

Holy Spirit Church Harriett Street Auchenflower

Lent 01: "No" to "Yes"

As we begin the season of Lent it might best to view these weeks as a journey; a journey from no to yes, from dead ashes to living water. In our first reading, Noah's world was in ashes: deceit, infidelity, betrayals, broken relationships, injustice, murder. He had to rise from those suffocating ashes and set out for a new life. It took him forty days. Our world, alas, is the same.

This past Wednesday we took the ashes of destroyed cities, the dead in the Middle East, the broken trust of CEOs, clergy and politicians, the moral destroyers of our society, the sins of our own souls and smeared them where all could see. We are now, like Noah, out to seek the Easter waters, forty days hence, that will wash them away. On Easter Sunday we will be challenged to start all over again as we are asked:

Do you renounce Satan?

Do you believe in God the Father? Do you believe in Jesus Christ? Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

We get the next forty days to build towards our answer, to say "Yes".

To make this journey we may need to give some things up. We might want to reflect of Pope Francis' "Fast for 40 Days" from various negative habits and instead take up some holy habits. We might say no to indiscriminate television watching that is designed to feed our individual ego but seldom our soul. Instead take up some spiritual reading. We might also give some of our money to the poor (Project Compassion for example) – and give a little beyond just our lose change, give until it hurts just a little.

In your relationships, be someone who encourages rather than puts down. A further step, if you have mastered this, is to be a healer; work up to reconnecting a broken connection that has sprung up in your life – what can I do to heal this relationship? You might also want to put aside some special time each week with one or two friends, your spouse, or family members so you can reconnect. In some families that is easier said than done, but then that is part of the idea of Lent – reconciliation, growing from "No" to "Yes" with Jesus as our companion and guide.

~ Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ

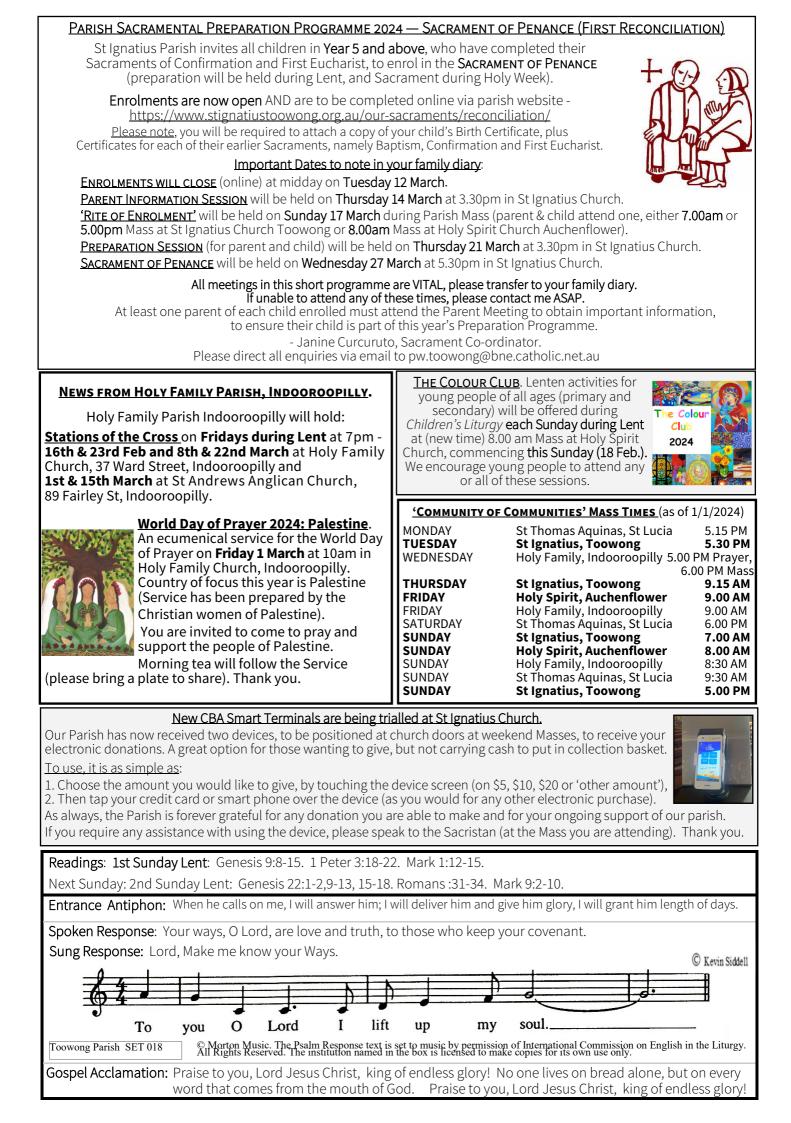
<u>Please note</u>, new Parish Mass times commenced as of <u>Monday 1 January 2024</u>.

PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES: **ST IGNATIUS Toowong**: 5.30pm Tuesdays and 9.15am Thursdays. **HOLY SPIRIT Auchenflower**: 9am Fridays.

PARISH WEEKEND MASSES: ST IGNATIUS Toowong: Sunday 7.00am & 5.00pm. Holy Spirit Auchenflower: Sunday 8.00am.

Reconciliation / Confession: by appointment.

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.



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, 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, Margaret Twomey, Nat Lentz, Deb Galbraith, Melissa Grimsgard, Teresa Galarza, Ange Beasley, Marie Anne Colman, Michael & Christine Hynes, Adrian Duffy, Amy Frances Nugent, Kevin Anderson, Josephine Cunningham, Linda McCarthy, Cornelia 'Nora' King.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ray Willans, Colin Haworth.

Diary Dates

1st Sunday Lent

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February

Children's Liturgy & 'The Colour

after-Mass hospitality — Holy Spirit

March

9am Anointing Mass-Holy Spirit

Club' (held during 8am Mass) &

The Chair of Saint Peter

7.15pm SVdP meeting-

2nd Sunday Lent

Horstmann Room

ANNIVERSARIES: Ross Dick, Mariarosa Micalizzi, Maurice de Rozario.

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH COLLECTIONS: \$2,627.55, *Other: nil.

<u>AFTER—MASS HOSPITALITY</u> following (new time) 8.00 am Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit **this** Sunday (18 February). Parishioners & visitors are welcome to stay after Mass for a cuppa.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY recommences this Sunday (18 February), held during Holy Spirit's (new time) 8.00am Sunday Mass, fortnightly during school terms only. Children of all ages are welcome to attend this enjoyable way for our children to participate in the liturgy.

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME: Fr Michael Hansen SJ's Liberating Lenten Prayers, titled '*Jail Break'* is a unique and fresh online opportunity for daily reflections during Lent. Parishioners are encouraged to register now to receive a daily Lenten prayer to your inbox (commenced Ash Wednesday & continues until Easter Sunday). Please register via this QR code or go to <u>https://book.venue.life/pch/register/jail-break-2024</u>.



Also, JISA Faber Centre will be offering parishioners an opportunity to deepen this Lenten experience facilitating parish group gathering on Tuesdays 5, 12 & 19 March, from 6.30—8.00pm. Join us, as together we share and deepen our Lenten journey through community and conversation in the Spirit. Please RSVP to parish office via email: toowong@bne.catholic.net.au

DATE CLAIMER: CONCERT by St Laurence's Old Boys & Community Choir to be held in St. Ignatius Church on Monday 11 March at 7.00pm. Entry is free however a collection will be taken up to raise money for Jesuit Mission. All are welcome.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

St Ignatius Parish invites expressions of interest for adults considering becoming Catholic. Please speak to Fr Paul Fyfe SJ or to register your interest please email <u>toowong@bne.catholic.net.au</u>

The RCIA is best described as a journey of faith which passes through a number of different phases and focuses on conversion of heart and mind to Christ. It is a gradual journey tailored to the needs of the individual! Candidates meet regularly with a group of people from the parish to gain an understanding of Catholic belief and practice.



PROJECT COMPASSION— 1ST SUNDAY LENT.



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world **for all future generations**.

Please donate to Project Compassion.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from rotary stands at both churches, by visiting <u>caritas.org.au/project-compassion</u> or by calling 1800 024 413.

Where to find YOUTUBE on Parish's new website (top of screen) select 'Our Parish' and (from drop-down list) select 'Parish YouTube Recordings' click on it and 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.

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; *VIEW Parish's YouTube, <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLghy4aXqqJRrUILiXPjoSA?view_as=subscriber</u>, 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 <u>http://archbne.org/bzw</u> *View '**2 MINUTE HOMILIES**' for Sunday's Gospel (featuring clergy from parishes around Archdiocese of Brisbane).



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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS 1st Week Lent (II)

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	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Mon: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18.Matt. 25:31-46.		
Tues:	Isaiah 55:10.	Matthew 6:7-15.
Wed	Jonah 3:1-10.	Luke 11:29-32.
Thurs:	1 Peter 5:1-4.	Matthew 16:13-19.
Fri:	Ezekiel 18:31-2	298. Matt. 5:2-0-26.
Sat: Deuteronomy 26:16-19. Matt. 5:43-48.		

PLEASE NOTE: PARISH OFFICE will be CLOSED on Mondays until further notice.

<u>Please note</u>: 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. **CCR Bardon Healing Mass.** Anyone needing healing prayer or a spiritual boost in their lives, is invited to attend the first Friday monthly Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, **Friday 1 March** at 7.30pm. Fr. Neville Yun will be the celebrant. Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass. Personal prayer will also be offered after Mass. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further info., contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to <u>lenpatairey@gmail.com</u> Website: <u>www.ccrbrisbane.org.au</u>

Information morning: Pastoral care to the sick in hospitals (volunteer role). Centacare, in conjunction with the Institute of Faith Education, will conduct a registered training course in spiritual and pastoral care to the sick in 2024. Date of the information session: **Wednesday 6 March**, 10am – 1pm, Level 1, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth St, Brisbane. For further information, or to attend the information morning please email <u>judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au</u> or phone 3324 3193.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024. PALESTINE 'UNITED AS LIVING STONES'. Invitation to attend an event hosted by St Lucia Uniting Church (cnr Hawken Drive and Swann Road) on Friday 1 March at 10.30am. 'Living Stones Project' in Palestine was chosen 4-years ago. Contact person: Lyn 3378 6743.



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