



St Ignatius Church  
Kensington Terrace, Toowong



# St Ignatius Parish

## TOOWONG



Holy Spirit Church  
Harriett Street, Auchenflower

**15th Sunday Ordinary**

**16th July 2023**

**Year A**

## **PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM**

Over the month of July, the Sunday Gospels focus on Matthew's parables of the Kingdom, which are found in Chapter 13 of his Gospel. Matthew has a tendency to group the sayings of Jesus together according to theme, layering them between sections of narrative, like a sandwich! The most famous of these groupings is the so-called Sermon on the mount which runs through 3 chapters near the beginning of the Gospel (cc 5-7). In chapter 13, we are introduced to the parable of the Sower (vv. 4-23), the parable of the Weeds (vv. 24-30, 36-43), the Mustard Seed (vv. 31f), the Yeast (vv. 33), and the parables of the Treasure Hidden in the Field (vv. 44), the Pearl of Great Price (vv. 45f), and of the Fishing Net (vv. 47-50). While these are all parables of the Kingdom, it by no means exhausts Matthew's use of the phrase, but does account for 12 of the 55 uses of the term "kingdom" in Matthew's Gospel.

Of course, the term "Kingdom" itself was a controversial one, even (or maybe 'especially') at the time of Jesus. So, even in the Gospels that use the term somewhat prolifically, we see Jesus try to distance himself from any political (subversive?) understanding of the word. So, when his disciples (and Peter in particular) give him the title 'Christ' or 'Messiah', his tendency is to balance the glory connotations with a corrective emphasis on the need for him to suffer. Whether this is an accurate reflection of Jesus' own attitude or is a result of the Gospel writers trying to defuse the explosive implications of the use of the term in their own time is debatable, but we do know that one of the four major charges brought against early Christians as late as the second century was the charge of Treason, because they proclaimed a kingdom different from the Roman Empire. And, of course, we have the famous attempt by Nero to put the blame on the Christian community for the fire that all but destroyed Rome, on the grounds that they were trying to advance the coming of the kingdom by orchestrating the sort of disasters that they predicted would accompany the end of time (Mark c.13).

This may go a long way to explaining why, even though the earlier Gospels are far from reticent in using the term, with Luke using it 44 times compared with Matthew's 55, and Mark, the earliest, a more modest 20 times, while the last of the Gospels, that of John, uses the term only 5 times and three of those are in conversation with Pilate in which he tries to convince the Roman that the Kingdom has nothing to do with this world (John 18/33-40).

So what is the Kingdom? And how do you tell when it will come? There seems to be little doubt that for the early Christian community, it meant the end of the world as we know it, and that it would happen in their own life time. In that famous chapter in Mark's Gospel where he talks of all the upheaval that will accompany the end times, Jesus warns them that **"this generation will not pass away until all this had happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away"** (Mark c.13/30f). Earlier in the Gospel, after talking about his coming in the glory of the Father accompanied by the angels, Mark has Jesus say, **"Truly, I tell you, there are some standing here who will not die before seeing the Kingdom of God coming with power"** (Mark 9/1).

*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

### INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL FORMER STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND STAFF OF ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL TOOWONG.

Calling on all past students of St Ignatius Catholic Primary School Toowong.

This year St Ignatius School and Parish celebrate 120 years of Catholic education in Toowong.

On **Sunday 30 July** celebrations commence at 3.00 pm in the School's undercover area.

Mass at 5.00 pm in St Ignatius Church.

Followed by BBQ and play on the 'Susan Palmer Field'.

Please share with anyone who may be interested.

We hope to bring together many generations and past students and families of St Ignatius.

Please RSVP to St Ignatius School via email: [ptoowong@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ptoowong@bne.catholic.edu.au) or phone: 3371 1094.

### WOMEN'S NIGHT OF SPIRITUALITY

on **Tuesday 25 July** at 7pm in St Ignatius Church. The event will take the format of a panel to discuss "Nurturing the nurturer" – how does a person in a nurturing role, sustain their own spirit?

Please mark the date in your calendar.

Further details on event flyer below or on parish website & flyers available from rotary stands at both churches.

**Nb.** Event will be livestreamed on the night (YouTube channel link is available via parish website — <https://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au/2023-womens-night-of-spirituality/>)

This event is co-presented by The Grail in Australia, who will be selling copies of "In her Voice", a unique Australian book that showcases the often unheard voices of Christian women.

It is powerful and ground-breaking. A limited number of copies will be available for purchase at the event at \$25 each.

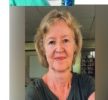
### Women's Night of Spirituality presents

## Caring for the Carers

Through history women have been the nurturers. Today, we dominate both paid and unpaid health and social care. But who cares for the carers? This year Kate O'Brien speaks to five women who have invested their lives in nurturing others. Where do they find the strength?



Queensland Local Hero **YASMIN KHAN** is founder of Eidfest and Director of the Bangle Foundation, a domestic abuse support service for South Asian Women.



Faber Centre Director **MARY ROBSON** worked in finance before the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises set her on a new path.



Highly qualified Plenary Council Member **TONI JANKE** is a Wuthathi, Meriam and Yadhghana woman and a singer-songwriter.



Inspirational Toowong Parish elder and centenarian **SHEILA CORCORAN** shares her deep faith and joyous life-giving spirituality.



Associate Professor **CAROL DOUGLAS** first worked in palliative care in Kota Kinabalu. Today she guides the training of Qld's palliative medicine specialists

**7pm Tuesday 25 July - St Ignatius Church, Kensington Tce, Toowong**

Entry by donation  
includes supper

For more:  
[www.stignatiustoowong.org.au](http://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au)

Co-presented by St Ignatius Parish and The Grail



**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF**  
*Catholic education in the Toowong Parish*

**CELEBRATIONS**  
**JULY 30TH** | COMMENCING AT 3PM IN THE SCHOOL UNDERCOVER AREA

PERFORMANCES BY SCHOOL CHOIR AND BAND  
TOURS OF THE SCHOOL LEAD BY CURRENT SENIOR STUDENTS

MASS AT 5PM

FOLLOWED BY BBQ AND PLAY ON THE SUSAN PALMER FIELD  
RSVP: [ptoowong@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ptoowong@bne.catholic.edu.au)  
OR  
PH: 3371 1094

**St Ignatius School Toowong**  
*Lift up your hearts*

**CELEBRATING 120 YEARS 1903 - 2023**

**St Ignatius Parish TOOWONG**

**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:** 15th Sunday Ordinary: Isaiah 55:10-11. Romans 8:18-23. Matthew 13:1-23.

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday Ordinary: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19. Romans 8:26-27. Matthew 13:24-43.

**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**Spoken Response:** The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

**Sung Response:** Come to the water (Frank Anderson)

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. 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, Melissa Acosta, Doreen Waller, Lyndal & Grant Mitchell, Matthew McKay, Fran Lewis, Nina Starkey, Sr Marie Patrice rsm, Judy Hijin, 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, Zeneida Feril, Eugene Carniel, Allan Doxey, Ron McKeirnan, Patrice McKay, Margaret Twomey.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Melinda McEvoy, Peter Rabaa, Earle Denning, Edna Yango, Johanna Soeharni.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ross Bligh, John Nedderman, Trev Fanton, Fr Greg Jordan sj, Anne Sterling, Frank Keppel, Ben Wallis.

**BAPTISM:** Enoria Ferro.



### 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

### July

- 16** 15th Sunday Ordinary  
8.30am Children's Liturgy during Mass—Holy Spirit  
Baptism: 10.30am—St Ignatius
- 17** CWL meeting following 9am Mass—Holy Spirit
- 18** 6.15pm Sac. of Confirmation—Parent Info. Session—Hall
- 19** Enrolments close today for 2023 Sacrament of Confirmation.
- 20** 6.15pm Sac. of Confirmation—Parent Info. Session—Hall
- 22** Wedding: 12.30pm—St Ignatius
- 22-23** Sacrament of Confirmation—Rite of Enrolment—all Parish Masses
- 23** 16th Sunday Ordinary  
Baptism: 10.30am—St Ignatius
- 25** 7pm Women's Night of Spirituality—St Ignatius Church
- 28** 9am St Ignatius School Feast Day Mass—St Ignatius

## PARISH INFORMATION

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** \$3,307.80, Other: Bequest: \$67,964.99.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is held during school terms only, fortnightly during 8.30am Mass at Holy Spirit Church, Auchenflower and will recommencing this **Sunday 16 July**. Children of all ages are welcome to attend this enjoyable way for them to participate in the liturgy.

**CWL TOOWONG BRANCH** will meet on **Monday 17 July** after 9am Mass at Holy Spirit. New members welcome. Enquiries: Del Doherty 3371 7746.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 FUNDRAISING** for our parish's very own young parishioners, who will be attending this year's WYD event in Lisbon, Portugal. A collection was held in our parish last weekend (8—9 July); if you would like to contribute but haven't yet returned their marked envelope, please do so this weekend, by placing it into collection basket at Mass. Thank you.



**BE AWARE—SCAM EMAILS.** Priests within our Archdiocese are the flavour of the month lately for spammers. Northside and southside clergy have all been picked upon. The messages are generated as an SMS or sent from a 'gobbledygook' email address (e.g. churchcare0147@gmail.com), but always spouting a similar urgent message! It is recommended if you or anyone you know receives 'scam' sms, do not engage with the sender & instead forward the message to 0429 999 888 (this is the Australian Government's spam reporting line) or simply hitting the delete button!

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

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING FRAME THE PARISH'S FUTURE ?

The Pastoral Councils of Indooroopilly, St Lucia and Toowong met on Thursday night in our Hall with the Archbishop, Bishop Tim Norton, Fr Greg Jacobs S.J., Fr Frank Brennan S.J and various key figures of the Archdiocese to discuss steps towards the smooth changeover of leadership in the three Parishes over the next twelve months. It was decided to create a Task Force comprising 2 members from each of the communities and a representative from in town to initiate the transition, focusing on Leadership options, Sacramental provision, Pastoral ministry and Administration. If you feel you could contribute to this process, would you please contact Fr Wrex or the Parish Office, so that we can make the choice that would be most beneficial and creative for this process. There is so much talent in this Parish and we feel that you may be someone who could make a significant contribution in this area. Of course, one of the tasks will be to tap into the wisdom of the whole community to make the best decisions for the future.

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### 15th week Ordinary (1)

#### 1st Reading Gospel

Mon. Exodus 1:8-14. Matthew 10:34-11:1.  
Tues: Exodus 2:1-15. Matthew 11:20-24.  
Wed: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12. Matthew 11:25-27  
Thurs: Exodus 10:4:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27.  
Matthew 11:28-30.  
Fri: Exodus 11:10- 12:14. Matthew 12:1-8.  
Sat: Song of Songs 3:1-4. John 20:1-2, 11-18.

#### 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.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Limited copies of **JULY 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).



## St Ignatius Parish Sacramental Preparation Programme - Sacrament of Confirmation



Fr Wrex and St Ignatius Parish invites all children in Year 3 and above, who have been Baptised, who wish to complete their initiation into the Catholic Faith Community to enrol in the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**.

**REMINDER: ENROLMENTS CLOSE THIS Wednesday 19 July 2023.**

This year enrolment is online, via parish website, go to <https://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au/our-sacraments/confirmation/>

### Important dates for your family calendar:-

**\*PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS** will be conducted by Fr Wrex on **Tuesday 18 July** (and REPEATED Thursday 20 July), at 6.15pm in Parish Hall (below St Ignatius Church, Kensington Terrace, Toowong).

More details on the children's preparation will be provided by Fr Wrex at the above session (therefore it is essential at least one parent of each child enrolling attends to receive important information).

**\*RITE OF ENROLMENT** will be held on the **weekend 22/23 July**, at any Parish Mass.

**\*SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** to be held in our parish on **Tuesday 5 September** at St Ignatius Church. Ceremony time: tba (there will be two ceremonies if more than 40 enrolled).

~ All enquires to Parish Office via email: [toowong@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:toowong@bne.catholic.net.au)

Please note, currently children receive their Sacraments over three-years—Sacraments of Confirmation (Year 3 & above), First Eucharist (Year 4 & above) and Penance (Year 5 & above).

Due to changes next year and beyond of parish's Parish Priest we ask parents to please keep an eye on the Parish's website and newsletters for when an invitation to enrol those children who received Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023, to enrol for SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST in 2024 and SACRAMENT OF PENANCE in 2025.

### 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](mailto:A0B@stopline.com.au) | Online: [www.bneatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://www.bneatholic.stoplinereport.com)

**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



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

**Phone:** 07 3870 7818. **Email:** [toowong@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:toowong@bne.catholic.net.au) **Postal Address:** 30 Kensington Terrace, Toowong Qld 4066.

**Website:** [www.stignatiustoowong.org.au](http://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au) **Facebook:** St-Ignatius-Parish-Toowong **Instagram:** st.iggysouth

We are part of the **Brisbane West Deanery** ~ website: [www.brisbanewestdeanery.com.au](http://www.brisbanewestdeanery.com.au) email: [bwdeanery@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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

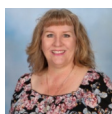
Mobile: 0402 049 017

#### Parish Office Staff

Monica Florence (Tues-Fri)  
- PARISH SECRETARY  
(including Newsletter)

#### Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

Janine Curcuruto -  
LOCAL  
SAFEGUARDING  
REPRESENTATIVE



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or [jscur@icloud.com](mailto:jscur@icloud.com)

#### Liturgical Ministry:-

##### Holy Spirit Church

**\*Ministry Roster:**  
Pat Lye 0434 894 922  
**\*Children's Liturgy Roster:**  
Danielle Younger

##### St Ignatius Church

**\*Ministry Roster:** Liz Alvey  
& James Donaldson  
E: [alveydonaldson@gmail.com](mailto:alveydonaldson@gmail.com)  
**\*Altar Server Convenor:**  
Tony Nguyen 0411 484 137

#### Parish Pastoral Council

Louise Wellington—Chair  
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#### Finance & Development

David Slater—Chair

#### Musical Director

Anthony Young

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**\* OSHC—**3870 3270

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