



*Mass of Thanksgiving,
Retirement and Welcome*

26th November, 2023
St Ignatius Church Toowong



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Welcome & Acknowledgement

Gathering Hymn

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty the King of Creation Arr. Christopher Willcock SJ

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation.
Come all you who hear, now to his altar draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend us;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.
Ponder a new what the Almighty can do,
Who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us adore him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again,
Now as we worship before him.

Praise to the Lord let us offer our gifts at the altar,
Let not our sins and transgressions now cause us to falter.
Christ the high priest bids us all join in his feast,
Victims with him on the altar.

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Introductory Rites

Fr Wrex: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Fr Wrex: Peace be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Blessing of Water

Fr Wrex: Dear brothers and sisters,
let us humbly beseech the Lord our God
to bless this water He has created,
which will be sprinkled on us
as a memorial of our Baptism.

May He help us by His grace
to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.
Almighty ever-living God,
who willed that through water,
the fountain of life and the source of purification,
every soul should be cleansed
and receive the gift of eternal life;
be pleased, we pray, to + bless this water,
by which we seek protection on this Your day, O Lord.
Renew the living spirit of Your grace within us
and grant that by this water we may be defended
from all ills of spirit and body,
and so approach You with hearts made clean
and worthily receive Your salvation.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen



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Sprinkling of Assembly

Fr Wrex: May almighty God cleanse us of our sins,
 And through the celebration of this Eucharist
 Make us worthy to share at the table of His Kingdom.

All: Amen

Come to the Water

Frank Anderson

Refrain

Come to the water! You who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live!

Why spend your money on what cannot fill
The emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy:
Goodness and peace in your heart!

Just as the heavens are high above earth;
My ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you!

Just as the rain falls to water the earth;
Just as a seed becomes bread ...
My word upon you can never return
Until My longing is filled!

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Gloria

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

Collect

Fr Wrex: Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.

All: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Reader: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.
The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



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Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill,
for thou art with me and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forever more
My dwelling place shall be.

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Reader: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be
in all.*

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.



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Gospel Acclamation:

Celtic (sung)

Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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Gospel:

Matthew 25:31-46

Fr Frank: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Frank: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

He will take his seat on the throne of glory, and he will separate them one from another.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Fr Frank: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

Fr Wrex: Jesus teaches us to ask and we will receive, to seek and we will find, to knock and the door will be opened to us. Trusting in his words, we come with confidence before the throne of mercy.

Reader: For the Church, that the Pope, Bishops, and all church leaders will continually seek, and be blessed with, God's wisdom and guidance.

(pause)

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



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Reader: For peace and justice in our world, that with hearts moved by mercy and compassion, leaders of nations will strive for peace, understanding and reconciliation.

(pause)

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for the sick of our parish and for those who care for them.

We pray for all those who sleep in Christ, especially those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be brought to the fullness of life with Christ.

(pause)

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for Father Wrex, for his ministry to the people of St Ignatius Parish, that we may affirm, support, and celebrate his gift of service to us, and that he may experience God's abundant love as he walks a new path of prayer and servanthood in retirement.

(pause)

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all priests who are ordained to serve our Church, especially Fr Frank Brennan, Fr Greg Jacobs and Fr Paul Fyfe, who will take responsibility for our community, that their ministry may be fruitful and appreciated by the people whom they serve.

(pause)

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



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Reader: For all who have contributed their time and talents to this Parish; especially the Mercy and Sacred Heart Sisters, those who have served our community for a long time, and those who are moving away, that they may know our gratitude for their service as Church which has helped us to know the message of Christ.

(pause)

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

All: St Ignatius Mission Prayer

Fr Wrex: Almighty and eternal God, in Christ your Son you have shown our glory to the world. Guide the work of your Church; help it to proclaim your name, to preserve the faith and to bring your salvation to people everywhere. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Liturgy of Eucharist

Procession of the Gifts:

Soft music

Prayer over the Offerings:

Fr Wrex: Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy:

Sung

Mystery of Faith:

Sung

Amen:

Sung



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Communion Rite:

The Lord's Prayer

Sung

Sign of Peace

Lamb of God

Sung

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Communion Hymn

Make me a channel of your peace

Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.



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Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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Like a Shepherd

Robert J Dufford SJ

Refrain

*Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.*

Say to the cities of Judah:
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice:
Jerusalem, here is your God.

I myself will shepherd them,
For others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
And pasture them, giving them rest.

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke upon your shoulders,
I will give you rest.

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Reflection

Irish Blessing

Traditional

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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Prayer after Communion

Fr Wrex: Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorifying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly kingdom.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen



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Passing of the Tradition

Fr Mark: For over 129 years, a Church has been sited at Toowong, originally within the Parish of Rosalie.

From 1916, it was handed over to the care of the Jesuit Fathers with its first Parish Priest, Fr Richard Murphy S.J.. Since then over 50 priests have served this parish, 20 in the role of Parish Priest. In that time, the parish has developed and grown. Indooroopilly was formed as an independent Parish in 1926 and St Lucia followed in 1946.

Today we recognize that your Parish is transitioning not just in personnel, but also in structure and so, as a symbol of that transition, Fr Wrex, as the retiring 20th Parish Priest of Toowong, hands over the stoles representing the Church communities of St Ignatius and Holy Spirit to Fr Frank Brennan, who represents the community of Jesuits taking responsibility for the presbyteral ministry in the area.

Transitional Blessing

Fr Mark: God of Love,
You are with us in every transition and change.
As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.
We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.
We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.
We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.
Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

All: Amen



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Concluding Rites

Solemn Blessing:

Fr Mark: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Fr Mark: Bow down for the blessing.

Thank you for the seasons of life, for the joy of childhood, the excitement of youth, and the stability of maturity.

All: Amen.

Fr Mark: Thank you for the blessings that come with age, for all the happy memories to enjoy, for the wisdom that comes through experience, and for the freedom that is given with retirement.

All: Amen.

Fr Mark: May the Lord bless you and keep you, fill your life with His joy and sustain you by His grace.

All: Amen.

Fr Mark: And may almighty God, the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit + come down on you and remain with you forever.

All: Amen.



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Dismissal

Fr Mark: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: Thanks be to God.

In Faith and Hope and Love

James Phillip McAuley

Refrain

In faith and hope and love with joyful trust we move towards our Father's home above.

Christ, our star, our map our road
To the Father's high abode.

Christ, our bread along the way;
Christ, our rescue when we stray.

Christ, our shelter, Christ our friend,
Our beginning and our end.

Christ, our hope and our reward;
Our redeemer and our Lord.

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