



*St Ignatius Church
Kensington Terrace, Toowong*



*Holy Spirit Church
Harriett Street, Auchenflower*



St Ignatius Parish

TOOWONG

5th Sunday Ordinary

5th February 2023

Year A

Word of God Sunday Reflection

(by Fr Tom Elich, Editor, "Liturgy News")

For many decades, the Catholic Church in Australia has taken part in National Bible Sunday organised on the third Sunday in July by Bible Society Australia. It is good that this is an ecumenical event since all Christian Churches hold the Scriptures in common. It is always listed among the special commemorations in the official Ordo, but I suspect in recent times it has been largely ignored in many Catholic parishes.

Towards the end of 2019, Pope Francis instituted a Sunday of the Word of God. This was put down for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. He chose this date because it is close to when the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated in the northern hemisphere. This timing is quite impractical for Australia. The dates get mixed up with the final weeks of the summer holidays, the return to school and the celebration of Australia Day. This is why, many years ago, we moved the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to the time between Ascension and Pentecost, which is generally in May. This raised the question of our date for the Sunday of the Word of God. It cannot easily be near to the Christian unity week because all the Sundays are taken up with Easter, Pentecost and the solemnities which follow. Should it coincide with National Bible Sunday in July? In any case, the Australian bishops have decided to keep it close to Pope Francis' day, so it will be the first Sunday in February. This means we can avail ourselves of any resources which the Holy See may produce.

The Importance of the Word of God

In fact, there were two documents about Scripture released by the Holy See on 30 September – one in 2019 and the other in 2020. They mark the 1600th anniversary of the death of St Jerome, the great Scripture scholar who prepared the definitive translation of the Bible into Latin. The first document institutes the Sunday of the Word of God, intended to help people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. The second gives an account of St Jerome, his scholarship, his faith and his "living and tender love" of the Word of God. Jerome is proposed as a model for inculturating the Gospel and discovering Christ for our time. Most are no doubt familiar with the saying of Vatican II: "the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord's body ... offering people the bread of life from the one table of the Word of God and the body of Christ (Dei Verbum 21)." In the same vein, the second document quotes St Jerome: "We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: 'whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood' (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [eucharistic] Mystery, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching."

Celebrate, Study, Disseminate the Word

This first Sunday in February is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. So let us take special care this Sunday, not just to venerate the Scriptures, but to make them an integral part of our life.

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2023— SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (FIRST RECONCILIATION)



Fr Wrex and St Ignatius Parish invites all parish children in Year 5, 6 and above, who have completed the Sacraments of Confirmation & First Eucharist, to enrol in the **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**.

Please note, this year enrolment will be online via parish website, go to <https://www.stignatiustooowong.org.au/our-sacraments/reconciliation/>

Also, you will be required to attach a copy of your child's Birth Certificate plus Certificates for each of their earlier Sacraments, namely Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

~ Enrolments close this **Wednesday 8th February 2023**.

Important Dates to note:

***PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS:** Tuesday 7th February at 3.30pm or Thursday 9th February at 6.15pm, both will be held in Parish Hall (below St Ignatius Church, Tooowong).

***RITE OF ENROLMENT:** (children to bring Blue forms to Mass) will be held at any parish Mass on **weekend 25/26 February**.

NB. Further details on dates for preparation programme will be provided by Fr Wrex at the aforementioned Parent Sessions.

If you have any queries please email tooowong@bne.catholic.net.au or phone: 3870 7818.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA).

St Ignatius Parish invites parishioners and searchers to our next session to be held on **Wednesday 8 February** for adults considering becoming Catholic, starting at 6.30pm in the Horstmann Room.



The RCIA is best described as a journey of faith which passes through a number of different phases and focuses on conversion of heart and mind to Christ. It is a gradual journey tailored to the needs of the individual! Candidates meet regularly with a group of people from the parish to learn about Catholic belief and practice. Various rituals are held in the church at important points along the journey.

People may or may not choose to embark on the RCIA journey after this period of enquiry.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Catholic Christian or would be willing to journey with an enquirer, the first step is to make contact with the Parish Priest via phone 3870 7818 or email tooowong@bne.catholic.net.au to register your interest in the session.

ROSTER VOLUNTEERS (ST IGNATIUS CHURCH).

***OVERHEAD PROJECTOR OPERATOR** (at 6pm Vigil Saturday & 5pm Sunday Masses). Please consider joining the roster (commitment approx. once a month). Training provided. Please contact roster co-ordinator, Julian for more info. or to advise you can assist, via email julian.au.yong@gmail.com

Please note: Archdiocese of Brisbane Parish Volunteer Requirements Matrix lists 'Data Projector Operator' as Minimal Level Risk (Participant) and as such has no specific requirements on the aforementioned Matrix, however all adult volunteers should register with our parish to volunteer.

***READERS & COMMUNION MINISTERS**, please consider, they are a vital part of our Liturgy! Training will be provided. Please contact parish office if your able to assist.

Please note: Archdiocese of Brisbane Parish Volunteer Requirements Matrix lists 'Reader/Lector' and 'Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (Mass)' as Low Level Risk (Active Involvement) therefore requires volunteers for these roles to: 1. Watch **Safeguarding Training** (Lvl 1 video) & 2. Sign the following documents: *Stat. Dec., *Prior Conduct Statement & *Safe Conduct Statement. nb. All adult volunteers should be registered with our parish to volunteer.

Please email parish office if you are interested in volunteering in the above roles. Thank you.

ST IGNATIUS PRIMARY SCHOOL INFO.



Open Day

Tuesday 7 March,
9—10.30am.

P: 3371 1094

E: ptoowong@bne.catholic.edu.au
W: www.stignatiustooowong.qld.edu.au

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: 5th Sunday Ordinary: Isaiah 58:7-10. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. Matthew 5:13-16.

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday Ordinary: Sirach 15:15-20. 1 Corinthians 2:6-10. Matthew 5:17-37.

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Spoken Response: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Sung Response: I Will Bless the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. 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, Nina Starkey, Sr Marie Patrice rsm, Judy Hijin, 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, Glenice Dickinson, Denise Dimauro.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Norma Dhu, Fr Peter Chappell, Robert Ferris.

ANNIVERSARIES: Harry Micallef, Carla Valloti, John Wadley, Peter Currie, Marguerite Sanchia Rotondo.

BAPTISMS: Thea Tynan,
Michael Harvey.



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

February

4-5 'Expect-a-Cuppa' after all Masses—
St Ignatius

5 5th Sunday Ordinary

Baptisms: 10.30am—St Ignatius

7.30pm St Ignatius Peace Through
Justice Group meeting
—Horstmann Room

6 3.30pm Sacrament of Penance:
Parent Meeting—Parish Hall

7 'Sacrament of Penance' enrolments
close today.

6.30pm RCIA meeting—Horstmann
Room

8 6.15pm Sacrament of Penance:
Parent Meeting—Parish Hall

7.30pm PPC meeting

11 11am Bell ringing—St Ignatius
(St Ig. Peace Through Justice Group)

12 6th Sunday Ordinary

14 Wedding: 4.15pm - Holy Spirit

7.15pm SVdP—Horstmann Room

6.30pm RCIA meeting—Horstmann
Room



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

5th Week Ordinary (1)

1st Reading

Gospel

Mon: Genesis 1:1-19. Mark 6:53-56.

Tues: Genesis 1:20—2:4. Mark 7:1-13.

Wed: Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17. Mark 7:14-23.

Thu: Genesis 2:18-25. Mark 7:24-30.

Fri: Genesis 3:1-8. Mark 7:31-37.

Sat: Genesis 3:9-24. Mark 8:1-10.

PLEASE NOTE:

PARISH OFFICE will be CLOSED on
Mondays until further notice.

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: \$3,299.60, Other: nil.
*(additional): 'Advent Appeal for Ukraine': \$500.00.



Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the
Sunday of the Word of God on the
1st Sunday in February—**Feb. 5** in 2023
(Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A).
Pope Francis established the day, which
is devoted to "the celebration, study and
dissemination" of the Word of God.

Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday to access resources to help commemorate
the day & for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various
ways and settings.

EXPECT-A-CUPPA (at St Ignatius Church) will be held next weekend, **4—5 February**, after all
Masses. Parishioners and visitors are welcome to stay after Mass for a cuppa.

ST. IGNATIUS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE GROUP will hold its first meeting of the year this
Monday 6 February at 7.30pm in the Horstmann Room. They will discuss plans for
2023. Everyone is welcome to come along and contribute.

Also, members will be ringing the church bell at 11am on 11th of each month to
signal the impending environmental crisis confronting all of God's creation. Listen
for St Ignatius Church bell ringing on **Sat. 11 February** or better still come and join in!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS. Please note the Parish Office may be unattended on **Wed. 8
February**. Emails will be checked during the day. Thank you for your understanding.
~ For any urgent matters or in an emergency please call Fr Wrex on his mobile.

PPC. First meeting of 2023 will be meeting to be held on **Thursday 9 February** at 7.30pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, TOOWONG meeting at 7.15pm on **Tuesday 14 February** in the
Horstmann Room.

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

CWL TOOWONG. First meeting of 2023 will be held following 9am Mass at Holy Spirit
Church on **Monday 20 February**. New members always welcome.

DATE CLAIMER: PARISH ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES (22 February). There'll be an 'extra'
Mass at 9am (Holy Spirit Church) and the 'usual' 5.30pm Mass at St Ignatius Church.

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE. Search *St-Ignatius-Parish-Toowong* and click *Like to follow*.

THE
CATHOLIC LEADER

Limited copies of **FEBRUARY edition**
will be available soon 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).

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.

Save the Date. IM23 Ignatian Arboretum.

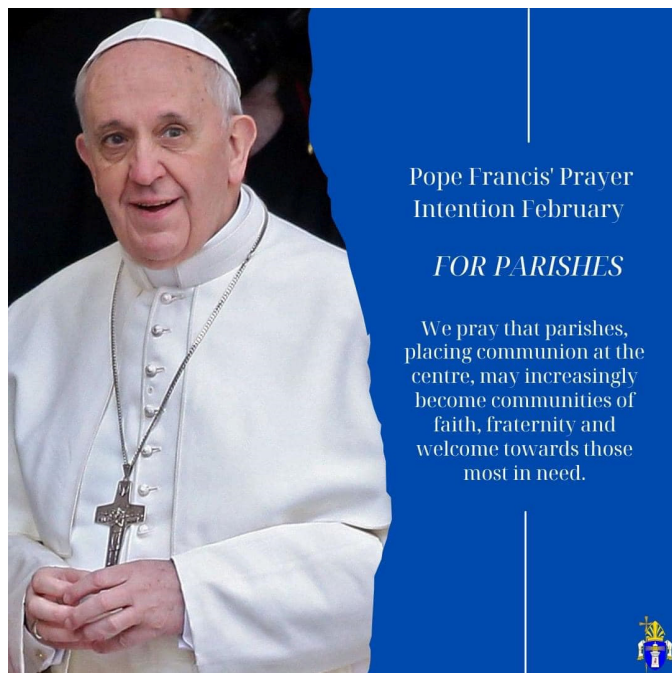
Enter the forest, feel the connections, become a tree.
Explore the roots, branches, fruit, and seeds of Ignatian Spirituality.
Experience the energy of this organic spirituality event.

Online May 2023:

Sunday 21, Monday 22, Tuesday 23 & Wednesday 24 May.
2 options each day: 10am - 12noon OR 6.30 - 8.30pm AEST.
More details to follow.

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Pope Francis' Prayer
Intention February

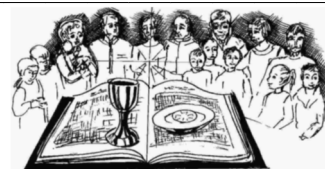
FOR PARISHES

We pray that parishes,
placing communion at the
centre, may increasingly
become communities of
faith, fraternity and
welcome towards those
most in need.

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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Disclosures can be made anonymously. Phone: 1300 304 550 | Email: A0B@stopline.com.au | Online: www.bncatholic.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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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)

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Janine Curcuruto -

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