



*St Ignatius Church  
Kensington Terrace, Toowong*



# St Ignatius Parish

## TOOWONG



*Holy Spirit Church  
Harriett Street, Auchenflower*

**31st Sunday Ordinary**

**5th November 2023**

**Year A**

## Changed Lives

In 1921, Lewis Lawes became the Warden at Sing Sing Prison. No prison was tougher than Sing Sing at that time. But, when Warden Lawes retired some 20 years later, that Prison had become celebrated as a humanitarian institution.

Those who studied the System said credit for the change belonged to Lawes. But, when he was asked about the transformation, here is what he said: "I owe it all to my wonderful wife, Catherine, who is buried outside the Prison

Catherine Lawes was a young mother with three small children when her husband became Warden. Everybody warned her from the beginning that she should never set foot inside the prison walls, but that didn't stop Catherine! When the first prison basketball game was held, she went ... walking into the gym with her three beautiful children and she sat in the stands with the inmates. Her attitude was: "My husband and I are going to take care of these men and I believe they will take care of me! I don't have to worry!".

She insisted on getting acquainted with them and their records. She discovered one convicted killer was blind, and so she paid him a visit. Holding his hand in hers, she asked, "Do you read Braille?". "What's Braille?", he replied. So she taught him how to read. Years later, he would weep in love for her.

Later, Catherine found a deaf-mute in prison. She went to school to learn how to use sign language. Many said that Catherine Lawes was the body of Jesus come alive in Sing Sing from 1921 to 1937.

Then she was killed in a car accident. The next morning, Lewis Lawes didn't come to work, so the Acting Warden took his place. It seemed almost instantly that the prison knew that something was wrong.

The following day, her body was resting in a casket in her home, three-quarters of a mile from the prison. As the Acting Warden took his early morning walk, he was shocked to see a large crowd of the toughest, hardest-looking criminals gathered like a herd of animals at the main gate. He came closer and noticed tears of grief and sadness.

He knew how much they loved Catherine. He turned and faced the men: "Alright, men, you can go. Just be sure to check in tonight!" Then he opened the gate and a parade of criminals walked, without a guard, the three-quarters of a mile to stand in line to pay their final respects to Catherine Lawes.

And every one of them checked back in that night. EVERY ONE!

*J. Dec*

**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 was held in our parish last weekend 28–29 October.**  
**CM Appeal envelopes can be returned via collection basket this weekend** (envelopes on rotary stands, both churches).



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
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Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste.

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If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor). Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

### **PARISH VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR SACRISTAN ROSTER (5pm Mass ST IGNATIUS)**

We are looking to start a roster for the Sacristan duties\* at the 5pm Mass, therefore we are seeking a few new people to work in this role.

(\*Sacristan takes responsibility for opening up the church, turning on lights/fans/microphones, putting out the Missal and Lectionary (marked at the right place), setting out altar for Mass, chalices, paten, cruets (water and wine) before Mass etc (and then packing same away and cleaning up afterwards).

Nb. Prior to commencement in 'Sacristan' role, any volunteer must be compliant with Archdiocesan Volunteer Requirements Matrix for 'Sacristan' role requires volunteers to hold or obtain a Blue Card, complete Safeguarding training (online), sign two Conduct documents and be known to the Parish.

If you can spare an hour or two on Sunday afternoon, and you are interested in assisting the parish in this vital role please contact Parish Office call 3807 7818 or email [toowong@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:toowong@bne.catholic.net.au). Thank you.

**Do you want to help those in need over the Christmas period?**

**St Vincent de Paul needs you.**



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

The Western Diocesan area of the St Vincent de Paul Society is starting a "virtual" Conference over the Christmas period. Would you like to help from the comfort of your home? Help will be provided via phone calls with another Vincentian to those in need. Food eCards and eGift vouchers will be emailed to those who need food.

No face to face visits. You can stipulate your availability and only take calls at the times you have nominated. If interested, you would need to become a member of the Society.

The Virtual Conference commences on the  
**19th December and continues until the 25th January 2024.**

For more information call Mary Anne Paddock  
 from the St Ignatius Toowong Conference on 0407 003 097.

**Happy Birthday**

**to Fr Wrex Woolnough**

**for Wednesday 9th November.**

We wish him many happy returns for the day.



**ST IGNATIUS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE GROUP.** To make this Advent season special we have made some small, beautifully handcrafted wooden angels with candles. See flyer: [www.stignatiustoowong.org.au/st-ignatius-peace-through-justice-group/](http://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au/st-ignatius-peace-through-justice-group/) or on church noticeboards.



### **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:** 31st Sunday Ordinary: Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10. 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13. Matthew 23:1-12.

Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday Ordinary: Wisdom 6:12-16. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Matthew 25:1-13.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

**Spoken Response:** In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

**Sung Response:** In You Lord, I have found my Peace, I have found my Peace in you.

(Tony Alonso)

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: Lord Jesus Christ! 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, Nina Starkey, Lyndal & Grant Mitchell, 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, 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, Kevin Anderson, Amy Frances Nugent.

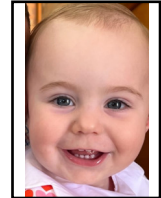
**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Anita B. Laxamana, Honourable William (Bill) Hayden AC, Marty Barr, Giuseppa Grasso.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joan Margaret Sutton, David Cilento, Ray Parry, Rina Martina.

**BAPTISMS:** Harrington Gudkovs, Dominic Gudkovs, Eleanor Hanson.



**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 sZirit and receive it into the family of your church,  
that it may walk with us in th way of Christ, and grow in the knowledge  
of your love.



## Diary Dates

### November

- 4** Saint Charles Borromeo
- 4-5** 'Expect-a-cuppa' after all Masses—  
St Ignatius
- 5** 31st Sunday Ordinary  
Children's Liturgy during 8.30am  
Mass & after-Mass hospitality—  
Holy Spirit  
Baptisms: 10.30am—St Ignatius
- 6** Works commence at St Ignatius  
Church  
7.30pm St Ignatius Peace Through  
Justice group meeting—  
Horstmann Room
- 8** St Ignatius School Prep 2024  
Orientation
- 9** Fr Wrex's birthday  
7.30pm PPC meeting
- 11** Remembrance Day  
Funeral: 10.30am—St Ignatius

## PARISH INFORMATION

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** \$3,145.90, Other: nil.

**This Sunday (5 Nov.) we will be celebrating a School and Parish Mass at the 8.30am Mass at Holy Spirit Church, led by the students from Prep, Years 1 and 2.**

### 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 (nb. 7am Mass cancelled on this date). Followed by a light lunch in parish hall. Invitations are available from rotary stands (both churches) and parish website. Please note, at Masses **this weekend** (4-5 Nov.) we will again be asking parishioners to register to attend the lunch and indicate if they are able to assist with food donations, hall set-up and food service.

**EXPECT-A-CUPPA** will be held **this weekend** (4—5 Nov.) after all Masses at St Ignatius Church. Parishioners & visitors are invited to stay after Mass for a cup of tea or coffee. **AFTER—MASS HOSPITALITY** (8.30am Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit) **this Sunday** (5 Nov.). Parishioners and visitors are welcome to stay after Mass for a cuppa.

**'CHILDREN'S LITURGY'** is held during Holy Spirit's 8.30am Sunday Mass, fortnightly during school terms only. Children of all ages are welcome to attend **this Sunday** (5 November); it is an enjoyable way for our children to participate in the liturgy.

**WORKS ON ST IGNATIUS CHURCH.** Work to repair surface of the stairs & verandah area is scheduled to commence on **Monday 6 November**, (works taking approx. 6 weeks). Please note, access to St Ignatius Church during this time will only be via the side—entrance door (nb. temporary fencing will be installed preventing access to stairs from both carpark—side and front side of church ).

**ST IGNATIUS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE GROUP** meeting on **Monday 6 November** at 7.30pm. Also, please see pg2 of newsletter for info. on the Advent angels for sale.

**PPC** meeting to be held on **Thursday 9 November** at 7.30pm.

**NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES.** Mass offerings for Deceased relatives and friends. Envelopes are available now at both churches from rotary stands (and included in TG envelope packs). Please place into collection basket at weekend Masses.

**NOVEMBER MEMORIAL BOOK** is located in front of the altar (both churches); you are invited to write the names of those whom you would like to be remembered at all Masses during the month of November.

**ATTENTION: READERS: 2024 'BREAK OPEN THE WORD' (YEAR B).** Fr Wrex will be providing, free-of-charge, a copy of *Break Open The Word* to (rostered) 'Readers' in gratitude and to assist them with their Ministry (one copy per household). 'Reader' volunteers will receive an email from parish office once books are ready for collection.

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS 31st week Ordinary (1)

	1st Reading	Gospel
Mon:	Romans 11:29-36.	Luke 14:12-14.
Tues:	Romans 12:5-16.	Luke 14:15-24.
Wed:	Romans 13:8-10.	Luke 14:25-33.
Thurs:	Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12.	John 2:13-22.
Fri:	Romans 15:14-21.	Luke 16:1-8.
Sat:	Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27.	Luke 16:9-15

### 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 **NOVEMBER 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:

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\***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).

## A Prayer for Those in Prison Ministry

Lord Jesus,  
You know what it's like to be arrested and imprisoned.  
We ask You Lord to have mercy on all those who are imprisoned, especially our children. We ask You Lord, that you would bring healing and hope into their lives. Help them to know they are beloved sons and daughters of the Father. Lord, help your children know that they are valued and loved and provide a pathway into adulthood for them.

We ask You Lord, that those who have responsibility and care for them would provide them with opportunities to grow and be educated. Provide programs and activities that heal and rehabilitate, that restore our children to their families and the community.  
Lord, keep our children out of the prison system and help us as a community to care and support them and help them find the path that leads to heaven. Amen.

WRITTEN BY Fr Dan Benedetti MGL Prison and Youth Detention Chaplain Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service  
E: social.justice@catholic.org.au November 2022

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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.*



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

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**PARISH PRIEST**

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