



St Ignatius Church  
Kensington Terrace, Toowong



# St Ignatius Parish

## TOOWONG



Holy Spirit Church  
Harriett Street, Auchenflower

**27th Sunday Ordinary**

**8th October 2023**

**Year A**

## **Are You Weak Enough to be a Christian?**

*(The following is an excerpt from an Ordination Sermon given by a Jesuit Bishop that I came across many years ago. It was addressing the question of Priesthood but, since I believe it has wider ramifications for all Christians, And we all share the priesthood of Christ, I have changed the word 'priest' to 'Christian'.*

There is a further pressing question, one proper to Christianity, if not uniquely proper to it: Is this person weak enough to be a Christian? Let me spell out what I mean. Is this person deficient enough so that they can ward off significant suffering from their life, so that they feel what it is to be an average person? Because it is in this deficiency, in this interior lack, in this weakness, maintains the Letter to the Hebrews, that the efficacy of the ministry and priesthood of Christ lies.

*"For, because He Himself (Christ) has suffered and been tempted, He is able to help those who are tempted ...  
For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness,  
But one who has, in every respect, been tempted as we are, but without sinning.  
So He can deal gently with the ignorant and the wayward, since He Himself is beset with weakness."*

How terribly important for us Christians to enter into the seriousness of this revelation, of this conjunction between the call to Christianity and weakness, that we dwell upon 'deficiency' as part of our vocation! Otherwise, we can secularize our lives into an amalgam of desires and talents and we can feel weakness as a threat to our Christianity, as indicative that we have never been genuinely Christian, that we do not have the resources to complete what we once thought was our destiny, and which spoke of our generosity and fidelity.

What do I mean by 'weakness'? Not the experience of sin (though it may contextualize sin) but the experience of a peculiar liability to suffering; a profound sense of inability, both to do and to protect: an inability, even after great effort, to author, perform, effect what we have wanted, or achieve the success we want; an inability to secure one's own future, to protect oneself, to live with clarity and assurance, to ward off shame and suffering.

If one is clever enough, or devious enough, or poised enough, we can limit our horizon and expectations, and accomplish pretty much whatever we want. We can secure our perimeters and live without a sense of failure, or inadequacy, or shame, before what might have been. But if you cannot do that - either because of your history, or your temperament, or your situation - then you experience weakness at the heart of your life. And this experience, rather than mitigate against your Christian calling, is part of its essential structure.

There is a classic comparison running through contemporary philosophy between Socrates and Christ, a judgement between them in human excellence. Socrates went to his death with calmness and poise. He accepted the judgement of the court, discoursed on the two alternatives suggested by death and on the dialectical indications of immortality; found no cause for fear, drank the poison and died.

Jesus - how much the contrary! Jesus was almost hysterical with terror and fear; looked for comfort from friends and escape from death, and found neither; finally got control of himself and accepted his death in silence and lonely isolation. I once thought this was because they each died a different sort of death. But now I think that this hypothesis, though correct, is secondary.

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. Socrates was a philosopher; Jesus of Nazareth was a priest!

*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/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.*



**catholic  
mission**

Free call: 1800 257 296  
catholicmission.org.au/timor

**Catholic Mission Appeal will be held in our parish on weekend 28—29 October, at all Masses, when we will welcome a couple of young Catholic Mission speakers.**

In three weeks' time, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste as they continue to provide an essential community project that addresses the gaps in care and well-being in rural communities like Venilale.

**This work simply will not be possible without your support. We hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.**

## ADSUMUS SANCTE SPIRITUS

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.

Amen.

Extract from writing by Fr Andrew Hamilton sj -

### 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.*



Pope Francis asks for prayers for the Church during the month of the Synod. In doing so he reminds us that the Church is bigger than the Synod and that the Holy Spirit is bigger than the Church as we experience it. Those truths, of course, are what the Synod is designed to embody.

In his Intention Pope Francis brings us back to basics. In a recent talk he drew on the Gospel story where Jesus ticks off Peter for thinking as the world does and not as God does. Peter had tried to talk Jesus out of speaking pessimistically about being crucified. The Pope applied Jesus' words to Catholics who judged the health of the Church by the number of converts it made, by the size of its congregations and its numerical growth. He insisted that the Spirit is often to be found in the small things and people of life, and through working at the edges of the Church rather than at its centres. Just before the Synod Pope Francis underlined Christ's presence at the margins by visiting Morocco with its thousand or so Catholics spread throughout the whole nation. ...

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

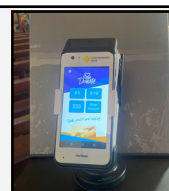
Our Parish has now received two devices, to be positioned at church doors at weekend Masses, to receive your electronic donations. A great option for those wanting to give, but not carrying cash to put in collection basket.

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: 27th Sunday Ordinary:** Isaiah 5:1-7. Philippians 4:6-9. Matthew 21:33-43.

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**Spoken Response:** The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

**Sung Response:** Be with me, Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Tom Lyons, Rita Miles, Michael 'Jack' Bonfield—**Funeral:** Wed. 11 Oct., 10.30am at Holy Spirit Church.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Lia Wankovitch, Janette Menadre, Janet Burgess, John Joseph Gerard Conroy.



## Diary Dates

### October

- 7** Our Lady of the Rosary
- 8** 27th Sunday Ordinary
- 10** 7.15pm SvDP meeting—  
Horstmann Room
- 11** Funeral: 10.30am—Holy Spirit  
11am Bell ringing—St Ignatius
- 12** 7.30pm PPC meeting
- 15** 28th Sunday Ordinary  
Baptism: 10.30am—St Ignatius  
Wedding: 12pm - 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
- 28** Saints Simon & Jude
- 29** 30th Sunday Ordinary

## PARISH INFORMATION

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** \$2,913.35, Other: nil.

**PARISH 'THANKSGIVING PROGRAMME' 2023-24. FINAL REMINDER** New TG cycle commenced last Sunday (1 October). **Attention 'cash' TG givers**, if you haven't collected your new envelope box already please do so this weekend (any boxes remaining will be removed from both churches after Masses this weekend). Thank you.

**AFTER—MASS HOSPITALITY** (8.30am Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit) **this Sunday** (8 October). Parishioners and visitors are welcome to stay after Mass for a cuppa.

**BE AWARE—SCAM EMAILS.** Parishioners are asked to be wary of emails claiming to be from Fr Wrex (or other clergy), particularly if they have not come from our parish's email address: toowong@bne.catholic.net.au. We are again aware of emails being received appearing to be from Fr Wrex but are from fake email addresses (which may be asking the recipient for help or to supply 'gift cards' or similar); these are scams! Please delete any such email immediately and do not reply or send any 'cards'.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is held during school terms only, fortnightly during 8.30am Mass at Holy Spirit Church, Auchenflower and will recommence this **Sunday 8 October**. Children of all ages are welcome to attend and is an enjoyable way for our children to participate in the liturgy.

**ST. IGNATIUS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE GROUP** members will be ringing the church bell just prior to 11am on 11th of each month to signal the impending environmental crisis confronting all of God's creation. Listen for St Ignatius Church bell ringing on **Tuesday 10 October** or better still come and join in!

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL, TOOWONG CONFERENCE** meeting on **Tuesday 10 October** at 7.15pm in the Horstmann Room.

**PPC** meeting to be held this **Thursday 12 October** at 7.30pm.

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

## ST IGNATIUS PRIMARY SCHOOL INFORMATION

Please be aware that currently there are not enough School Crossing Supervisors in our area and therefore the crossing may not be supervised regularly. If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a School Crossing Supervisor please call 3863 9871 to speak with your local Road Safety Officer.

## JESUIT & IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY AUSTRALIA — FABER CENTRE

**Companions On the Way.** Join us in these online faith sharing experiences to learn more about Ignatian Spirituality and incorporate it into your daily life. You will receive Prayer and Reflection material that will introduce you to the 'Ignatian Way' including Scripture, Songs and Poems, and a selection of contemporary Ignatian Voices. Held on **Tuesdays** fortnightly from 17 October to 12 December.

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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).

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

### 27th week Ordinary (1)

1st Reading	Gospel
Mon: Jonah 1:1- 2:1, 11.	Luke 10:25-37.
Tues: Jonah 3:1-10.	Luke 10:38-42.
Wed: Jonah 4:1-11.	Luke 11: 1-4.
Thurs: Malachi 3:13-20.	Luke 11: 5-13.
Fri: Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2.	Luke 11:15-26.
Sat: Joel 4:12-21.	Luke 11:27-28.

### 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 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;

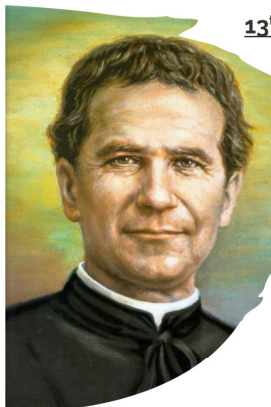
\***VIEW** Parish's YouTube, [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLghy4aXqqJRrUilXpjoSA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLghy4aXqqJRrUilXpjoSA?view_as=subscriber), to

**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 DON BOSCO RELICS - BRISBANE VISIT

13<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023



The Salesians of St Don Bosco are celebrating 100 years since they arrived in Australia to work in the spirit of St Don Bosco. The Relic is touring Australia to give people the opportunity to pray to St Don Bosco in a special way with the relic. Brisbane is its last stop!

FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> - Cathedral of St. Stephen  
Brisbane City - 8am to 6pm  
SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> - Stella Maris  
Maroochydore - 9am to 6.30pm  
SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> - Mary Immaculate  
Annerley - 6.30am to 7pm  
MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> - Mary Immaculate  
Annerley - 8.30am to 11am  
and 3pm to 8.30pm  
TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> - Holy Spirit  
Bray Park - 11am to 2pm  
WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> - Little Flower  
Kedron - 8am to 7pm  
THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> - Guardian Angels  
Wynnum - 4pm to 7pm  
FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> - Our Lady of Victories  
Bowen Hills - 4pm to 9pm  
SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> - Our Lady of Victories  
Bowen Hills - 6.30am to 10am  
and 1pm to 3pm  
SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> - Marian Valley Shrine  
Canungra - 2am to 6pm



Up to date information at [www.stdonboscobrisbane.weebly.com](http://www.stdonboscobrisbane.weebly.com)



## A Morning's Prayer.

Seeking an opportunity to get away and spend some quality time with God before the usual end-of-year busyness begins?

We warmly invite you to join us for our final A Morning's Prayer Retreat for 2023, where our Adult Formation team will guide you through three-hours of peaceful prayer, meditation and fellowship.

Feel revitalised on your journey with God and encounter Him as He walks

beside you during this mini retreat exploring 'the road to sainthood'.

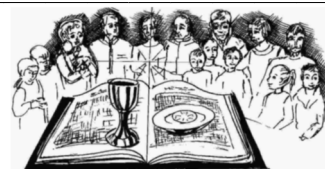
Saturday 28 October, 9am–12noon, at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. \$25, register at [https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amp23\\_4](https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amp23_4)  
Individuals and groups welcome.

Enquiries: Evangelisation Brisbane 3324 3440

## 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](mailto:AOb@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)

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**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 -

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SAFEGUARDING  
REPRESENTATIVE



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Danielle Younger

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### Parish Pastoral Council

Stan Sielaff—Acting- Chair

### Finance & Development

David Slater—Chair

### Musical Director

Anthony Young

### PRIMARY SCHOOL

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