



*St Ignatius Church
Kensington Terrace, Toowong*



St Ignatius Parish

TOOWONG



*Holy Spirit Church
Harriett Street, Auchenflower*

1st Sunday Advent
Year B



3rd December 2023

The Advent of Change

With the number of clergy available in the area diminishing next year, there is going to need to be a rationalization of Mass times.

Currently, there are 3 Saturday night Masses in the area and three Sunday night Masses, catering for under 200 parishioners across the three Parishes, while there are four Masses catering for over 400 parishioners on a Sunday morning. With only two priests regularly available, the Task Group in consultation with the Jesuits felt the best option was to scale it down to 6 Masses: One on Saturday night, one on Sunday night and 4 on Sunday morning.

So the following schedule is put forward as the new roster:

St Lucia: Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 9.30am (loses Sunday 6pm);
Toowong: Sunday 7.00am and 5.00pm (loses Saturday 6.00pm);
Auchenflower: Sunday 8.00am (Mass time brought forward half an hour);
Indooroopilly: Sunday 8.30am (loses Saturday and Sunday evenings).

The rationale for the change of Mass Time at Auchenflower is that a priest needs an hour and a half between Mass start times to get from one Mass to another. The 8.30am at Indooroopilly is their most popular Mass, and St Lucia normally has a 9am Mass in Summer or 9.30am in Winter. By making the St Lucia Mass time consistently at 9.30am, means that a priest can do an 8am Mass at Auchenflower and then the 9.30 am at St Lucia, while another can do the 7am Mass at Toowong and be at Indooroopilly for an 8.30am Mass.

For the same reason, I cannot do a 7am Mass at Toowong and be at Auchenflower for an 8am Mass, so we will delay the change in roster until the New Year. So, on the last weekend in December (December 30th/31st), we will have the final 6pm Saturday night Mass here and Mass at Auchenflower at 8.30am. The following weekend, we will hopefully move as a community to St Lucia to celebrate as one community there with myself concelebrating and the Toowong community involved in the Eucharist and, with one of the Jesuit Father's support, I will do the new 8am Mass at Auchenflower after the Jesuit has celebrated the 7am.

As for weekdays, there is a high probability that the priests will be called on to celebrate Mass at UQ on weekdays, and so the following timetable for Masses in the Parish churches is as follows:

Monday: 5.15pm at St Lucia;
Tuesday: 5.30pm at St Ignatius;
Wednesday: 5pm Prayer leading up to 6.00pm Mass at Indooroopilly;
Thursday: 9.15am Mass at St Ignatius (which allows the school to join in);
Friday: 9.00am Mass at Indooroopilly (which allows the school to join in);
and 9.00am Mass at Holy Spirit.

We realize that these changes will not necessarily suit everybody, but hope that we have tried to be as fair as possible taking into consideration the variety of demands and needs in the communities. Hopefully, this explanation will help you to understand the rationale behind the changes.

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.*

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR FR WREX'S RETIREMENT & WELCOME OF JESUITS.

Dear Parishioners of St Ignatius Parish,

On behalf of Toowong Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), thank you sincerely for your contribution to the celebrations for Fr Wrex's retirement and Welcome of Jesuits. Many people generously gave their time and talent preparing and participating in the liturgy, setting up the hall for lunch, donating food, assisting with lunch service, cleaning up the hall after lunch and donating for a gift.

The Mass and luncheon were both great celebrations of Fr Wrex's 6 years of service to our parish and welcoming of the Jesuits Fathers to Brisbane.

As a parish, we were grateful to host guests of Fr Wrex family and friends, along with staff and families from both St Ignatius School and Stuartholme School along with parishioners from each of our Mass communities. Each adding to the richness of the occasion.

There was a great sense of fellowship and festivity in each of the groups of parishioners who worked together to make this occasion both memorable and joyous. Thank you again for your wonderful spirit!

May Anne Paddock

SPECIAL REQUEST: If you have photos from the Retirement Mass and lunch celebrations last weekend, please send in your best shots for inclusion in the photo gallery to be posted on the parish website.



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

ST IGNATIUS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE GROUP.

Fundraising Stall will be held **this weekend, 2—3 December**, at all Masses. There will be delicious home—baked items and a range of craft items and plants suitable for Christmas gifts. Proceeds will go equally to Louise Sullivan's Sudan Education for Peace charity and to the Ethiopian fistula hospital.

~ We welcome any contributions of baked goods or craft items from parishioners.

Advent Angels. To make this Advent season special we have made some small, beautifully handcrafted wooden angels with candles for kids. Please see flyer on church (both churches) or



Please refer to parish website to see our groups activities —
www.stignatiustoowong.org.au/st-ignatius-peace-through-justice-group/

GIVING TREE



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

From this weekend,
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.

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

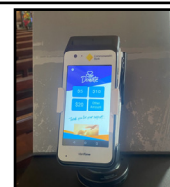
Our Parish has now received two devices, to be positioned at church doors at weekend Masses, to receive your electronic donations. A great option for those wanting to give, but not carrying cash to put in collection basket.

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: 1st Sunday Advent: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8. 1 Corinthians 1:3-9. Mark 13:33-37.

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

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: Lord, make us turn to You, let us see Your Face and we shall be saved.

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: Helena John, Alice Fung Kwan Leung.

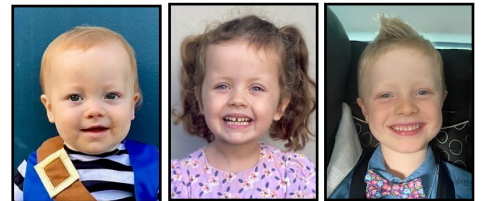
ANNIVERSARIES: Grant Colburn, Marion Chisholm, Fr Lyall Cowell, Rhonda Moulton, Marie Burke, John Costello.

BAPTISMS: Florence Strange, Quincy O'Brien, Wilbur Wood, Olive Wood, Archer Wood.



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

2-3 Fundraising stall and
Expect-a-cuppa (after all Masses) -
St Ignatius

3 1st Sunday Advent
8.30am Children's Liturgy' plus after
-Mass Hospitality & fundraising stall
— Holy Spirit Church
Baptisms: 10.30am—St Ignatius

7 Saint Ambrose

8 Solemnity of The Immaculate
Conception of The Blessed Virgin
Mary.

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

1st Week Advent II

	1st Reading	Gospel
Mon:	Isaiah 2:1-5.	Matthew 8:5-11.
Tues:	Isaiah 11:1-10.	Luke 10:21-24.
Wed:	Isaiah 26:6-10.	Matthew 15:29-37.
Thurs:	Isaiah 26:1-6.	Matthew 7:21,24-27.
Fri:	Genesis 3:9-15,20.	Luke 1:26-38.
Sat:	Is'h 30:19-21,23-26.	Matt.9:35-10:1,6-8.

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: \$3,235.05, *Other: nil.

ST. IGNATIUS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE GROUP will be holding their charity fundraising
Christmas sale **this weekend** (2-3 December).

Also, our next meeting: **Monday 4 December** at 7.30pm in the Horstmann Room.

EXPECT-A-CUPPA will be held **this weekend** (2—3 Dec) after all Masses at St Ignatius.
Parishioners and visitors are invited to stay after Mass for a cup of tea or coffee.

AFTER—MASS HOSPITALITY following the 8.30am Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit **this Sunday**
(3 December); 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; **this Sunday** (3 December) will be the final one for this year.
THANK YOU to the dedicated team of liturgists who have led 'Children's Liturgy' this year.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS. Due to commencement of school holidays the parish office
will be (closed on Mondays) and may be unattended on Tuesdays during coming
weeks, however emails will be checked on Tuesdays. If you need to visit the parish
office please call first to check if it is attended. Thank you for your understanding.
In the case of an emergency please call Fr Wrex 0402 049 017.

HOLY SPIRIT MASS (FRIDAY 8 DEC.). Parishioners please note we've been contacted by
the company working on roof of neighbouring building (18 Ridley St) next to church
grounds, to request permission to set-up their crane in church carpark for a few
hours that day, to remove materials from said building. They also advised there is
likely be 'traffic control' in place for Ridley & Harriett Streets during that time.
Access to church carpark will still be possible and car parking available for 9am Mass.
Please allow more time just in case there is 'traffic control' and/or detours in place.

ATTENTION READERS: 2024 'BREAK OPEN THE WORD' (YEAR B). Liturgical Year B
commences **this Sunday** (3 December). Once again 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 (one copy per household). 'Reader' volunteers should
have received an email from parish office advising to collect your named envelope
from the church where you are recorded as a Reader. Thank you.

WORKS ON ST IGNATIUS CHURCH. Works are continuing (repairing surface of the church's
front stairs and verandah area), which is expected to take until approx. mid—December.
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).

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).



THANK YOU SO MUCH

I want to thank everybody involved in last Sunday's celebration for giving me such a wonderful send-off and I know the Jesuits were equally gob-smacked at the welcome as I had an email from Fr Frank Brennan on Monday saying: "What a great day. Thanks for including me and the SJ in the celebrations so fully."

Without naming names, I particularly want to thank those who organized the event. Both the Liturgy and the Function following were awesome and well-conceived in the planning. I also realize and applaud the way they encouraged others to play a part by coming along and bringing food for the Banquet and I want to thank the many of you who responded to that invitation and, not only attended, but created a feast of mammoth proportions. I also want to acknowledge those who weren't able to be there, but expressed their disappointment to me. Your friendship and concern for me over the past six years has been much appreciated.

One of the things I really loved was the way people pitched in to help set up and put away the Hall furnishings. I almost fell over with surprise when I went into the Hall after farewelling family and friends, ready to help dismantle the Tables, to find everything had been tidied up and put away and it was only 2.30pm.

Last but definitely not least, thank you for the generosity and thought that went into my gifts. I will try to spend and use them wisely and always remember the gift you have been to me in so many ways during my time at Toowong/Auchenflower! Fr Wrex

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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<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

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

*** Fr Wrex Woolnough,**
PARISH PRIEST

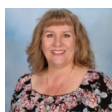
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Monica Florence (Tues-Fri)
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