



St Ignatius Church  
Kensington Terrace, Toowong



# St Ignatius Parish

## TOOWONG



Holy Spirit Church  
Harriett Street, Auchenflower

**28th Sunday Ordinary**

**15th October 2023**

**Year A**

## Philosopher vs Priest

*(I thought you might be interested in the rest of the Ordination Sermon given by a Jesuit Bishop that we started last week.)*

Now I believe that Jesus was a profoundly weaker man than Socrates. Socrates never wept over Athens; Socrates never expressed sorrow and pain at the betrayal of friends. He was possessed and integral, never over-extended, convinced that the just man could never suffer genuine hurt. And, for this reason, Socrates - one of the greatest men who have ever existed, a paradigm of what humanity can achieve within the individual - was a philosopher. And, for these same reasons, Jesus of Nazareth was a priest - ambiguous, suffering, mysterious and salvific.

So also us, my friends, so also us. The Christian must be liable to suffering, weak as any human because we must be like what we touch - the body of Christ. Obviously, we understand ourselves primarily and imaginatively through the Eucharist within the Church. And what is the Eucharist? The Body of Christ, certainly; but how understood? Psychologists tell us that human persons understand themselves in terms of their spontaneous body-image; what we feel about our body and its worth is what we feel about ourselves.

And how did Christ understand this, His body? A body which was broken for us, a blood that was shed for us: a sacrificed self, effective only through its destruction. What is more: in our ritual, the Eucharist only achieves its graced entrance into our lives if broken and distributed to others. This is the liability of Christ to suffering - his ability to be broken and shed - that makes both His priesthood effective and His Eucharist possible. How paradoxical this mystery is: the strength of our Christianity lies precisely in and through the weakness of our humanity.

Why? For two reasons, I think. Weakness relates us profoundly with others; it allows us to feel with them the human condition, the human struggle and darkness and anguish which calls out for salvation. Further, weakness relates us profoundly and apostolically with God, because it provides the arena in which God's power is made manifest in weakness. And so, St Paul:

*"I will all the more gladly glory in my weakness, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.  
For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weakness, insults, hardships, persecution and calamities.  
For, when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12/9-10)*

There is a collective consequence which follows from all this. Our communities must make such a life possible: we must support one another in weakness, forgiving one another daily faults and carrying one another's burdens. It is absurd to maintain weakness as part of the essential Christian vocation and then to belittle those who are deficient, or to resent those who are insensitive and clumsy, or to allow disagreements to become hostilities, or to continue battles and angers because of personal feelings.

The commandment and judgement upon our lives is that we should love one another as He has loved us; as He cared - out of His weakness - for our weakness, and so became our Eucharist. This is the foundation of our lives together, the deep mystery of our mutual priestly presence, so let us always be reconciled with one another. May God grace you in the Christian lives that you live: *"For Christ is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful in you. For He was crucified in weakness, but lives in the power of God. For we are weak in Him but, in dealing with you, we shall live with Him, by the power of God."* (2 Corinthians 13/3-4).

*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.

*We respectfully acknowledge the Turrbal/Jagera people, as the traditional custodians and caretakers of the land which is the Toowong Catholic Parish.  
We acknowledge the Elders, past and present and emerging. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.*

**Catholic Mission Appeal will be held in our parish on weekend 28—29 October, at all Masses.**



Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. In two weeks' time you will learn about the work of the Salesian Sisters, including nurse, Sister Carolina, who desires to see better outcomes for her community. We will also share the story of Petrolina and her daughter's desperate need for medical attention.

**You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, and your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can continue.**

This opportunity is a great way to commit to the missionary movement, as He reminds us in Luke 24:13-35, the fire of Christ burns within us and encourages us to take action for those in most need.



### For the Synod

*We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.*

Extract from writing by Fr Andrew Hamilton sj. Continued from last weekend—

... This spirit is also embedded in his dream for the Synod. The effectiveness of the Synod will not lie in the quality of the speeches that are made, the majorities that are won on significant votes, nor in the changes to Church structures that are agreed upon. It will lie in the quality of the interchange between people at every level that is generated by the Synod. It is about commending a way of living and relating among Catholics that will be practiced at the Synod. The Synod will then be an attractive model for the whole Church in all its relationships at parish, diocesan and national levels.

The heart of fruitful interchange and of our opening ourselves to the Spirit lies in the quality of our listening. In listening we quieten and relax ourselves and open ourselves to others, whereas when speaking we tighten ourselves and shut out other sounds as distractions. In a parliamentary process we speak to win a vote for the position we have taken. In the Synod we listen and exchange views in order to win one another to attend to the voice of the Spirit. We trust in God and not in our own convictions and arguments.

In his Intention Pope Francis refers to this process as a life-style. It is more than an organisational procedure. It is a way of living as Church. The way in which people are invited to work at the Synod is way of life relating at every level of the Church, beginning from the small groups in a parish and reaching to the Cardinals in Rome. It is built around prayer – not only in the saying of prayers before each day's proceedings, but more important in the personal discernment and listening at each exchange in the Synod in which the participants ask where the Spirit is leading them. Ideally this way of working will be reflected in the life of parishes, the ways in which they relate to the Bishop in the diocese, Bishops relate to one another in the nation, and the national Church relates to the International Church centred in Rome.

Pope Francis also prays for the fruits of the Synod. They will be found in the ways in which at each level of the Church we are not preoccupied with the internal order of the Church but with reaching out to its edges. There are to be found the people to whom the Spirit draws us. There, too, is the place where we find our inner life as Church renewed.

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

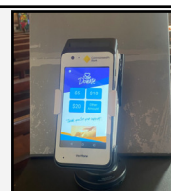
Our Parish has now received two devices, to be positioned at church doors at weekend Masses, to receive your electronic donations. A great option for those wanting to give, but not carrying cash to put in collection basket.

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:** 28th Sunday Ordinary: Isaiah 25:6-10. Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20. Matthew 22:1-14.

Next Sunday: 29th Sunday Ordinary: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5. Matthew 22:15-21.

**Entrance Antiphon:** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**Spoken Response:** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**Sung Response:** The Lord is my Shepherd.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. 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, Ange Beasley, Marie Anne Colman, Michael & Christine Hynes, Adrian Duffy.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Tom Lyons, Rita Miles, Michael 'Jack' Bonfield, Lt Angela Mary Frank, Addison Miller.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Patricia O'Brien, Violet Mary Hartridge, Ian Dhu, Nellie Boyle, Peggy Burke.

**WEDDING:** Bezo C Karhanu & Clarisse D Bahati.

**BAPTISMS:** Sophia Tagell,  
Parker King.



### 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 October

- 14** Wedding: 12noon - St Ignatius
- 15** 28th Sunday Ordinary  
Baptisms: 10.30am—St Ignatius
- 16** CWL meeting following 9am Mass  
—Holy Spirit
- 17** Saint Ignatius of Antioch
- 18** Saint Luke
- 22** 29th Sunday Ordinary  
Baptisms: 10.30am—St Ignatius
- 24** Funeral: 11.30am—St Ignatius
- 28** Saints Simon & Jude
- 28-29** Catholic Mission Appeal weekend
- 29** 30th Sunday Ordinary
- 31** 7pm Concert—St Ignatius

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS 28th week Ordinary (1)

1st Reading	Gospel
Mon: Romans 1:1-7.	Luke 11:29-32.
Tues: Romans 1:16-25.	Luke 11:37-41.
Wed: 2 Timothy 4:10-17.	Luke 10:1-9.
Thurs: Romans 3:21-30.	Luke 11:47-54.
Fri: Romans 4:1-8.	Luke 12:1-7.
Sat: Romans 4:13, 16-18.	Luke 12:8-12.

### 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:** \$3,681.55, Other: nil.

**CWL TOOWONG BRANCH** will meet on **Monday 16 October** after the 9am Mass at Holy Spirit. New members welcome. Enquiries: Del Doherty 3371 7746.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** on **Tuesday 17 October** due to Parish Secretary being absent, however emails will be monitored during the day.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is held during school terms only, fortnightly during 8.30am Mass at Holy Spirit Church, Auchenflower. Children of all ages are welcome to attend next **Sunday 22 October**; it is an enjoyable way for our children to participate in the liturgy.

**FR WREX ANNUAL LEAVE.** Parishioners please note Fr Wrex will be away from our parish for annual leave from next Sunday 22 October & returning for Masses 4/5 Nov.

**PARISH DATE CLAIMER: MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR FR WREX'S RETIREMENT & WELCOME OF JESUITS.** Parishioners are invited to attend this special Mass to be held at 10am on **Sunday 26 November** at St Ignatius Church Toowong. Followed by a light lunch in parish hall. More details to follow in coming weeks.

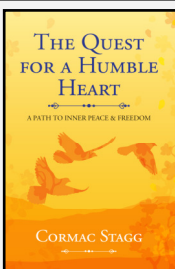
**INVITATION: MUSIC PERFORMANCE** by Queensland Conservatorium of Music Griffith University presents 'Alleluia!'. An evening of choral music with Conservatorium singers conducted by Dr Anthony Young, on **Tuesday 31 October** at St Ignatius Church at 7pm. All are welcome. Entry by cash donation (to 'Jesuit Mission').



### Masses: All Saints Day and All Souls' Day

**ALL SAINTS DAY:** Wednesday 1 November:  
5.30pm St Ignatius Church.

**ALL SOULS' DAY:** Thursday 2 November:  
(Please note change to usual weekday Mass times on this date)  
9am Holy Spirit Church and 5.30pm St Ignatius Church



Toowong parishioner, Cormac Stagg, has recently published a book titled, 'The Quest for a Humble Heart', which is available now.

You can purchase e-book or hard copy via Amazon, use this link—  
<https://www.amazon.com.au/Quest-Humble-Heart-Inner-Freedom/dp/0645706604/>

or alternatively please contact Parish Office to arrange purchase one of the limited copies Cormac has made available for purchase via the Parish Office. Cost: \$20.00 (cash only).

## THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Limited copies of **OCTOBER 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).

## Reunion Day



### All Hallows School Reunion Day / Annual Past Pupils' and Memorial Mass.

An invitation to all members of our past pupil community, especially those celebrating a milestone reunion year (your graduation class ends in a '3) - **Saturday 4 November**. Annual Past Pupils' and Memorial Mass at 9:30am. Morning Tea at 11am. Please join us for this one special day of the year when we throw open those iconic green gates for past pupils of all ages and life stages to connect and gather on-site, to marvel at all that has changed and share in the spirit of a sisterhood that never does. In addition to Mass and Morning Tea, there will be opportunities for official group and friendship group photographs, self-guided campus tours, and to purchase Past Pupils' merchandise. If you are attending the Mass (no charge) please register your details for site management purposes &/or if you are attending the Morning Tea (a paid event) please register and pay. Both can be done by simply clicking on the link: <https://community.ahs.qld.edu.au/ocd.aspx?action=showEvent&EID=reunionday> For further information or to confirm that your milestone group will be joining us, please contact Maree Nugent on ppa@ahs.qld.edu.au or 3230 9424.

### STUARTHOLME SCHOOL ALUMNAE REMEMBRANCE MASS AND MORNING TEA.

We warmly invite you to the Remembrance Mass and Morning Tea on **Saturday 28 October**. Let's come together to celebrate the lives and memories of those who hold a special place in our hearts. Stuartholme School Chapel, 10am—12pm.

Please RSVP by Mon. 23 October, through the following link: <https://stuartholme.com/.../alumnae-remembrance-mass-and-.../>



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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.**

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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



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

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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

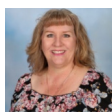
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#### Parish Office Staff

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**Finance & Development**  
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Anthony Young

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