



*St Ignatius Church
Kensington Terrace, Toowong*



St Ignatius Parish TOOWONG



*Holy Spirit Church
Harriett Street, Auchenflower*

**2nd Sunday Advent
Year B**



10th December 2023

A Vision For Advent

ALBERTO HURTADO CRUCHAGA was born in Viña del Mar, Chile, on 22 January 1901. Orphaned at four with the death of his father, his mother had to sell their modest property in order to pay the family's debts and Alberto and his brother went to live with relatives, often moving from one family to another. From an early age, therefore, he experienced what it meant to be poor, to be without a home and at the mercy of others.

He was given a scholarship to the Jesuit College in Santiago. Here he became a member of the Sodality of Our Lady and developed a lively interest in the poor, spending time with them in the most miserable neighbourhoods every Sunday afternoon.

Having completed his secondary education, Alberto wanted to become a Jesuit, but was advised to delay the realization of this desire to take care of his mother and his younger brother. By working in the afternoons and evenings, he succeeded in supporting them; at the same time, he studied law at the Catholic University. In this period, he maintained his care for the poor and continued to visit them every Sunday. Obligatory military service interrupted his studies, but having fulfilled this duty he went on to earn his degree in 1923.

He then entered the Novitiate of the Society of Jesus in Chillán. In 1925 he went to Córdoba, Argentina, to study the humanities before being sent to Spain to study philosophy and theology. With the suppression of the Jesuits in Spain in 1931, he moved to Belgium and continued studying theology at Louvain, being ordained a priest there on 24 August 1933, and in 1935 obtained a doctorate in pedagogy and psychology. Having completed his Tertianship in Drongen, Belgium, he returned to Chile in January 1936. Here he began his activity as professor of religion at Colegio San Ignacio and of Pedagogy at the Catholic University of Santiago. He was entrusted with the Sodality of Our Lady for the students, and involved them in teaching catechism to the poor.

In 1941 Father Hurtado published his most famous book: "Is Chile a Catholic Country?" and assumed the role of Assistant for the Youth Movement of the Catholic Action, within the Archdiocese of Santiago and nationally. He performed these roles with an exceptional spirit of initiative, dedication and sacrifice. In 1944, while giving a retreat, he appealed to his audience to consider the many poor people of the city, especially the numerous homeless children who were roaming the streets of Santiago. This request evoked a ready and generous response and was the beginning of the initiative for which Father Hurtado is especially well-known: a form of charitable activity which provided not only housing but a home-like milieu for the homeless: "El Hogar de Cristo".

With contributions from benefactors and active collaboration of committed laity, Father Hurtado opened the first house for children; this was followed by a house for women and then one for men. The poor found a warm home in "El Hogar de Cristo". The houses multiplied, taking on new dimensions; some houses being rehabilitation centers, others trade-schools, and so on, all inspired and permeated by Christian values. The last 6 years of his life were dedicated to the development of various forms in which "El Hogar" could exist and function.

In 1947 Father Hurtado founded the Chilean Trade Union Association (ASICH) to promote a union movement inspired by the social teaching of the Church. Between 1947 and 1950, Father Hurtado wrote three important works: on trade unions, on social humanism, and on the Christian social order.

Pancreatic cancer brought him, within a few months, to the end of his life. In the midst of terrible pain, he was often heard to say, "I am content, Lord". After having spent his life manifesting Christ's love for the poor, Father Hurtado was called to the Lord on 18 August 1952.

From his return to Chile after his Tertianship to his death, a matter of only 15 years, Father Hurtado lived and accomplished all these works. His apostolate was the expression of a personal love for Christ the Lord; it was characterized by a great love for poor and abandoned children, an enlightened zeal for the formation of the laity, and a lively sense of Christian social justice. He was beatified by John Paul II on October 16, 1994. *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.

GIVING TREE



Please remember the
St Vincent de Paul Society's Toowong Conference
at the "Giving Tree" during Advent.

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.

ST IGNATIUS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE GROUP.

Update on Fundraising Stall last weekend.

We extend heartfelt thanks to the generous
congregations of St Ignatius and Holy Spirit churches this weekend for
their contributions to our fundraiser which raised at least \$2,800!
(we still have some money coming in)

This means we can send over \$1400 to the Education for Peace fund in
Sudan, associated with parishioner's daughter, Louise Sullivan.

This charity offers education to Sudanese refugees as shown in our
photographic display at the back of the churches.

The other half of the money will go to the Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia to
help repair and rebuild lives of these unfortunate women.

Thank you so much for your great support!



SINCERE APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE is expressed to all our
parishioners who volunteer their time and talents throughout
the year to 'serve' our parish in many & varied ways - members of
Parish Pastoral Council and Finance & Development Committee,
Money Counters, Roster co-ordinators, Altar Servers, Sacristans,
Eucharist Ministers, Readers, Projector Operators, Musicians,
Choir members Children's Liturgy leaders, and Hospitality.
Thank you all and God Bless!

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: 2nd Sunday Advent: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14. Mark 1:1-8.

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday Advent: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24. John 1:6-8, 19-28.

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his
voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Spoken Response: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Sung Response: I will hear what the Lord has to Say.

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Lord, let us see your kind-ness, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation
of God. Alleluia!



PARISH ADVENT COMMUNAL RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 16 December 5pm at St Ignatius &
Tuesday 19 December 7pm at Holy Spirit.

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, we plan to hold **6pm Christmas Eve
Children's Mass** under lights on *St Ignatius School's
Susan Palmer Field*. **Pedestrian access to the oval**
is via the stairs at the side of St Ignatius Church.
Please bring your own foldup chairs.

Parking at 6pm Christmas Eve Mass for those

with mobility issues, will be available behind

Goldicott Parking supervisors will provide

directions to space which will be well lit & allow

you to walk through to Susan Palmer Field (please
register via clipboard at Masses this weekend).

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, Josephine Cunningham.

RECENTLY DECEASED: John O'Rourke, Lee Yuk Ling, Br Brian Grenier.

ANNIVERSARIES: Percy Hanlon Snr, Michael Smyth, Brian Wallis, Antoinette Rosen, Darren Schmidt, Dales Venables, Christopher Meehan, Paulanne Kelly, Tony Mulanni, John Nowland.

BAPTISMS:

Margaret Williams,
Luciella See,
Bruno Danesi.



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

10 2nd Sunday Advent

Baptisms: 10am—Holy Spirit

13 Saint Lucy

14 Saint John of the Cross

16 5pm Parish Advent Communal Rite
of Reconciliation—St Ignatius

17 3rd Sunday Advent

Baptisms: 10.30am—St Ignatius

19 7pm Parish Advent Communal Rite
of Reconciliation—Holy Spirit

Available Now (at both churches)

~ Christmas Cards (pack of 5 assorted):
\$2.00 per pack.

~ 2024 Columban Art Calendar:
\$10.00 each.

Sales aid Toowong Conference of
Society of St Vincent de Paul.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

2nd Week Advent II

1st Reading

Gospel

Mon: Isaiah 35:1-10. Luke 5:17-26.
Tues: Isaiah 40:1-11. Matthew 18:12-14.
Wed: Isaiah 40:25-31. Matthew 11:28-30.
Thurs: Isaiah 41:13-20. Matthew 11:11-15.
Fri: Isaiah 48:187-19. Matthew 11:16-19.
Sat: Sirach 48:1-4,9-11. Matthew 17:10-13.

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: \$4,224.15, *Other: nil.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Office may be unattended this Tuesday 12 & Thursday 14 Dec., due to Parish Secretary being absent. Also, during the school holidays, office hours may differ from the 'usual' and/or office be unattended at times, therefore if you need to visit the parish office please call first to confirm it is attended. Thank you for your understanding. In the case of an emergency please call Fr Wrex 0402 049 017.

CHRISTMAS MASS MINISTERS ROSTER (ST IGNATIUS) HELP is required for both the 6pm or 9pm Christmas Eve Masses. If you are available for either of these Masses please email Liz & James on alveydonaldson@gmail.com or call Monica, Parish Secretary (Wed—Fri) at Parish Office 3870 7818. Thank you.

ATTENTION READERS: Liturgical Year B commenced last Sunday (3 Dec.), Reminder—Fr Wrex is providing, free-of-charge, a copy of *Break Open The Word* to (rostered) 'Readers' in gratitude and to assist them with their Ministry (1 copy per household). If you haven't yet collected, please look for your named envelope at the church you usually attend. If you can't find your copy please contact parish office. Thank you.

WORKS ON ST IGNATIUS CHURCH: Works are continuing (repairing surface of the church's front stairs and verandah area), completion date is yet to be determined. 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).

CHRISTMAS DUES ENVELOPES will be available from rotary stands at both churches from this weekend (and in TG envelope packs). Please place into collection baskets.

St Ignatius Parish invites all students to participate in this year's
Christmas Eve Children's Mass—

Sunday 24 December at 6.00 pm

on St Ignatius Primary School's Susan Palmer Field,
(above St Ignatius Church).

Children are invited to participate in our Christmas Pageant.

Come dressed as an Angel or a Shepherd.

We are seeking participants for the Pageant! If you would like to
participate we would love to hear from you!

Please **RSVP** by **Friday 15 December** via email, to Janine Curcuruto,
lsr.toowong@bne.catholic.net.au

Please note: A **rehearsal** will be held at 5.30pm on **Thursday 21 December**,
(following pizzas and poppers will be provided to participants & families).

THE
CATHOLIC LEADER

Limited copies of **DECEMBER 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, 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).

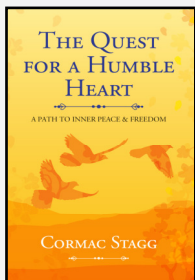
A NOTE ON THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER FRONT

Even though I was trained with the Jesuits, I didn't realize, until Fr Frank Brennan brought it up, that every Jesuit Community is dedicated to a particular saint. Our three Jesuits who are moving into the community have chosen the example of Fr Hurtado as their inspiration.

To be honest, I knew nothing about him and so asked Frank if he could send me some information about his life, which he gladly did. And, when I read it, I thought it would be worthwhile sharing it with you.

I think I just need to point out, it will not be a name related to any or all of the Parishes, which will retain their own identities, but just one that will be treasured by the Presbyteral Leadership as part of their identity.

- Fr Wrex.



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 of one of the limited copies Cormac has made available for purchase via Parish Office. Cost: \$20 (cash only).

Prayer for
Peace

Loving God

We earnestly pray for peace and stability in Myanmar amidst the ongoing internal conflict.

Our hearts grieve for the children and families enduring displacement, fighting with hunger and poverty.

Hear the prayer of these children and families and respond with the support they desperately need. May your love and warmth reach those who are most in need.

In your mercy, grant peace and perseverance to the internally displaced children and families, providing them with the necessary resources for survival.

We pray for the restoration of community and an end to conflict, allowing children and families to feel secure once again.

Grant families the strength and perseverance they need as they travel through these challenging times.

May your guiding light lead them towards hope and a brighter future.

Amen.

Learn more about how you can partner with missionaries in Myanmar by visiting catholicmission.org.au/myanmar or scanning the QR code.

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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.

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: A0B@stopline.com.au | Online: www.bneatholic.stoplinereport.com

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

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PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

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Instagram: st.iggysyouth

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.



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