



*St Ignatius Church  
Kensington Terrace, Toowong*



# St Ignatius Parish

## TOOWONG



*Holy Spirit Church  
Harriett Street, Auchenflower*

**The Ascension of the Lord  
Year A**



**21st May 2023**

## ***“Do Good; Seek Justice***

*(Isaiah 1/17)*

*The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed in Australia in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. The theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was chosen by the Minnesota Council of Churches and they chose the above quote from the Prophet Isaiah.*

Isaiah lived and prophesied in Judah during the 8<sup>th</sup> Century BCE and was a contemporary of Amos, Micah and Hosea. This was towards the end of a period of great economic success and political stability for both Israel and Judah, due to the weakness of the ‘superpowers’ of the time, Egypt and Assyria. However, it was also a time when injustice, inequity and inequalities were rampant in both kingdoms.

Isaiah spoke into this context, attempting to awaken the consciousness of the people of Judah to the reality of their situation. Instead of honouring the contemporary religiosity as a blessing, Isaiah saw it as a festering wound and a sacrilege before the Almighty. Injustice and inequality led to fragmentation and disunity. His prophecies denounce the political, social and religious structures and the hypocrisy of offering sacrifices while oppressing the poor. He speaks out vigorously against corrupt leaders and in favour of the disadvantaged, rooting righteousness and justice in God alone.

Our world today in many ways mirrors the challenges of division that Isaiah confronted in his preaching. Justice, righteousness and unity originate from God's profound love for each of us, and are at the heart of who God is and how God expects us to be with one another. Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr memorably said: *“It is one of the tragedies of our nation, one of the shameful tragedies, that 11 o'clock on Sunday morning is one of the most segregated hours, if not the most segregated hour in Christian America”*. This statement demonstrates the intersections between the disunity of Christians and the disunity of humanity. All division has its root in sin, that is, in attitudes and actions that run counter to the unity that God desires for all creation. Tragically, racism is part of the sin that has divided Christians from one another, has caused Christians to worship at separate times, and in separate buildings, and in certain cases has led Christian communities to divide.

Unfortunately, not much has changed since the time of Martin Luther King Jr's statement. The most common time for Sunday worship often does not manifest Christian unity but rather division along racial as well as denominational lines. As Isaiah proclaimed, this hypocrisy among people of faith is an offence before God: *“Even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood”* (Isaiah 1/15)

Isaiah counsels Judah to seek justice, is an acknowledgement of the existence of injustice and oppression in their society. Racial prejudice has been one of the causes of Christian division which has torn the Body of Christ. Toxic ideologies, such as White Supremacy and the doctrine of discovery, have caused much harm, particularly in North America and in lands throughout the world colonized by White European powers over the centuries.

The prophetic call echoes in our time, as we consider: Who are the most vulnerable people in our society? Whose voices are not being heard in our communities? Who is not represented at the table? Why? Which Churches and communities are missing from our dialogues, our common action and our prayer for Christian unity? As we pray together during this Week of Prayer, what are we willing to do about these absent voices?

Isaiah challenged God's people in his day to learn to do good TOGETHER, to seek justice TOGETHER, to rescue the oppressed TOGETHER, to defend the orphan and plead for the widow TOGETHER. The prophet's challenge applies equally to us today. How can we live our unity as Christians so as to confront the evils and injustices of our time? How can we engage in dialogue, increase awareness, understanding and insight about one another's lived experiences?

**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.*

## 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, Susi Hopkins, Leigh Victoria, Adriana Meneses, Paul Massingham, Fr Michael Lowcock, Isabella Shand, David O'Connor, Liam O'Brien, Marie O'Sullivan, Glenice Dickinson, Denise Dimauro, Allison King, Michael Hynes, Wally Rovera, John Pratt, Zeneida Feril.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Patricia 'Trish' Tripp (Harris), Licinia Prenner, Margaret O'Hare.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Pat McNamara, John Hunter, Joy O'Neill, Patricia Bornhurst, Dawn Brophy, Olive Parr.



## Diary Dates

### May

20 St Bernardine of Siena

21 The Ascension of the Lord

8.30am Children's Liturgy,  
after-Mass Hospitality and  
St Ig. PJT Group Stall — Holy Spirit

Baptism: 10.30am—St Ignatius

5pm St Ig. PJT Group Stall — St Ig.

23 7.15pm SVdP meeting—  
Horstmann Room

24 Our Lady, Help of Christians

28 Pentecost Sunday

Feast day of Holy Spirit Church

8.30am Children's Liturgy &  
after-Mass hospitality —Holy Spirit



Our Lady Help of Christians  
Feast Day 24 May - Patroness of Australia

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### 7th week Easter (1)

##### 1st Reading

##### Gospel

Mon.	Acts 19:1-8.	John 16:29-33.
Tues:	Acts 20:17-27.	John 17:1-11.
Wed:	Sirach 4:11-18.	John 19:25-27.
Thu:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11.	John 17:20-26.
Fri:	Acts 25:13-21.	John 21:15-19.
Sat:	Acts 28:16-20,30-31.	John 21:20-

#### 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.

**BAPTISMS:** Spencer Howse.

#### 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.



## PARISH INFORMATION

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** \$3,503.85, Other: nil.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** will be held on next two **Sundays 21 & 28 May**, during 8.30am Mass at Holy Spirit Church. Children of all ages are welcome to attend. It is an enjoyable way for our children to participate in the liturgy.

**AFTER—MASS HOSPITALITY** (8.30am Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit ) **this Sunday (21 May)**. Parishioners and visitors are welcome to stay after Mass for a cuppa.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL, TOOWONG** meeting at 7.15pm on **Tuesday 23 May** in the Horstmann Room.

**PPC ANNOUNCEMENTS** (following May's meeting held on Thursday 11 May):-

i). PPC has completed an analysis of the responses and drafted a report, which will be available shortly. There was a strong view that the parish, as it is, serves many people's needs while others appreciated that things will change once Fr Wrex retires. There were a range of proposal as to how the parish can function in the future while retaining a strong and vibrant community. People were also very generous and creative in their suggestions for what they could do in the parish.

ii). At this stage, the intention is to create teams of volunteers to assist with various ministries in the parish. The immediate priority is hospitality and sacristans for Masses at St Ignatius (weekends). We are currently seeking people to volunteer to be part of those rosters for both 6pm Vigil & 5pm Masses (St Ignatius). Please contact the parish office if you want to join a roster &/or the role's compliance requirements).

### SUNDAY 28 MAY - PENTECOST SUNDAY—FEAST DAY OF HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH. INVITATIONS TO PARISHIONERS.

The Auchenflower community has had the privilege of hearing the many languages used by those in our congregation who come from other countries.

This occurs during the first reading on Pentecost Sunday.

At the words "... they all began to speak in other tongues ..." the participants make the statement "Jesus has risen and the Holy Spirit has come among us!"

We have heard these words in French, Spanish, German, Hindi, Mandarin & Pidgin, and would be delighted to add to the list. It is a beautiful demonstration of the spread of the gospel.

Please join us during the 8.30am Mass at Auchenflower on **Sunday 28 May** if English is not your original language. May we know by **this Sunday (21 May)** — please speak to Fr Wrex or call Barbara Foster 3870 2741.

**CELEBRATION.** We will be celebrating at the 8.30am Mass next **Sunday 28 May**, followed by after—Mass celebrations. All are invited.

We would welcome contributions of sweet and savoury food for morning tea, as well as help on the day. Thank you.

THE  
**CATHOLIC LEADER**

Limited copies of **MAY edition**  
are available now 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/UCLghy4aXqqJRrUilXpjoSA?view\\_as=subscriber](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).



# COMMON PRAYER

for the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of  
**Laudato Si'**


**Loving God,**  
Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,  
You created us in your own image and made us  
stewards of all your creation.  
You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land  
so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,  
so that we may attend to your gift of creation.  
Help us to be conscious that our common home  
belongs not only to us, but to all of your creatures and to  
all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to  
preserve it.  
May we help each person secure the food and  
resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,  
especially the poorest and those most at risk of being  
left behind.  
Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope  
and fraternity so that we may experience a true  
conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the  
consequences of this global pandemic,  
Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are  
needed in search of the common good,  
Now more than ever may we feel that we are all  
interconnected and interdependent,  
Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth  
and the cry of the poor.  
May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more  
fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, we  
make this prayer through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

 **LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2023**

## PARISH INFORMATION

**ST IGNATIUS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE GROUP** are organising a cake and craft stall to be held this **Sunday 21 May**, following both **8.30 am** (Holy Spirit Church) & **5 pm** (St Ignatius Church) Masses. There will be delicious home baking including the much-loved shortbread and date rolls that have been so popular with parishioners in the past. Buy some craft items and be organised early for Christmas! Please come along to support this fundraising effort for the "Education for Peace Charity", Khartoum, Sudan. (Only cash donations accepted).

## NATIONAL 15-21 MAY 2023 VOLUNTEER THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering and will be held **15—21 May 2023**.

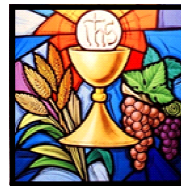


We offer our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all our parish's volunteers who serve our parish in many and varied ways.

Thank you for dedicating your time to help our parish and churches with your practical, personal kindness that gives hope to others. Now that many of our parish's activities have resumed following easing of the Covid-19 restrictions we look forward to continuing them throughout the year. *Thank you all and God Bless!*

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2023:

#### SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST.



Family preparation will continue over the coming weeks, by working on Preparation Booklets provided.

*Sacrament of First Eucharist* will be held at Parish Masses on the weekends of *Solemnity of the Holy Trinity* (3—4 June) and *Feast of Corpus Christi* (10—11 June).

Parishioners are asked to please pray for these children, and their families, at this time.

**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.

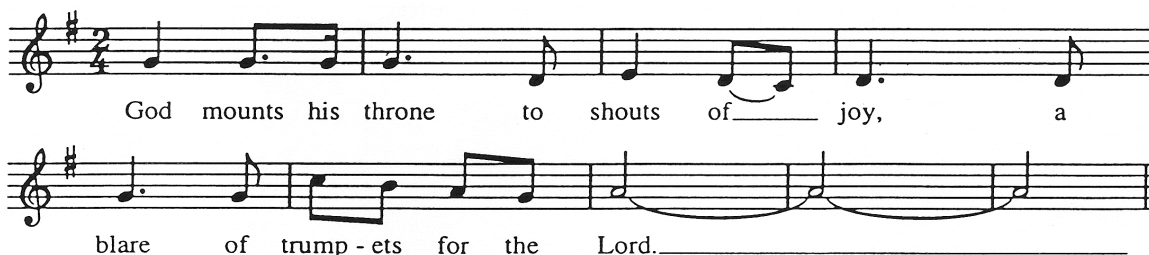
**Readings:** The Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1–11, Ephesians 1:17–23. Matthew 28:16–20.

**Next Sunday:** Pentecost: Acts 2:1–11. 1 Corinthians 12:3–7, 12–13. John 20:19–23.

**Entrance Antiphon:** You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God: praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

**Spoken Response:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**Sung Response:** All peoples Clap your hands.



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**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

## ARCHDIOCESAN INFORMATION

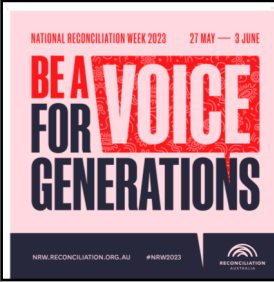
### Brisbane Archdiocesan Summit was held 18-20 May.

The principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2023. Summit 2023 was a three-day event for all who belong to the faith community of the Archdiocese. Catholics from across the Brisbane Archdiocese gathered this week, with the aim of being empowered, inspired and equipped to engage in the mission of the Church.

~ View **LAMPS ABLAZE**, document outlining the Archbishop's priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane, via <http://tinyurl.com/lampsablaze>

Cathedral of St Stephen invites to the launch of a year of celebration for the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral on **Pentecost Sunday (28 May)** at 10am Mass (refreshments follow in the precinct). Please RSVP by Monday 22 May to email: [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au)

### National Reconciliation Week 2023. Theme: Be a Voice for Generations.



NRW is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW are the same each year; **27 May to 3 June**. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

<https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/about-nrw/>

### Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

#### Priority Seven: Embedding Synodal Governance

We have begun the long and complex process of moving towards a synodal mode of governance in the Church, but the process is far from complete; and there is much to be done to embed synodal governance more securely at every level in the Archdiocese... Synodality implies inclusion, and therefore we will have to keep asking how we might at every level include women in the decision-making processes of the Archdiocese. So too synodality requires transparency and accountability, and we will have to keep asking what we need to do make the Archdiocese more transparent and accountable.

WITH LAMPS ABLAZE

Download the whole document at [tinyurl.com/lampsablaze](http://tinyurl.com/lampsablaze)

### 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.**

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<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>

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

**Parish WEBSITE** [www.stignatiustoowong.org.au](http://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au) **Current Newsletter now on our website!**

## PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION



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**Facebook:** St-Ignatius-Parish-Toowong

**Instagram:** st.iggysouth

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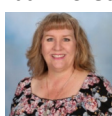
Monica Florence (Tues-Fri)

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(including Newsletter)

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