



*St Ignatius Church
Kensington Terrace, Toowong*



*Holy Spirit Church
Harriett Street, Auchenflower*



St Ignatius Parish

TOOWONG

4th Sunday Lent
Year A



19th March 2023

The Birth of the Sun

Some time when the world was young, birds and animals had grown to an enormous size. They lived in darkness only lit by the dim light of the stars. They were quarrelsome. Baiame had begun his acts of creation, but he had not yet determined what shape his people would take. The world was not a comfortable place to live in.

One day, Eagle and Emu were having a fight over the carcass of some animal. Emu managed to snatch it away from Eagle; he rushed towards his nest, Eagle in hot pursuit. Emu fled into dense undergrowth and was lost to sight. Eagle stopped and walked towards Emu's nest. He looked in and saw two white eggs glimmering in the darkness. He picked one up and threw it into the air with all his might. It soared upwards higher and higher, then smashed against the woodpile of Baiame and Punjel. It broke into a thousand pieces and the timber was splashed with white and gold. The shattered egg burst into flames, the wood kindled and burned furiously. The gods drew near to warm their bodies.

Presently, they looked down. The stars had paled against the intense glow of the fire. The whole world was lit up. They drew their breath quickly at the sight. Never before had they seen such beauty - mountain tops were touched with pure gold, trees were like a feathery green garment on the hillsides, silver streams and waterfalls adorned the land. Even the arid plains were glowing with a thousand bright colours.

"This is your doing, Baiame", said Punjel. "Under cover of darkness you have been making the world beautiful so that we may enjoy it forever." But the fire began to die down. Baiame replied, "Now we have the gift of fire in the heavens, we will never let it go out. It will die down but, in the morning, I shall light it again. Men will call it the sun".

"If men are asleep", said Punjel, "they will not know when the fire is lit". "I shall hang a bright star in the east so they will know the light is coming again and they will open their eyes to the fire each morning", Baiame assured her.

"How can they know if their eyes are shut?" "There will be a noise to wake them when the star shines". "Who will make the noise?" Baiame went foraging in the bush and saw a Kookaburra perched in the branch of a tree, laughing to himself. "That is just the sound I want", Baiame said. "Kookaburra, before the sky fire is lit each morning, I will hang a star in the eastern sky. Will you watch for it, and laugh your happy laugh when you see it?" "Of course I will", replied the Kookaburra; "I am happiest when I am laughing".

"Good", said the Great Spirit, Baiame. "When I put the morning star in the east, everyone will be able to hear that noise in the furthest corner of the world"

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.*

PARISH INFORMATION

THE COLOUR CLUB.

Parish Lenten activities for young people of all ages (primary and secondary) will be offered during Children's Liturgy **each Sunday during Lent** at 8.30am Mass at Holy Spirit Church, Auchenflower.

We encourage young people to attend any or all of these sessions.



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

*Reminder to parent and child, Fr Wrex will be holding **Third Session** (both) will be held at St Ignatius Church, on **Sunday 19 March** at 3pm and **REPEATED** on **Tuesday 21 March** after 5.30pm Mass.



Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance will be held during week of **March 26—April 1** (for enrolled children).

~ Parishioners are asked to please pray for these children and their families during this time. ~

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA).

Our Parish's catechumens continue to meet regularly with Fr Wrex to prepare to receive Sacraments at Easter time.

~ Parishioners are asked to please pray for candidates during this time as they each prepare to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

PPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING MARCH MEETING.

Further to announcements made by Fr Wrex / PPC member at last weekend's Masses. Please note the following—

1. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has been considering the future of the parish and how we can sustain the vibrancy of the community across both churches. To help the PPC understand the expectations of parishioners and the people who connect with the parish, we are asking for your input to two questions:-

- what do I need from this parish community? and
- what am I prepared to do for the parish community?

Please provide your response either via email to parish office toowong@bne.catholic.net.au or by completing a form located at the back of both churches from this weekend.

Please provide your responses prior to our next PPC meeting, to be held on **Thursday 20 April**. Thank you.

2. **DATE CLAIMER:** Fr Frank Brennan sj has recently published a book titled "An Indigenous Voice to Parliament – Considering a constitutional bridge".

Fr Brennan will be at St Ignatius Church on **Thursday 27 April** in the evening, to speak on the topic.

This is a free event—no booking required. All are welcome.

*Book will be on sale at the discounted price of \$20 per copy. You can purchase a copy on the night (cash only) or prior to the event (payment via credit card, via link on parish website, for collection at the event or from parish office).

For purchase of 5 or more copies please contact the parish.

Please note, the books are yet to be delivered. Flyers will be available soon from the rotary stands at both churches.

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME.

Our Parish Lenten six-week programme commenced on **Ash Wednesday**. We will once again be using the Archdiocese's Lenten Programme. 2023 programme is entitled "From Ashes to Hope".

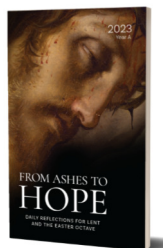
This booklet contains daily reflections for Lent, Holy Week and to the Second Sunday of Easter.

Dates for the Parish's two sessions are **Wednesday evenings during Lent** (22 February, 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 March), from 7—8pm in the Horstmann Room (Parish Office),

and

Friday mornings during Lent (24 February, 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 March), following 9am Mass at Holy Spirit Church.

A Lenten booklet will be available to participants free of charge (RRP \$5.00).



TWILIGHT TOUR
Tuesday 3 May
5pm-6:30pm

Visit stignatiustooowong.qld.edu.au to register for a Twilight Tour

A Brisbane Catholic Education School

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: 4th Sunday Lent: 1 Samuel 16:17, 10-13. Ephesians 5:8-14. John 9:1-41.

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday Lent: Ezekiel 37:12-14. Romans 8:8-11. John 11:1-45.

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Spoken Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Sung Response: Crimmond

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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, 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, Allison King, Gabrielle Emery-Reece, Michael Hynes, Wally Rovera.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ann Hetherton, Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Walpole, Graham Kelso, Bernie Pattison, John Russell, Michael Wallis, Jack & Dot Lyons, Margaret Flamsted.



Diary Dates March

19 4th Sunday Lent

The Colour Club (held during 8.30am Mass) - Holy Spirit Church
3pm Sacrament of Penance: 3rd Session (parent & child) —St Ignatius Church
5pm Parish & School Mass —St Ignatius Church

20 Saint Joseph

CWL meeting (following 9am Mass) - Holy Spirit

21 Funeral: 11.30am— St Ignatius

Sacrament of Penance: 3rd Session (parent & child) after 5.30pm Mass —St Ignatius Church

22 6.30pm RCIA meeting

7pm Lenten Session #5— Horstmann Room

24 9.45am Lenten Session #5— Holy Spirit

25 The Annunciation of the Lord

26 5th Sunday Lent

8.30am Colour Club (during Mass) & after-Mass Hospitality—Holy Spirit
10am Sacrament of Penance - Holy Spirit
4pm Sacrament of Penance - St Ignatius Church

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

4th Week Lent (1)

1st Reading Gospel

Mon: 2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16. Matt. 1:16, 18-21, 24.
Tues: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12. John 5:1-3, 5-16.
Wed: Isaiah 49:8-15. John 5:17-30.
Thu: Exodus 32:7-14. John 5:31-47.
Fri: Wisdom 2:1, 12-22. John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat: Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10. Luke 1:26-38.

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: \$3,367.40, Other: nil.

This Sunday we will be celebrating a School and Parish Mass at the 5pm Mass at St Ignatius Church, led by the students from Year 5 and 6.

CWL TOOWONG meeting will be held following 9am Mass at Holy Spirit Church on Monday 20 March. New members always welcome.

DELIVERY OF PARISH E-NEWS AND NEWSLETTER. We are changing the way we deliver the parish's newsletter & e-News content to your inbox. The parish newsletter and the content previously provided in the 'e-News' (including Fr Wrex's homily) will be loaded to and be available weekly on the parish website. An email, with links to the relevant sections of the website, will be sent each Friday to our parish database, from parish email address toowong@bne.catholic.net.au. If you do not currently receive the parish newsletter by email, and wish to do so, please contact the parish office via above email or phone 3870 7818.

Nb. Hard-copy newsletters will still be available from rotary stands at both churches.

PALMS NEEDED. We need palm fronds for our Palm Sunday Masses (1—2 April). If you can help by contributing any – no matter how few – we would love to hear from you. Please email or call parish office. Thank you. Your assistance is much appreciated.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING AUDIT. Our parish is currently preparing to complete another Safeguarding Audit. Recently emails were sent to those parish volunteers required to complete or renew any compliance requirements of their role/s ie Blue Card, Police Check, Safeguarding training etc, so we can have everything updated prior. Therefore if you require any assistance with printing documents, completing online *Safeguarding training, *Police Check or *Blue Card please do not hesitate to contact Monica Florence, Parish Secretary or Janine Curcuto, Parish Local Safeguarding Representative. Thank you. 'Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility'

CONCERT by St. Laurence's College Old Boys & Community Choirs including Old Boys Guitar & Strings. Performance was held at St Ignatius Church during the past week. A wonderful musical evening in front of a packed church. View livestream recording via SLC's YouTube — https://youtube.com/live/GTUL2oA_6Yc?feature=share. Also, a collection was taken on the evening to support the Jesuit school in Myanmar, raising over \$1,000.



Fourth Sunday of Lent 18 & 19 March 2023



Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Limited copies of **MARCH edition** 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 Newsletter and a new page 'Sunday Liturgy' contains that Sundays Readings and Fr Wrex's latest homily;

***VIEW** Parish's YouTube, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIghy4aXqqJRrUliXpJoSA?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).

ST IGNATIUS PRIMARY SCHOOL INFORMATION

St Ignatius School is taking enrolments for Prep 2024. Please visit www.stignatiustoowong.qld.edu.au to submit an enrolment application online. Interviews will take place soon so please ensure you have completed your application.

POSITION VACANT.

We are looking for School Crossing Supervisors to help get our kids safely to and from school. School Crossing Supervisors must be available for work in both morning and afternoon shifts on a rostered basis (in all weather conditions).



In return we offer the following:

- ✓ Casual pay-rate starting at \$33.27 per hour
- ✓ Relief opportunities on your days off
- ✓ Long service leave entitlements.

Commencement of employment for the successful applicant is dependent on: • The favourable outcome of a pre-employment health assessment • A Positive Notice Blue Card (you don't need to have a blue card to apply for the position).

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact the School Office to apply—3371 1094.

ARCHDIOCESAN INFORMATION

Information Day for Prospective Guides & Welcomers.

You are invited to attend an Information Day for prospective Guides and Welcomers at the Cathedral of St Stephen.

Thursday 20 April, from 9:30am to 2:00pm, in the Hanly Room Francis Rush Centre.

It's the 150th Anniversary year for the Cathedral of St Stephen.

Come along and learn about the art, history and significant religious features of the Cathedral and then host / guide visitors to the Cathedral.

Register your interest at Cathedral Office via phone 33243006 or email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

Catholic School Parents Queensland is hosting a free webinar on Vaping. Presenter Tony Parsons, National Drug Awareness, will address the issue of vaping amongst today's young people.

All Catholic School Parents/Carers and School staff please join us on **Thursday 23 March**, 7—8.15pm.

Register here: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/webinar>

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/>

Privacy Policy -
<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: A0B@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

Parish Office Hours: Monday* to Friday 10am—3pm (* closed on Mondays until further notice)

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Instagram: st.iggysouth

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)

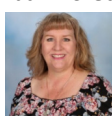
Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

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