



*St Ignatius Church
Kensington Terrace, Toowong*



St Ignatius Parish TOOWONG



*Holy Spirit Church
Harriett Street, Auchenflower*

4th Sunday Advent

Year B



24th December 2023

Christmas Day

Year B



25th December 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Year B

31st December 2023

Thanks For The Memories

I arrived here at Toowong six years ago and, I dare say, with a little trepidation on both sides. I had had a drive through the Parish a week or so before to find out where the Churches were, because to be quite honest, I knew nothing about the place. I also was not sure what the reaction would be to the loss of the Jesuits but expected there would be a period of grieving and adjusting to the new reality. From the parishioners' point of view, apart from adjusting to a new priest (and this one not a Jesuit), there was some concern over the replacement of a community of priests with just one priest and what cut backs that might mean for the Parish.

From my own point of view, I was taken aback by the warmth of the welcome from the beginning, highlighted by that first concelebrated weekend of Masses, and the readiness of people to step into a role if it became vacant. I think there was an audible sigh of relief from the Parish when it became obvious I was not going to try to 'de-Jesuitify' the Parish but was willing to work to maintain and even strengthen the traditions that gave each of the communities their unique identities.

So we had two years to get to know each other as life carried on pretty much as usual. I was grateful for the presence and support of Marwan during those years as he balanced his study and commitments at QUT, without holding back on his generous support of the Parish through his Sacramental Ministry.

And then the world changed very suddenly, with the onset of COVID 19. We had never seen anything like it before and we needed to be creative, rather than reactive to what was happening.

I have strong memories of celebrating the Easter ceremonies with just Marwan, some over in the Chapel at Manresa and some on the verandah of the Church with just the two of us around the Easter fire! But we survived! Many of us missed the gathering of the community, so we tried to stay in touch by filming a couple of special Feast Days and making them available for download, and then broadcasting a homily from me each week. Thanks to all those who helped not just to envisage what might be possible but also pieced together those broadcasts, especially Allison King and Kerry Rush who oversaw the productions and to Anthony Young who provided the music with a number of his choir. Then, a very generous parishioner donated the Live-streaming equipment so that we could not only participate in that year's Christmas celebrations but would change our outreach for ever. Not only those who can access our Sunday 5pm Mass remotely, but many relatives who were able to witness weddings and funerals and the like from far away are eternally grateful for your gift.

COVID undoubtedly has shown us new ways that we can be Church, but it wouldn't have if we didn't have a community that was resourceful, understanding, tolerant and willing to change. I know it has affected all of us in some way, but I would particularly like to single out those who had to change the way they received the Eucharistic elements. That can hit to the very core of our spirituality, but your willingness to find creative ways to share the Eucharist and the willingness of the whole community to be respectful of distance has played no small part in the fact that we have not had a major outbreak among our community, despite the regularity and closeness of our contact.

I leave this community with many treasured memories, both with the Church and the School communities. It has been great to have created a situation where the primary school children can easily attend a weekday Mass as well as an occasional weekend Mass shared with the Parish and, hopefully, before long, our Secondary school students will be able to resume those vibrant Eucharists we shared once a term before COVID.

Thanks so much to all of you for a treasure trove of such rich memories and particularly to the staff of Monica and Allison and the many volunteers who shared the ministry of the Parish over the past six years. I am indebted to you all.

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.

(please note, the above Mass times are valid until Monday 1 January 2024, with new Mass times on back page.)

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.



CHRISTMAS 2023

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS WEEKEND WILL BE:

4th Sunday of Advent:

Saturday 23/12: 6pm Vigil and Sunday 24/12: 7am at St Ignatius Church;

Sunday 24/12: 8.30am at Holy Spirit Church.

Christmas Eve: (Sunday 24 December)

6.00pm St Ignatius School Oval*,

9.00pm St Ignatius Church (+ Live Stream)

Christmas Day: (Monday 25 December)

7.00am St Ignatius Church

8.30am Holy Spirit Church.

*This year, **6pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass** will be held under lights on *St Ignatius School's Susan Palmer Field (above St Ignatius Church)*.

Pedestrian access to the oval is via the stairs at the side of St Ignatius Church. Please bring your own foldup chairs. Also, children are invited to participate in our Christmas Pageant & come dressed as an Angel, Shepherd or Sheep.

WET WEATHER: In the event of wet weather, the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass will be held in St Ignatius Church.

+ 9pm Mass: Live Stream: click to *YouTube* icon on parish website — <https://www.youtube.com/@stignatiusparishtoowong4066/streams>

GIVING TREE



Please remember the *St Vincent de Paul Society's Toowong Conference* at the "Giving Tree" in both churches, until **Epiphany (7/1/2024)**.

Please take an envelope from under the 'Giving Tree' (either for a cash offering or credit card) and place on collection plate (please do not leave money in envelopes at the tree).

Tax deductible, receipts will be issued, if name and address is supplied. Your support is much appreciated.



Wishing a very happy and blessed Christmas to all parishioners of St Ignatius Toowong & Holy Spirit Auchenflower.

With gratitude from Fr Wrex Woolnough, Parish Priest & Monica Florence, Parish Secretary.



The Catholic Leader.

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

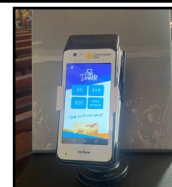
Our Parish has now received two devices, to be positioned at church doors at weekend Masses, to receive your electronic donations. A great option for those wanting to give, but not carrying cash to put in collection basket.

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: 4th Sunday Advent 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16. Romans 16:25-27. Luke 1:26-38.

Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the

Spoken Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Sung Response: I will sing forever of the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Readings: Christmas Day (25 December): Isaiah 62:11-12. Titus 3: 4-7. Luke 2:15-20.

Entrance Antiphon: Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God. Prince of Peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.

Spoken Response: A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

Sung Response: All the Ends of the Earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. Alleluia!

Readings: The Holy Family ... (31 December): Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3. Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19. Luke 2:22-40.

Entrance Antiphon: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Spoken Response: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Sung Response: Bless the Lord my Soul

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his 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, Nina Starkey, Lyndal & Grant Mitchell, Sr Marie Patrice rsm, Judy Hijin, Glenice Dickinson, Hannah Sinead, Susi Hopkins, Leigh Victoria, Adriana Meneses, Paul Massingham, Fr Michael Lowcock, Isabella Shand, David O'Connor, Liam O'Brien, 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, Adrian Duffy, Marie Anne Colman, Michael & Christine Hynes, Kevin Anderson, Amy Frances Nugent, Josephine Cunningham.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia Conroy, Jim Eckersley, Jill Wilson, Bev Jocusmen, Marie O'Sullivan, Monica Gurr, June Nunan, Amy Johnston, Fr Kevin Foote, Pam Hayes, Hong Mi Lam Maria.

ANNIVERSARIES: Andrew (Sam) Bridges, Clementina Mazzotta, Kevin Davies, Angela-Marie Adams, Br Matthew Slykerman, Ian Lyons, Kieran Pasta, Jennifer O'Reilly, Joan Nunan.

BAPTISM: (31/12) Valentina Posada.

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

December

24 4th Sunday Advent

Masses: 6pm Vigil (23/12) —O.
7am Mass—St Ignatius
8.30am Mas—Holy Spirit

Christmas Eve

Masses: 6pm Vigil—School Oval
9pm Mass—St Ignatius

25 Christmas Day

Masses: 7am Mass—St Ignatius
8.30am Mass—Holy Spirit

26 Boxing Day (Public Holiday)

Saint Stephen

27 Saint John

28 The Holy Innocents

31 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Baptism: 10.30am—St Ignatius
New Year's Eve

January 2024

1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Weekday Mass times change
(no 9am Mass at Holy Spirit)

New Year's Day

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH COLLECTIONS: (17/12): \$3,174.20, *Other: nil.

CHRISTMAS DUES ENVELOPES are available now from rotary stands at both churches (and in TG envelope packs). Please place into collection baskets at Mass.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED from Friday 22 Dec. until Friday 5 January 2024. Emails will be checked during this time. For any urgent matters or in an emergency please call Fr Wrex on 0402 049 017. Thank you for your understanding.

AFTER—MASS HOSPITALITY this Sunday (24 Dec.) after 8.30am Mass at Holy Spirit Church.

PARISH WEEKDAY MASS TIMES will change as of Monday 1 January 2024 (refer back page).

ANOINTING MASS will be held on Friday 5 January 2024 at 9am at Holy Spirit Church.

'EXPECT—A—CUPPA' (ST IGNATIUS) will be held after 7am & 5pm Masses on Sun. 7 January.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, TOOWONG CONFERENCE ANNUAL REPORT available via parish website <https://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au/st-vincent-de-paul-toowong-conference/> or read same via noticeboard at both churches. Also, we will not be meeting over the Christmas—New Year period; our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 January 2024.

WORKS ON ST IGNATIUS CHURCH. Works are continuing (repairing surface of the church's front stairs and verandah area), completion has been delayed and is now not expected to be completed until mid-January. At this time the only access to St Ignatius Church will be by the side—entrance door. Temporary fencing has been installed preventing any access to stairs from both carpark—side and front-side of church (and hall's front entrance).

ST IGNATIUS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE GROUP will not meet in January; our next meeting will be held on Monday 5 February 2024. New members welcome.

CWL TOOWONG BRANCH will not meet in January. Also, monthly meeting will likely change to a Friday in 2024, due to change in Weekday Mass schedule at Holy Spirit next year. Watch this space. New members welcome. Enquiries: Del Doherty 3371 7746.

Also, the Catholic Women's League Australia Inc *National Bioethics Newsletter* is available to read via link on parish website—<https://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au/catholic-womens-league-australia-inc/>

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will not meet in January; next meeting: Thursday 8 February.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

... within the Octave (II)

1st Reading

Gospel

Mon:

Tues: Acts 6: 8-10, 7:54-59. Matt, 10:17-22.

Wed: 1 John 1:1-4. John 20: 2-8.

Thurs: 1 John 1:52:2. Matthew 2:13-18.

Fri: 1 John 2:3-11. Luke 2:22-35.

Sat: 1 John 2:12-17. Luke 2:36-40.

... Week Before Epiphany (II)

1st Reading

Gospel

Mon: Numbers 6:22-27. Luke 2:16-21.

Tues: 1 John 2:22-28. John 1:19-28.

Wed: 1 John 2:29 —3:6. John 1:29-34.

Thu: 1 John 3:7-10. John 1:35-42.

Fri: 1 John 3:11-21. John 1:43-51.

Sat: 1 John 5:1-13. Mark 1:7-11.



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look for the
Crib
in the
St Ignatius
Shrine.**

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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/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).

Sunday Mass times, commencing 6/7 January 2024

Day	Church	Time
SATURDAY	St Thomas Aquinas, St Lucia	6.00 PM
SUNDAY	St Ignatius, Toowong	7.00 AM
SUNDAY	Holy Spirit, Auchenflower	8.00 AM
SUNDAY	Holy Family, Indooroopilly	8:30 AM
SUNDAY	St Thomas Aquinas, St Lucia	9:30 AM
SUNDAY	St Ignatius, Toowong	5.00 PM

Weekday Mass times commencing 1 January 2024

MONDAY	St Thomas Aquinas, St Lucia	5.15 PM
TUESDAY	St Ignatius, Toowong	5.30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Holy Family, Indooroopilly	5.00 PM Prayer, 6.00 PM Mass
THURSDAY	St Ignatius, Toowong	9.15 AM
FRIDAY	Holy Spirit, Auchenflower	9.00 AM
FRIDAY	Holy Family, Indooroopilly	9.00 AM

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/>
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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: A0B@stopline.com.au | Online: www.bneccatholic.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

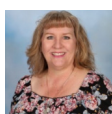
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