



*St Ignatius Church
Kensington Terrace, Toowong*



St Ignatius Parish

TOOWONG



*Holy Spirit Church
Harriett Street, Auchenflower*

19th Sunday Ordinary

13th August 2023

Year A

Faith, Doubt and Imagination

J.R. Tolkien, the author of "Lord of the Rings", was very influential in C.S. Lewis' conversion to Christianity. As a man of considerable imagination, he was not one to easily denigrate this faculty. One night, after hours of listening to Lewis object to certain aspects of the faith, Tolkien suggested to him that his problem was not so much one of faith, as it was one of imagination: *"Your inability to understand stems from a failure of imagination on your part"*. There's something important in that statement. It tells us that the seat of our faith does not lie within our imaginations and that we cannot sustain our faith by our imaginations. To forget this is to leave ourselves open to a dangerous confusion.

For example, once at a Retreat, a woman approached me for advice. Her quandary was this: She felt full of faith and doubt at the one time. She began by telling me that she was, in her own mind, a very orthodox Roman Catholic, even somewhat pious. Yet, try as she might, she could not believe that Jesus physically rose from the dead, nor that we will one day rise from the dead. *"I believe Jesus lived on after his death in some way, but his body remained in the grave. I can't picture it coming back to life. I have the same problem imagining our own resurrection from the dead. I believe in immortality, but not in resurrection. If I can't believe that (and I can't, and I know I never will!) does that make me an atheist? Am I losing my faith?"*

At first glance, it might appear that she is losing her faith, at least in that she is seemingly unable to believe in some non-negotiable parts of the Creed. That judgement, though, can be simplistic. My advice to her was somewhat in line with Tolkien's comment to C.S. Lewis. Her struggles were more with her imagination and its inability to give her a mental picture of resurrection, than it was with believing in the resurrection itself. What's the difference?

Imagine yourself lying in bed one night. You've just had a wonderful day and are flooded with feelings and images about God. On this particular night, you have strong, clear feelings that God exists: you have no faith doubts and you feel you can almost touch the reality of the divine. But, imagine another night – a darker one. You wake up from a fitful sleep and are suddenly overwhelmed by the sense that you no longer believe in God. You try to convince yourself that you still believe, but you cannot. Every attempt to imagine God exists and to feel His presence comes up empty. You feel empty and you feel the emptiness of the world itself. Try as you may, you cannot shake the feeling that you no longer believe in God.

Does that mean that, on one of these nights, you have a strong faith and, on the other, you have a weak one. Not at all! It can just as easily mean that, on one night, you have a strong imagination and, on the other, you have a weak imagination. One night, you can imagine the presence of God and, on the other night, you cannot. But imagination isn't faith.

Daniel Berrigan, the radical Jesuit priest from the sixties, with his usual colour put this rather crassly, but accurately. He'd been asked: *"Where does your faith live? ... In your head or in your heart?"*. His answer: *"Your faith"*, he assures us, *"is rarely where your head is at, and even less where your heart is at. Your faith"*, he brilliantly states, *"is where your ass is at! Within what commitments are you sitting? What holds you, morally and otherwise?"*

Our actions, our charity, our morality, our commitments, determine whether we believe or not! Our posterior is a better indicator of where we stand with faith than are the head and the heart. We understand this because we all have experiences wherein we find ourselves in various commitments (marriage, family, church) even though, at times, our heads and our hearts are not there. Still, we ARE there! Why? The head tells us this does not make sense; the heart no longer has the type of feelings that would keep us there, but we remain, held by something deeper, beyond what we can explain or feel. This is where faith lives; this indeed is what faith means! *J. Dora*
A weak imagination isn't the same thing as a weak faith!

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 to Parishioners to Attend Parish Gathering.

As we know, Fr Wrex Woolnough will conclude his time at St Ignatius Parish at the end of this year.

Fr Greg Jacobs SJ will be the new Administrator of the Parish, assisted by Fr Paul Fyfe SJ and Fr Frank Brennan SJ. As part of the preparation for this transition, you are invited to a parish gathering with two representatives from the *College of Consultors* who will take time to listen to parishioners' thoughts on the mission, vision, and unique charism of St Ignatius Parish.

The gathering will take place on **Tuesday 22 August 2023 at 6:30pm** at St Ignatius parish hall. All are welcome.

We hope you can attend.

Yours sincerely in Christ, Fr Dan Ryan, Vicar for Clergy

2023 Annual Catholic Campaign
to be held **next weekend: 19 - 20 August.**

Be the face of Christ for others.

We are called to be the face, hands, and heart of Christ in our communities.

Every day, God showers us with blessings so we will have gifts to share.

Your support serves those in our community who need our care today.

Appeal envelopes available now in rotary stands (both churches) or Use our Parish's unique link: <https://bit.ly/3vp5ZEA> or QR code (to right).



Your gift today is a blessing to your local community

The face of the Church can seem ordinary enough, as can the face of each of us. But if we open the door of faith and allow God's mercy to flow through us into the lives of those in need, people will see in the Church and in each of us the face of Christ himself. May God, who is the giver of all gifts, bless you in every way.



**2023 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**
Our Church - Our Mission - Our Community

National Vocations AWARENESS WEEK



“ Each one of us is called – whether to the lay life in marriage, to the priestly life in the ordained ministry, or to a life of special consecration; in order to become a witness of the Lord, **here and now.** ”
POPE FRANCIS

Learn more about your vocation at
www.vocationbrisbane.com



National Vocations Awareness Week,

August 6 – 13, 2023

National Vocation Awareness Week is a crucial opportunity to promote the importance of vocations and discernment among our parishioners, allowing people to explore their calling, and encouraging their next step in following the call of God on their life.

How will you respond to God's call this week?

How will you encourage others in their call?

You can watch the Archbishop's video 'Why be a Priest?' via link to YouTube: <https://youtu.be/FsbaZ9jkuUU>

'SHARE THE DIGNITY' AUGUST DIGNITY DRIVE'

Our parish will once again have marked boxes at both churches and parish office, to receive your donations to this worthy cause (**during August**). The purpose is to collect donations of sanitary items for women in the Australian community who are unable to meet the financial burden of their period.

For more information or to donate online go to their website
www.sharethedignity.com.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: 19th Sunday Ordinary: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13. Romans 9:1-5. Matthew 14: 22-33.

Next Sunday: 20th Sunday Ordinary: Isaiah 56:1,6-7. Romans 11:13-15, 29-32. Matthew 15:21-28.

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Spoken Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Sung Response: I will Hear what the Lord God has to say.



Lord, let us see your kind-ness, and grant us your sal-va-tion.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

Your Prayers Are Requested For **All Parishioners & friends who are sick & in need**

SICK: Maria Duque, Susi Rieder, Pat Clohessy, Ricardo Pacheco, Louis Nunan, Elvira Pertudo, Mia O'Donnell, Elizabeth Teresa, Tandina Gabriel, Cathy Mamata, Melissa Acosta, Doreen Waller, Matthew McKay, Fran Lewis, Lyndal & Grant Mitchell, Nina Starkey, Sr Marie Patrice rsm, Judy Hijin, John O'Rourke, 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 Dimauero, Allison King, Michael Hynes, Zeneida Feril, Eugene Carniel, Allan Doxey, Ron McKeirnan, Patrice McKay, Margaret Twomey, Nat Lentz.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Maguire, Marianne Andrews, Peggy Power, Betty Andrews, Patrick Dohm.

ANNIVERSARIES: Raymond Jones, Mary Haworth, Kevin Dalgleish, Tella Serravalle, Margaret Anderson, Frank Bennett, Gladys Macpherson.



Diary Dates

August

- 12** Memorial Service: 2pm
—St Ignatius (followed by cuppa).
- 13** 19th Sunday Ordinary
Children's Liturgy during 8.30am
Mass—Holy Spirit
- 14** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe
Feast of the Assumption
- 15** 5.30pm Mass—St Ignatius
Ekka Show Public Holiday
- 16** (Parish Office closed)
- 19-20** Annual Catholic Campaign
this weekend (all Masses)
- 20** 20th Sunday Ordinary
After-Mass hospitality—Holy Spirit
Baptisms: 10.30am—St Ignatius
- 21** St Pius X
CWL meeting following 9am
Mass—Holy Spirit
- 22** Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6.30pm Parish Gathering—Hall
- 27** 27th Sunday Ordinary
2.30pm Choral Connection
concert — St Ignatius
- 29** 7.15pm SVDP meeting—
Horstmann Room

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH COLLECTIONS: \$3,368.40, Other: nil.

Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

~ TUESDAY 15 AUGUST

Mass at 5.30pm at St Ignatius Church.



(If the time of this Parish Mass is not suitable to you please refer to the Archdiocese's website
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/parishes-mass-times/find-mass-or-service/>)

'CHILDREN'S LITURGY' is held during Holy Spirit's 8.30am Sunday Mass, fortnightly during school terms only. It is an enjoyable way for our children to participate in the liturgy. Children of all ages are welcome to attend **this Sunday** (13 August).

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED on Wednesday 16 August due to the Ekka Public Holiday.

ST IGNATIUS PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME: SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Those children enrolled, with their parents, have commenced their preparations to receive the *Sacrament of Confirmation* on **Tuesday 5 September**, to be celebrated by Very Reverend Peter Dillon in ceremonies at 5.30pm & 7.30pm at St Ignatius Church. Parishioners are asked to pray for the 63 children, and their families, during this time.

WOMENS' NIGHT OF SPIRITUALITY 2023 was held on Tuesday 25 July in St Ignatius Church. If you were unable to attend on the night, it was recorded and is available to view via Parish's YouTube, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIEvLNa2MeY>. Also, copies of Sheila Corcoran's 'Vignettes on the theme: Nurturing the Nurturer' are available from rotary stands at both churches or via parish website.

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

CONCERT: 20 YEARS OF CHORAL CONNECTION. Choral Connection with Will Brown and special guest conductors. Our 20th Anniversary concert is fast approaching! Come & help us celebrate, on **Sunday 27 August** at St Ignatius Church. Please note, new start time of 2.30pm. Tickets for sale via <https://www.trybooking.com/CKBCC> (Adults:\$30, Concession: \$25 and Children under 12: free). Flyer available from the rotary stands.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

19th week Ordinary (1)

1st Reading Gospel

Mon: Deuteronomy 10:12-22. Matt. 17:22-27
Tues: Revel'n 11:19,12:1-6,10. Luke 1:39-56
Wed: Deuteronomy 34:1-12. Matt. 18:15-20
Thurs: Joshua 3:7-11,13-17. Matt. 18:21-19:1
Fri: Joshua 24:1-13. Matthew 19:3-12
Sat: Joshua 24:14-19. Matthew 19:13-15



CONGRATULATIONS!

Toowong parishioner Cormac Stagg, has published his book, titled, 'The Quest for a Humble Heart'; It is available now via Amazon, if you are interested in purchasing a copy — this is the link— <https://www.amazon.com.au/Quest-Humble-Heart-Inner-Freedom/dp/0645706604/>

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.

VALE BETTY ANDREWS (13/4/1932—30/7/2023)

Betty's family invite all who knew her to a **Memorial Service** to be held **this Saturday** (12 August) at 2.00pm at St Ignatius Church; a cuppa will be served on the church verandah following the service.



THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Limited copies of **AUGUST edition** are available now at both churches for **\$4 each** (please place your payment in money-box provided).

PARISH WEBSITE, <https://www.stignatiustoowong.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/UCIghy4aXqqJRrUilXpJoSA?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).

SAFEGUARDING NEWS: Archdiocese of Brisbane has released a revised Volunteers Matrix.

"STANDARD & MATRIX - VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS".

It now comprises of only 28 volunteer roles and no longer includes some "low risk" volunteer roles. However, members of religious institutes are now to be included (on Matrix) and deemed "volunteer status" if attached or involved with a parish and need to comply with accreditation.

The number of roles required to have a 'Police Check' have been reduced.

Prior Conduct Declaration (form) now includes a "restricted person" criterion - this allows parishes to assess suitability for specific volunteer roles - depending on direct involvement with children and adults at risk.

Video Operators. Matrix now includes role "Photographers/Video Operators (including live-streaming)" which requires those volunteers to be registered and compliant with Matrix requirements, including to hold a Blue Card. Therefore, volunteers for Projector Roster at 5pm Sunday Mass (St Ignatius Church), which is 'livestreamed', have been contacted about this change.

Revised Blue Card Application/Renewal Forms, issued by 'Blue Card Services', have been supplied by AoB and available to new volunteers or those renewing their Blue Card who are unable to complete same online via 'Blue Card Services' website.

"De-linking" Blue Cards. Parishioners who are no longer actively volunteering in parish or their role in the parish no longer requires a Blue Card will be "de-linked" from the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This action does not necessarily cancel their Blue Card, just removes them as a volunteer in the parish (Archdiocese of Brisbane).

Police Checks. New forms have been received from the AoB and replace those previous editions (only minor changes to the form and ID options). 'Hard copy' application form is available for those unable to complete same online via parish link.

Children 14 years and over may volunteer with written consent from parent. They must complete Safeguarding training, sign Conduct Declaration (co-signed by parent/guardian), however exempt from Blue Card/Police Check requirements.

Safe Conduct Standards. All volunteers continue to be required to sign the 'Safe Conduct Standards' form (as a once-off).

Safeguarding Training. Completion of 'Safeguarding Training' is a requirement under the 'National Catholic Safeguarding Standards'. Volunteers must complete this training every two years (online).

Thank you so much to all our volunteers for your time & efforts, to assist our Parish. -Janine Curcuruto, Toowong Parish LSR

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.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



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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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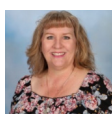
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