



*St Ignatius Church  
Kensington Terrace, Toowong*



# St Ignatius Parish

## TOOWONG



*Holy Spirit Church  
Harriett Street, Auchenflower*

**25th Sunday Ordinary**

**24th September 2023**

**Year A**

## 109<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants & Refugees

*Fr. Andrew Hamilton S.J.*

Each year the World Day of Migrants and Refugees invites us to pay attention to people who are in desperate need. It also allows us to notice the changes in the world that affect them. This year the theme of the week is *'Freedom to Live'*. It points to signs of life amid the surrounding news of deaths and disrespect. The darkness is easy to see. Think of the increased number of people forced from their homes by persecution, poverty, or by the wars in Ukraine and in Africa. Think, too, of the harsh treatment everywhere of people who seek protection, including those allowed to drown in the Mediterranean and the boat that drifted for many weeks in the Sea, and the dumping of refugees on unhealthy hulks in England.

In the midst of all this suffering and cruelty are also signs of hope. In Australia, for example, many people have been released from detention, the horrors and abuse of power in the treatment of refugees are more widely recognised, the cruelty of Temporary Protection Visas has ended, and the number of humanitarian visas has been increased. In Australia, too, as in the rest of the world, many people join together to support refugees and to advocate for them. The United Nations also pleads for them and helps keep many alive supporting them throughout the world. Refugees require so much more of us, but what they have received from generous people is no small thing.

The theme of refugee week this year, *'Freedom to Live'*, shows why refugees matter and why we should continue to accompany them and to plead their cause. If we human beings are to live and not merely to exist, to avoid being killed or allowed to die is not enough. The risk of death leads many people to flee their homes and to become refugees. As our fellow human beings, however, they deserve more of us than this. To live life fully demands the freedom to go where we please, to live with our family, to associate with friends, to start a family, to have access to education and work, and to enjoy protection under the rule of law.

Refugees who have come to Australia have shown how great a gift they bring us when they are given the freedom to live fully. We should not be surprised by this. They needed great spirit and resilience to leave their homes and to come to Australia. It is no wonder that in their number are included professors in our universities, judges in our law courts, business leaders, artists, musicians, writers, prominent sportspersons, and above all good citizens.

In Australia our refugee policy has shamefully focused on denying freedom to people who come to ask protection of us in order to deter other people from making such claims. Innocent people are pushed back, forced to exist in the community without support, are held in detention, or are excluded from finding a home should they have come near Australia. They face a living death.

Respect for the freedom to live demands that we abandon that cruel policy and respect the dignity of all people who seek our protection.

**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/Jagera 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.*

## World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

This year's Migrant and Refugee Sunday is this Sunday— 24 September 2023, and marks the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This year's theme: 'Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay'. (limited number of printed copies of Pope's Message available from the rotary stands at both churches).

PRAYER God, Father Almighty,  
grant us the grace to work tirelessly  
for justice, solidarity and peace,  
so that all your children may enjoy  
the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.

Grant us the courage to denounce  
all the horrors of our world,  
and to combat every injustice  
that mars the beauty of your children  
and the harmony of our common home.

Sustain us by the power of your Spirit, so that we can  
reflect your tender love to every migrant whom you  
place in our path, and to spread in hearts and in every  
situation the culture of encounter and of care.

**FREE TO CHOOSE WHETHER  
TO MIGRATE OR TO STAY**

**109TH WORLD DAY OF  
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

**SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2023**



The Vatican is asking all baptised people, regardless of whether they will be in Rome, to participate in October's assembly of the Synod of Bishops with their prayers.

Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod, invites the faithful from around the world to prayerfully participate in the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that will open in the Vatican on **4 October**.

Here are some recommended prayer resources for the Synod:

1. The Church on the Way: Pray for a Synodal Church  
<https://www.prayforthesynod.va>
2. The Ecumenical Prayer Vigil on 30 September on the eve of the Synod broadcast in live-streaming from 4.30 p.m. on Vatican News channels: <https://vaticannews.va> <https://www.together2023.net>
3. A spiritual retreat for assembly members prior to the opening of the assembly (1—3 October 2023).

**vocation**  
BROUANE.COM

**journey**

Journey is a monthly gathering for single women (18–40 years) discerning life's big decisions.

Scan the QR code to find out more and to register for the next gathering on Saturday 7 October from 8:30am at Marian Valley.

### New CBA Smart Terminals are being trialled at St Ignatius Church.

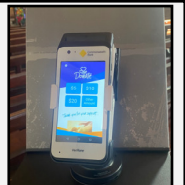
Our Parish has now received two devices, to be positioned at church doors at weekend Masses, to receive your electronic donations. A great option for those wanting to give, but not carrying cash to put in collection basket.

To use, it is as simple as:

1. Choose the amount you would like to give, by touching the device screen (on \$5, \$10, \$20 or 'other amount'),
2. Then tap your credit card or smart phone over the device (as you would for any other electronic purchase).

As always, the Parish is forever grateful for any donation you are able to make and for your ongoing support of our parish.

If you require any assistance with using the device, please speak to the Sacristan (at the Mass you are attending). Thank you.



**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.

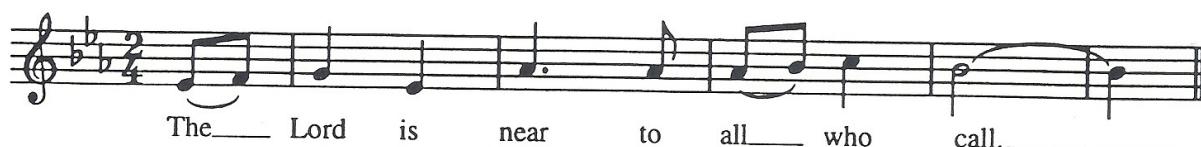
**Readings: 25th Sunday Ordinary:** Isaiah 55:6-9. Philippians 1:20-24, 27. Matthew 20:1-16.

**Next Sunday: 26th Sunday Ordinary:** Ezekiel 18:25-28. Philippians 2:1-11. Matthew 21:28-32.

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Spoken Response:** The Lord is near to all who call him.

**Sung Response:** I Will Bless You Day after Day.



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**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. 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 Dimauro, Allison King, Michael Hynes, Zeneida Feril, Eugene Carniel, Allan Doxey, Patrice McKay, Margaret Twomey, Nat Lentz, Deb Galbraith, Melissa Grimsgard, Jeremy Ross, Teresa Galarza, Marie Anne Colman



### RECENTLY DECEASED:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Maureen Skelly, Bryen McMahon, Maureen McBride, Raphael Gabriel.

**WEDDING:** Zachary Houston & Chevonne Black.

## Diary Dates

### September

- 23** Saint Pius of Pietrelcina
- 24** 25th Sunday Ordinary  
World Day of Migrants & Refugees  
after-Mass Hospitality—Holy Spirit
- 26** 7.15pm SvDP meeting—  
Horstmann Room
- 27** Saint Vincent de Paul
- 29** Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael  
Wedding: 2.30pm—St Ignatius
- 30** Saint Jerome

### October

- 1** 26th Sunday Ordinary  
'Expect-a-cuppa' after all Masses  
(St Ignatius)
- 2** King's Birthday Public holiday  
The Holy Guardian Angels  
7.30pm St Ignatius Peace Through  
Justice group meeting—  
Horstmann Room
- 3** School term 4 commences

## PARISH INFORMATION

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** \$3,575,45, Other: nil.

**AFTER—MASS HOSPITALITY** (8.30am Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit) **this Sunday** (24 Sept.). Parishioners and visitors are welcome to stay after Mass for a cuppa.

**EXPECT-A-CUPPA** will be held **next weekend** (30 September - 1 October) after all Masses. Parishioners and visitors are invited to stay after Mass for a cup of tea or coffee.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL, TOOWONG CONFERENCE** meeting on **Tuesday 25 September** at 7.15pm in the Horstmann Room.

**PARISH MASS SURVEY.** Thank you to those parishioners who were able to complete the survey sheet at Masses last weekend or via QR code included in parish newsletter & on parish website. The survey is now completed and results collated were required for a meeting held during the past week.

**PPC NEWS.** Louise Wellington has stepped down as both the Chair and member of the Parish Pastoral Council, due to her other commitments. We offer many thanks and gratitude to Louise for her many years serving our parish on the Parish Pastoral Council. The PPC's Deputy-chair, Stan Sielaff, will now be the Acting-Chair.

**PARISH 'THANKSGIVING PROGRAMME' 2023—24.** New Thanksgiving cycle will commence next **Sunday 1 October**. The new weekly envelope packs, allocated to those recorded as a 'cash' giver, are available for collection now; those givers should locate their new pack at the church noted as the one they attend. However, if you're unable to locate yours, please contact Parish Office via email [toowong@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:toowong@bne.catholic.net.au). Also, if you wish to join the 'Thanksgiving Programme' please contact Parish Office.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** may vary from the 'usual' due to the school holidays. If you need to visit the parish office please call first to check if it is attended. Thank you. ~ In case of an emergency please contact Fr Wrex on 0402 049 017.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is held during school terms only, fortnightly during 8.30am Mass at Holy Spirit Church, Auchenflower and will recommence after the school holidays.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** More people are required for the roster; held fortnightly during the 8.30am Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit Church, Auchenflower (during school terms only). For info. please contact co-ordinator Danielle Younger via email: [danielleyounger@hotmail.com](mailto:danielleyounger@hotmail.com).

Please note, Archdiocese of Brisbane's 'Matrix Volunteer Safeguarding Accreditation Requirements' for those volunteering as a 'Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator/Leader/Worker' is to hold a valid Blue Card, complete forms: '\*\*Prior Conduct Declaration' (every 3 years) and '\*\*Safe Conduct Standards' (once-off) and (complete) watch Safeguarding training video (online), (every two years).

**NEW PARISHIONERS.** If you are new to our parish we welcome you. Please take a yellow tri-fold form from the rotary stands at the back of the Church (complete and place form on the collection plate or drop off to Parish Office) and on the way out make yourself known to the priest.

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



### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS 25th week Ordinary (1)

	1st Reading	Gospel
Mon:	Ezra 1:1-6.	Luke 8:16-18.
Tues:	Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20.	Luke 8:19-12.
Wed:	Ezra 9:5-9.	Luke 9:1-6.
Thurs:	Haggai 1:1-18.	Luke 9:7-9.
Fri:	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14.	John 1:47-51.
Sat:	Zechariah 31:10-13.	Luke 9:43-45.

### 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 **SEPTEMBER edition** 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).

**Season of Creation** commenced on Friday 1 September and runs until the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, on 4th October. This year, the theme for the season is *'Let Justice and Peace Flow'*. For more info. on Season of Creation go to <https://seasonofcreation.org/>



St Ignatius  
**PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE**  
Group

**ST. IGNATIUS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE GROUP** are planning to join the celebration by several means. You may notice a nature—themed cover decorating the old pulpit in St Ignatius Church and throughout this period, at weekend Masses, there will be a Prayer of the Faithful for the Season.

**\*This Sunday** (24 September) at 2.30pm, we will visit Vera Street Community Garden. Anne and Judy Haines will take you on a tour and invite you to join the garden working bee afterwards if you would like to.

**\*On the final Sunday of the Season, 1 October**, our group will show (movie) *"River"*, which celebrates the natural beauty of rivers with spectacular scenery & reflections on their importance to us. To be held at 2.30pm at Faber Centre, 111 Sir Samuel Griffin Dve, Bardon (on right-hand side, between the left-hand turn-offs to Slaughter Falls and Simpson Falls). Please join us for a cuppa at 2pm prior. (please note, screening time is approx. 75 mins). Entry is Free.

We hope you can join us for some or all of these events. Happy Season of Creation! Enquires: Judy on E: [jodoaus@hotmail.com](mailto:jodoaus@hotmail.com)

Extract from Pope Francis's message for the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation 2023 (Continued from last weekend) ...

*"During this Season of Creation, let us dwell on those heartbeats: our own and those of our mothers and grandmothers, the heart beat of creation and the heartbeat of God. Today they do not beat in harmony; they are not harmonised in justice and peace. Too many of our brothers and sisters are prevented from drinking from that mighty river. Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation.*

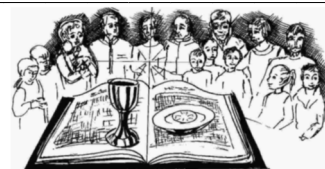
*First, let us join the mighty river by transforming our hearts. This is essential for any other transformation to occur; it is that "ecological conversion" which Saint John Paul II encouraged us to embrace: the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator. Furthermore, we should realize that an integral approach to respect for the environment involves four relationships: with God, with our brothers and sisters of today and tomorrow, with all of nature, and with ourselves." ....*

Nb. Link to the Pope's full message is available via parish website — <https://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au/season-of-creation/>

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

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#### PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION



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**EmergencyContact** If you require a priest in an emergency, please phone the parish priest on 0402 049 017.

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