty days after we celebrated his birth (Leviticus 12/3f).

A number of years ago, it was decided not to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany on its traditional date of January 6<sup>th</sup> (12 days after Christmas), but on the nearest Sunday to that date. Sadly, this year, that decision means that the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is pushed out of its rightful place as the final Sunday feast of Christmas and relegates it to the following Monday. Now, without denying the significant statement of the Feast of Epiphany that Christ is saviour of all nations, I dare to suggest that perhaps the most telling event in Jesus' life which turned his life around and which is recorded in every one of the Gospels, is more significant and worthy of celebration than a possible fable found in only one Gospel, no matter how significant the message is.

So, in order to do justice to both, I have decided to celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on the following Sunday, which is designated the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. To that end, Readers might like to note that we will not be using the Readings you will find in your "Break Open the Word" for the weekend of January 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>, but rather the Readings for Year A's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - Isaiah 42/1-2, 6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10/34-38 and Matthew 3/13-17. There are copies of the Readings at the back of the Church if you would like to take one home with you to familiarize yourself with it prior to the Feast.

Then on the following weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> January, we will revert to the original calendar and celebrate the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time with the normal readings for that day.

In the meantime, let's continue our celebration of Christmas, recognizing that it is not just who we are born, but what we grow to be!

*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 Masses- Thank You*

Sincere appreciation and gratitude is expressed to Roster co-ordinators, Readers, Eucharist Ministers, Altar Servers, Welcomers, Projectionists, Musicians and Choir, Sacristans, Collectors and Money counters, for your contribution ministering to the extraordinary congregations which graced our Christmas Liturgies this year. Special thanks to Fr Wrex, Allison King and all the children involved in the Nativity play on Christmas Eve plus all those who prepared the School Oval (set-up & backed-up) for a special celebration. You did Mary, Joseph and Jesus proud!

### **JESUIT & IGNATIUS SPIRITUALITY AUSTRALIA (FABER CENTRE) INFORMATION**

**On the Way to Freedom. Spiritual Exercises for Pilgrims.** Online Lenten Series.  
**When:** Six Mondays during Lent 2023 (February 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd). **Time:** 7:30 – 9:00pm AEDT. **Where:** Online via Zoom.  
**Price:** \$180 AUD for all six sessions including input, guided contemplation, spiritual conversation and all retreat material.

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We pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.**  
Eternal rest to him O Lord.  
May he rest in peace.

### **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.**

**YEAR A**

**8 January 2023**

**Readings:** Isaiah 30:1-6. Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6. Matthew 2:1-12.  
**Entrance Antiphon:** Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power & dominion.  
**Spoken Response:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
**Sung Response:** O God, Give Your Judgement

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Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you. \_\_\_\_\_

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Toowong Parish SET018

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

### **SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY.**

**YEAR A**

**15 January 2023**

**Readings:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6. 1 Corinthians 1:1-3. John 1:29-34.  
**Entrance Antiphon:** All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing your name, O Most High!  
**Spoken Response:** Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.  
**Sung Response:** Come Ring out Our Joy to the Lord.

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If to - day you hear\_ his voice! Hard - en not\_ your hearts.

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Toowong Parish SET 018

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

### **THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY.**

**YEAR A**

**22 January 2023**

**Readings:** Numbers 6: 22-27. Galatians 4:4-7. Luke 2: 16-21.  
**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place.  
**Spoken Response:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.  
**Sung Response:** The Lord is my Life and my Help.

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The Lord is my light, \_\_\_\_\_ my light and my sal - va - tion. \_\_\_\_\_

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Toowong Parish SET018

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. 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, 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, Peter Anthony, Darrin Edkins, Liam O'Brien, Marie O'Sullivan.



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Joan Nunan.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Wing Cheung Au, Sr Marion Liddy, John Fanning, Ferna Whyte, Paul Rush, Alfio 'Fred' Nicolosi, Derek Marchant, Petronela Bodner, Helen McMahon, Helen Laurelin, Judy Hanlon, Elise Neville, Annie Jones, Jack Barrett, Adam Wilson, Tony Feeney, John Peter Byrne, John Joseph Costello, Barbara Gallagher, Bernadette Burns, Monica Lawlor, Warcick McEvoy, Patrick Gaynor, Peter Lynch, Ray Lally, Angel Lin.

### BAPTISMS:

**15/1:** James Gattas, Harper Haigh.



### A Baptismal Prayer

Heavenly Father, In your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours.

Surround this child with your love, protect it from evil. Fill it with the holy spirit and receive it into the family of your church, that it may walk with us in the way of Christ, and grow in the knowledge of your love.



## Diary Dates January

- 8** The Epiphany of the Lord
- 9** Parish Vacation Care resumes
- 10** 7.15pm SVdP meeting—Horstmann Room
- 11** 11am Bell ringing—St Ignatius
- 15** Baptism of the Lord (2nd Sun. Ord.)  
8.30am Mass—Holy Spirit  
After-Mass Hospitality  
Baptisms: 10.30am—St Ignatius
- 22** 3rd Sunday Ordinary
- 24** St Ignatius School Term 1 starts  
7.15pm SVdP meeting—Horstmann Room
- 26** Australian Day Public Holiday  
(Parish Office closed)
- 29** 4th Sunday Ordinary

## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH COLLECTIONS:

\*25/12/2022: \$6,257.85, Other: nil; \*1/1/2023: \$3,375.15, Other: nil;  
\*Parish's Advent Appeal for Ukraine: \$1,210.00

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** Parish Office will be closed until **Wednesday 11 January** & then 'opening hours' (days / times) will vary from the 'usual' (due to school holidays) until **Tuesday 24 January** (when Term 1 commences). Therefore, if you need to visit the parish office please call first (3870 7818) to check if it is attended. Emails will be checked regularly during this time. Thank you for your understanding.

~ For any urgent matters or in an emergency please call Fr Wrex on his mobile.

Also, office will be **closed** for **Australia Day Public Holiday** on **Thursday 26 January**.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL, TOOWONG** meetings to be held on **Tuesdays 10 & 24 January** at 7.15pm in Horstmann Room. Please turn to back-page for our 'Thank you' message.

**AFTER—MASS HOSPITALITY** (8.30am Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit) will be held on **Sundays 15 & 29 January**. Parishioners and visitors are welcome to stay after Mass for a cuppa.

**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 **Wed. 11 January** or better still come and join in!

Also, our next meeting: **Monday 6 February** 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 and will resume for Term 1, on **Sunday 29 January**.

**PPC** will not meet in January; next meeting: **Thursday 9 February 2023** at 7.30am.

**CWL TOOWONG** will not be meeting in January; next meeting: **Monday 20 February**.

**PARISH NAME BADGES** (for those who recently ordered) will be available for collection from the church you usually attend. Please email parish office if you cannot locate yours. Thank you.

**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. Next gathering will be **Friday 3 February**. For further information please email: [notKummer2019@gmail.com](mailto:notKummer2019@gmail.com) (This is a joint outreach by parishes of St Ignatius & St Thomas Anglican Toowong).

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### 1st Week Ordinary (1)

##### 1st Reading

##### Gospel

Mon: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7. Matt. 3:13-17.  
Tues: Hebrews 2:5-12. Mark 1:21-28.  
Wed: Hebrews 2:14-18. Mark 1:29-39.  
Thu: Hebrews 3:7-14. Mark 1:40-45.  
Fri: Hebrews 4:15-11. Mark 2:1-12.  
Sat: Hebrews 4:12-16. Mark 2:13-17.

#### 2nd Week Ordinary (1)

##### 1st Reading

##### Gospel

Mon: Hebrews 5:1-10. Mark 2:18-22.  
Tues: Hebrews 6:10-20. Mark 2:23-28.  
Wed: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17. Mark 3:1-6.  
Thu: Hebrews 7:25-8:6. Mark 3:7-12.  
Fri: Hebrews 8:6-13. Mark 3:13-19.  
Sat: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14. Mark 3:20-21.

#### 3rd Week Ordinary (1)

##### 1st Reading

##### Gospel

Mon: Hebrews 9:15,24-28. Mark 3:22-30.  
Tues: Hebrews 10:1-10. Mark 3:31-35.  
Wed: Acts 22:3-16. Mark 16:15-18.  
Thu: Isaiah 32:15-18. Matt. 5:2-12.  
Fri: Hebrews 10:32-39. Mark 4:26-34.  
Sat: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19. Mark 4:35-41.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Limited copies of **CHRISTMAS** edition available at both churches for **\$4 each** (please place your payment in money-box provided). (please note, no January edition; next one due in February)

**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/UCIghy4aXqqJRrUilXpJoSA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIghy4aXqqJRrUilXpJoSA?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).



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## GIVING TREE



The St Ignatius Toowong Conference of St Vincent de Paul would like to offer sincere thanks to the parishioners who generously donated to the Giving Tree during the Christmas period. Once again, the parish has given it's support to the people in need living in the Toowong and Auchenflower areas.

We would also like to thank Anne Forbes for her donation of over \$2,000 following the sale of her handmade bags.

Anne had worked on the sewing of these bags for most of last year. These donations and others from *St Ignatius Primary School*, Christmas hampers from *Stuartholme School* and gifts for three families from Toowong *Centrelink* have allowed us to ease some of the financial pressures that comes with the celebration of Christmas. Families and single men & women benefitted from your gifts and they all passed on to us their thanks and joy which these gifts were able to bring. We were able to provide Coles cards to purchase Christmas food, Kmart cards for other items & other donated gift cards, allowing people the dignity of making their own purchases.

With grateful thanks

St Ignatius Toowong Conference of St Vincent de Paul

## 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.*



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

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## PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION



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**Emergency Contact** 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)

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