



*St Ignatius Church
Kensington Terrace, Toowong*



St Ignatius Parish TOOWONG



*Holy Spirit Church
Harriett Street, Auchenflower*

**3rd Sunday Advent
Year B**



Third Sunday of Advent

17th December 2023

The Advent of a New Mission

*(Australian Provincial Fr Quyen Vu SJ commissioned
Fr Frank Brennan SJ, Fr Greg Jacob SJ and Fr Paul Fyfe SJ
at the Missioning Mass at the Province Office On December 1st.
The following is the text of the homily he gave on the occasion.)*

“Today marks a significant moment in the journey ahead for Frank, Greg and Paul as we gather for this Missioning Mass. As we send them forth to serve in the parishes of Toowong, St Lucia and Indooroopilly, we acknowledge that the path ahead will be challenging.

It’s essential to recognise that stepping into this mission will take each of you out of your comfort zones. You will encounter new parishioners, new ways of doing things, new community of communities, new cultures, and traditions. There will be moments when you might feel insignificant, lacking resources and vulnerable. This is an inherent aspect of being sent on a mission. The early Companions all underwent similar experiences when they were sent on missions. They have paved the way for us, and their spirit supports us in our endeavours.

Yet, your presence is essential in Brisbane. This summons arises from a genuine need expressed by the people, the archdiocese, and the bishops who, in their wisdom, have reached out to us with trust and faith. In the spirit of St Ignatius, who advised Jesuits to be tactful and to enter through the doors of those you serve but lead them out through our own door, you are called to minister to the communities of Toowong, St Lucia, and Indooroopilly. It is a delicate balance, meeting people where they are while gently guiding them toward the teachings and love of our faith.

Frank, Greg and Paul, the Australian Province places its trust in you, entrusting you with the mission to care for the souls of the parishioners in these three parishes. Your service in bringing the Good News to them is of paramount importance in fostering a vibrant and thriving community.

GC 36, D1, No.9 reminded us that: “The Jesuit community is a concrete space in which we live as friends in the Lord. This life together is always at the service of mission, but because these fraternal bonds proclaim the Gospel, it is itself a mission.” [GC 36, D.1, No. 9]. Supporting one another is crucial for achieving apostolic effectiveness. Therefore, consider your Jesuit community as an integral part of your mission also.

Remember that you are not only messengers of the Gospel but also shepherds of God’s flock. As Pope Francis has reminded us, shepherds should smell like their sheep - embodying a sense of proximity and relatability to those entrusted to their care. Your role is to nurture, guide and bring back the lost sheep to the fold, creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all.

As you embark on this mission, may the grace of God accompany you, and may the love of Christ be your guiding light. The challenges may be great, but the rewards of serving God’s people and spreading the Good News are immeasurable. Go forth with courage, compassion, and the spirit of service, knowing that you carry with you the prayers and support of the Province. May your ministry be blessed abundantly as you shepherd the souls entrusted to your care.

I hereby assign the three of you a mission to the communities of St Ignatius Toowong, St Lucia, and Indooroopilly on behalf of our Province. May God’s grace be with you throughout this wonderful endeavour.”

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.*



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.

Nb. Live Stream: click to *YouTube* icon on parish website.

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

Parking at 6pm Christmas Eve Mass for those with mobility issues. Parking will be available behind Goldicott, 65 Grove Cres, for 6pm Mass Christmas Eve on St Ignatius School Oval. Parking supervisors will provide directions to space which will be well lit and allow you to walk through to Susan Palmer Field. Seating will be provided for Mass.

Please register the names of each person who will be accessing the carpark.

To register for parking permit please complete clipboard available at Masses this weekend or email Parish Office
pw.toowong@bne.catholic.net.au

Call for volunteers ~ 6pm Mass Christmas Eve.

We need volunteers to assist with setting up and managing the carpark at Goldicott and ground set up and pack down.

If you can assist, please email Parish Office
pw.toowong@bne.catholic.net.au

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.

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New CBA Smart Terminals are being trialed 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: 3rd Sunday Advent: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24. John 1:6-8, 19-28.

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

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted, let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Spoken Response: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Sung Response: My Soul Glorifies the Lord.

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My soul _____ re-joic-es, my soul re-joic-es in my God.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. 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, Josephine Cunningham.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia Conroy—Funeral: Wednesday 20 December at 10am at St Ignatius; John O'Rourke, Lee Yuk Ling, Br Brian Grenier.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Schiller, Jarred Castel, Kevin Bell, Clive Thompson, Romy B. Trinidad Sr.

BAPTISM: Ajla Launiuvao.

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

- 16** 5pm Parish Advent Communal Rite of Reconciliation—St Ignatius
- 17** 3rd Sunday Advent
Baptism: 10.30am—St Ignatius
- 19** 7pm Parish Advent Communal Rite of Reconciliation—Holy Spirit
- 20** Funeral: 10am—St Ignatius
- 24** 4th Sunday Advent
Masses: 6pm Vigil (23/12) —St Ig.
7am Mass—St Ignatius
8.30am Mas—Holy Spirit
- Christmas Eve**
Masses: 6pm Vigil—School Oval
9pm Mass—St Ignatius

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

3rd Week Advent (II)

1st Reading Gospel

Mon: Jeremiah 23:5-8. Matthew 1:18-24
Tues: Judges 13:2-7,24-25. Luke 1:5-25.
Wed: Isaiah 7:10-14. Luke 1:26-38.
Thurs: Song of Songs 2:8-14. Luke 1:39-45.
Fri: 1 Samuel 1:24-28. Luke 1:46-56.
Sat: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24. Luke 1:57-66.

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: \$3,466.70, *Other: nil.

PARISH ADVENT COMMUNAL RITES OF RECONCILIATION. We will bring our Advent journey to a climax with Communal Rites of Reconciliation, recognizing the birth of our salvation this **Saturday 16 December** at St Ignatius Church starting at 5pm and on **Tues. 19 December** at Holy Spirit Church starting at 7pm. Please come and join in his joyful celebration of God's forgiveness guaranteed in the birth of God's son.

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.

CWL TOOWONG BRANCH will not meet in December or January. Our next meeting will likely change to a Friday due to change in Weekday Mass schedule at Holy Spirit next year (to be confirmed early next year). New members welcome. Enquiries: Del Doherty 3371 7746.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will not meet in December or January; next meeting to be held Thursday 8 February 2024.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, TOOWONG have held their final meeting of 2023 & will not be meeting over the Christmas—New Year period; first meeting to be held on **Tuesday 9 Jan. 2024**.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS, Sunday 24 December at 6pm. Children are invited to participate in our Christmas Pageant and come dressed as an Angel or a Shepherd.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS. 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.

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).

~ DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN SING AND MIGHT WANT TO JOIN OUR PARISH?

Invite them to join us for Advent and Christmas. The only commitment is to come 45 minutes before Mass to rehearse the music. All welcome!

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE Search St-Ignatius-Parish-Toowong and click Like to follow.

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are available now, at both churches for **\$4 each**
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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).

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 8 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/>
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.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

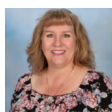
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