



*St Ignatius Church
Kensington Terrace, Toowong*



*Holy Spirit Church
Harriett Street, Auchenflower*



St Ignatius Parish

TOOWONG

5th Sunday Lent
Year A



26th March 2023

The Mystery of Death

It was when young Cockatoo, so full of life, splendid in white feathers and proud yellow crest, fell from the nest and lay lifeless on the ground, that living things realized for the first time that there was a mystery they could not solve.

They circled the pathetic bunch of feathers, speaking to it, trying to bring back the spark of life. A few days later, when his body had begun to disintegrate and return to the earth from which it was made, a meeting was held. They turned first to Wungghee the Mopoke who sat so still and looked so wise; but Wungghee had no answer to the question, "What has happened to Ouyarh?" He turned his head slowly from side to side and looked at them with round, staring eyes, but had nothing to say.



Then Mullian the Eagle-hawk, spread and fanned his wings, and the waiting circle of creatures looked at him expectantly. "Wungghee has no words that will fit this new thing," Mullian said, "but I, who am at home in the sky, can tell you what happened to Ouyarh".

He picked up a stone in his beak and dropped it in the river. There was a tiny splash, a spreading of ripples, and the stone was gone. Mullian said no more but, by his action, they knew that he meant that Ouyarh had gone into another world, perhaps into another life and, that when his body wasted away, they would not see him again.

The ripples had hardly died away when Whan, the Crow, shook his head and squawked angrily. "Mullian knows only part of the mystery", he said. He picked up a piece of wood, flew over the river and dropped it into the water. "Watch", he said as the chip fell from his beak. They lined the river bank. The chip sank beneath the water, but soon it emerged a little lower down the stream, bobbing in the current.

"What does that mean?", asked a Bandicoot. "The chip is Ouyarh", Wahn explained. "Do you all understand that?" "Yes", they chorused. "Ouyarh is dead. He has left us and all we see now is his body. It is only skin and feathers, muscles and liver and entrails. The real Ouyarh stays alive. He leaves his body behind and goes into that other world that Mullian has told you about. But his spirit lives. It lives! Perhaps it stays in the other world sometimes, like Mullian's stone, but I say it is like my piece of wood, and that it floats back to life".

There was a tumult of noise and chatter as animals and insects discussed the matter. It was another cockatoo that called for silence. "These may be wise words", he said, when at last he could make himself heard. "But who can tell whether Mullian the Eagle-Hawk is right in saying that Ouyarh has gone to another world and, when his body is wasted away, we will not see him again, like a stone dropped in a pond, or whether Wahn the Crow has the words of wisdom in saying that Ouyar's spirit lives in another world and may appear from time to time in this world, like a stick dropped in a fast-flowing stream. Sticks and stones are all very well, but no one knows where the truth lies until it is proved by some living thing that Baiame has made". Silence fell at once, for it was obvious that what Cockatoo had said was right.

J. Dore

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 LENTEN

COMMUNAL RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 1 April, 5pm—St Ignatius Church
and

Tuesday 4 April, 7pm—Holy Spirit Church

ST IGNATIUS PARISH HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2023

Palm Sunday Vigil MASS: St Ignatius 6pm,
Palm Sunday MASSES: St Ignatius: 7am & 5pm;
Holy Spirit: 8.30am.

Holy Thursday: (no 9.15am Mass at St Ignatius Church)
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: St Ignatius 6pm,
followed by 'Altar of Repose' in Parish Hall.

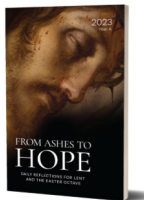
Good Friday: (no 9am Mass at Holy Spirit Church)
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Holy Spirit 10am

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION: St Ignatius 3pm

Easter Vigil MASS: St Ignatius 6pm,
Easter Sunday MASSES: St Ignatius: 7am & 5pm;
Holy Spirit: 8.30am.

NB: No 9am Mass at Holy Spirit Church
on **Easter Monday 10 April**.

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME.



Our Parish Lenten six-week programme commenced on **Ash Wednesday**. We have once again be using the Archdiocese's Lenten Programme. The 2023 programme is entitled "*From Ashes to Hope*" and contains daily reflections for Lent, Holy Week and to the Second Sunday of Easter.

Final sessions will be held on **Wednesday 29 March**, from 7—8pm in the Horstmann Room (Parish Office), and **Friday 31 March** following 9am Mass at Holy Spirit Church.

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

PARISH DATE CLAIMER: FR FRANK BRENNAN SJ

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 welcome.

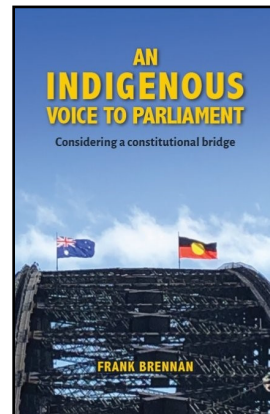
Books are available now, for purchase through St Ignatius Parish at the discounted price of \$20 per copy.

At the event, cash only.

Prior to 27th April, order and pay online via parish website, go to <https://rebrand.ly/q9jq49j>

For purchase of 5 or more copies please contact the parish office for alternate payment options.

Flyers available now from the rotary stands (at both churches) please take one to put on your fridge or share with a friend.



PPC ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has been considering the future of the parish & 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 now.

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

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.



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 Lent: Ezekiel 37:12-14. Romans 8:8-11. John 11:1-45.

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-7. Philippians 2:8-9. Matthew 26:14—27:66.

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Spoken Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Sung Response: With the Lord there is Mercy.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, 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, Adriana Meneses, Paul Massingham, Fr Michael Lowcock, Isabella Shand, David O'Connor, Peter Anthony, Liam O'Brien, Marie O'Sullivan, Glenice Dickinson, Denise Dimauro, Allison King, Gabrielle Emery-Reece, Michael Hynes, Wally Rovera.



RECENTLY DECEASED: Ann Hetherton, Michael Lynch—**Funeral Mass** at 9.15am Thursday 30 March at St Ignatius.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Higgins, Mary O'Hare, Francis Wright, Warren Gruver, Peggy Pugh, Jean Mooney, Eric Rodrigues, Margie Parer.

Diary Dates March

- 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
- 28** 4pm Sacrament of Penance - St Ignatius Church
7.15pm SVdP meeting —Horstmann Room
- 29** 6.15pm Sacrament of Penance - St Ignatius Church
6.30pm RCIA meeting
7pm Lenten Session #6 (final) — Horstmann Room
- 30** Funeral : 9.15am—St Ignatius
5pm Sacrament of Penance - St Ignatius Church
- 31** 9.45am Lenten Session #6 (final) — Holy Spirit
School Term 1 concludes

April

- 1** 5pm Parish Lenten Communal Rite of Reconciliation—St Ignatius
- 2** Palm Sunday
Baptism: 10.30am—St Ignatius

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

5th Week Lent (1)

	1st Reading	Gospel
Mon:	Daniel 13:41-62.	John 8:1-11.
Tues:	Numbers 21:4-9.	John 8:21-30.
Wed:	Daniel 3:14-20,24-25,28.	John 8:31-42.
Thu:	Genesis 17:3-9.	John 8:51-59.
Fri:	Jeremiah 20:10-13.	John 10:31-42.
Sat:	Ezekiel 37:21-28.	John 11:45-56.

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: \$3,615.45, Other: nil.



PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2023: SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (FIRST RECONCILIATION). Congratulations to the 36 children in our parish who have been preparing during March to receive the Sacrament of Penance in the coming week (on **Sunday 26 March** at Holy Spirit Church and on **Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th** and **Thursday 30th March** at St Ignatius Church).

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

Ziva ABIHAY;
Grace CONNOLLY;
Lucia FANTOZZI;
Ysabella GARCIA;
Victoria GOSLING;
Poppy KEANE;
Sebastian LIPPIATT;
Misha MARTINO;
Annabelle McIVER
Aela PADERES;
Foxy SCHMIDT;
Myles STAUNTON;

Joseph BRADY;
Emily COPLAND;
Abigail FISHER;
Eliott GOLDS;
Stella HARTZENBERG;
Hugo LARARD;
Cara LORIGAN;
Charlotte McINALLY;
Stephanie NEDDERMAN;
Eloise PELTO;
Elouise SHEEHAN;
Claudia SULLIVAN;

Leo CARROLL;
Vivienne DRAYTON;
Elizabeth FUENTES;
Alexandra GOSLING;
Emma JOHNSON;
Charlotte LIN;
Thomas MANNING;
George McINALLY;
Harriet O'LOAN;
Edward RICH;
Charlotte STANBURY;
Sebastian THOMSON

AFTER—MASS HOSPITALITY this Sunday (26 March) following 8.30am Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit Church. Parishioners and visitors are welcome to stay after Mass for a cuppa. Also, **EXPECT-A-CUPPA** at St Ignatius Church to be held next weekend, **1—2 April**, after all Masses.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS. Please note the Parish Office may be unattended on **Thursday 30 March**. 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.

PARISH ANOINTING MASS, which is usually celebrated on the **1st Friday of the month** at the 9am Mass at Holy Spirit Church, will not be held in April (Friday 7 April) as the date coincides with *Good Friday* and the 9am Mass will not be celebrated that day.

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.

2023 PRAYER CALENDAR FOR SEMINARIANS are now available from rotary stands at both churches. Please take one and pray for the men from Queensland in various stages of formation at Holy Spirit Seminary and pray for our church leaders—Pope Francis, Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Fr Neil Muir, Rector, Holy Spirit Seminary.

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 Sunday's Readings and Fr Wrex's latest homily;

***VIEW** Parish's YouTube, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLghy4aXqqJRrUliXpjoSA?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).



Fifth Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 March 2023



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.



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.



TWILIGHT TOUR

Tuesday 3 May
5pm-6:30pm



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

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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: AOB@stopline.com.au | Online: www.bneccatholic.stoplinereport.com

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

Parish WEBSITE www.stignatiustooowong.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.iggysyouth

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

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)

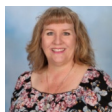
- PARISH SECRETARY
(including Newsletter)

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