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Guide to

the Church of  
St Ignatius Loyola Toowong  
1930 - 2016

St. Ignatius Church is constructed of brick with polychromatic patterns incorporated into the walls of structure and was Blessed and Opened on the 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1930 at a cost of 11,000 pounds. This building is a living Memorial to the Faith and Generosity of our Priests, Sisters and parishioners over many decades. The Church property was donated by the Sisters of Mercy.

*Architect – Hennessy & Hennessy and Co.: Supervisor – Leo Drinan  
Builders – Concrete Constructions Ltd.  
Parish Priest – Rev. Father Richard Murphy SJ.*

A two storey building – Church top storey – School bottom storey.

### Top Storey Church

As you start your tour, on your **right hand side** and moving in an anti clock direction, note brickwork tapestry, internal and external.

- Statue of St. Joseph.
- Centenary Jesuit Fathers Toowong Plaque listing names of Jesuit Fathers who have served in Toowong Parish from 1916 - 2016.
- Jesuit Toowong Parish Centenary Stained Glass Window in thanksgiving for the Jesuit Fathers of Toowong for their care of our parish since 31 July 1916. Funded by *parishioners (2016)*. Designed by *Gerry Cummins & Jill Stehn Pty Ltd.*
- Sacred Heart Stained Glass Window, *originally adorned the Sanctuary of First Church – Donated by Judge & Mrs. O’Sullivan.*
- Stations of the Cross.
- Pulpit – *Donated by Mr. P.J. O’Shea*
- Organ (Allen L121) – *95 years as parish. Funded by parishioners (2011).*
- Niche – Bust of the Blessed Virgin Mary – *origin unknown.*
- Our Lady of the Way – a record of organists who have served church.
- Shrine of St. Therese – *Furnished by Auchenflower People – Coat of Arms of Carmelite Order.*
- High Up Stained Glass Windows of St. Francis Xavier.
- Our Lady’s Side Altar – *Furnished by Children of Mary – Statue from Cologne.*
- Magnificat Stained Glass Window – *Designed by Mr. W. Bustard – Donated by Mr. J.A. Hayes.*
- High Altar – *Donated by the O’Sullivan Family.*
- Tabernacle – *Donated by Archbishop James Duhig, D.D.*
- Crucifix – *Donated by the Pender & Foley Families – Memory Kathleen Pender*
- Wall Bell – Symbol of Four Evangelists – *Donated by Mr. F. O’Rourke*
- Timber Altar – 1966 Golden Jubilee – *Crafted, made and donated by Frank & Margaret Shuttlewood – For Mass facing the People.*
- Lectionary – *Originally made by Mr. John Smith as an Oratory Stand for Sr. Mary Isadore’s Infant School.*

All Five Altars were designed by Mr. H. Credgington of Catholic Art Gallery, Melbourne and crafted in his studios at San Pietro, Carrara in Italy and erected by Andrew Petrie & Sons, Stonemasons of Toowong.

Imitation Marble (Seagliola), Melocco Bros., Sydney.

Altar Rails, Altar Gates and Sanctuary Lamp have been removed to suit liturgical changes. Original Sanctuary Floor was replaced in about 1960.

## Left Hand Side

- Sacred Heart Altar – *Donated by Mrs. J. Bergin.*
- Christ the King Stained Glass Window – *also designed by Mr. Bustard – Donated by Mr. J.A. Hayes.*
- St. Ignatius Shrine & Windows – *Donated by the McCaffery Family.*
- Baptismal Font (Carrara Marble) originally in Baptistry, front left hand side of Church Vestibule – *Baptistry furnished by Mr. J.A. Carmody. Old Baptistry features two stained Glass Windows, Baptism of Christ & Baptism of Children.*
- Niche – Bust of Limpias Christ – *Donated by Mrs. Power.*
- High Up Stained Glass Window – St. Ignatius Loyola.
- High Up Centre – Mosaic Christ the King – *origin unknown.*
- 'Mercy Window' above side-entrance of St Ignatius Church. Honouring the *Sisters of Mercy, with a dedication plaque below. Donated by Taylor Family in loving-memory of Mary Jeanette (Jane) Taylor (2011).*
- Jubilee Year 2000 – Plaque commemorating 70 Years of Church and acknowledging Relief Worker Programme 1933-1936.
- St. Michael the Archangel Stained Glass Window – From Sanctuary of original Church – *Donated by Mrs. Beardmore.*
- Centenary Plaque of Toowong Catholic Church Community.
- Statue of St. Francis Xavier.

Choir Loft Pipe Organ 1957 in memory of Fr. Leo Murphy SJ, Asst. Priest 1943-1957

## Under Church

Parish School 1930-1948

- Foyer – Scholarship Room
- Grades 2 to 6 in Main Hall (Now Parish Hall)
- Infants School at Rear (Now After School Hours Care)

The Church Gates, side ramps, rock wall excavation, School playing field and red concreting are a testimony to the Relief Worker Programme initiated in the 1930's Depression Years by Fr. William Lockington SJ, PP.

## To the Rear of the Church

1948 School Building to memory of Fr. William O'Keeffe SJ, PP 1940-1944.

1986 School Extended in memory of Sisters of Mercy and Lay Teaching Staff Since 1903.

1996 Sister Mary Leonard Classroom Block on site of Morrow home.

2000-2. Classroom School Block, Barbara Foster Art Centre and proposed Teachers' Amenities Space on site of School Porch and Tuckshop funded by Silver Circle Proceeds.

2003 to current – Refer to 'History' on back page.

## Before you leave Pray this Prayer of St. Ignatius

DEAREST LORD, TEACH ME TO BE GENEROUS,  
TEACH ME TO SERVE YOU AS YOU DESERVE,  
TO GIVE AND NOT TO COUNT THE COST,  
TO FIGHT, AND NOT TO HEED THE WOUNDS,  
TO TOIL, AND NOT TO SEEK FOR REST,  
TO LABOUR, AND NOT TO ASK REWARD,  
SAVING THAT OF KNOWING THAT I DO YOUR WILL.

## HISTORY

- 1879 First Mass celebrated in Toowong Area (Home of J. Keogh, Burns Road).
- 1888 *9<sup>th</sup> March.* Archbishop Dunne purchases land in Holland Street, Toowong.
- 1892 *24<sup>th</sup> September.* Foundation Stone of Catholic Church laid by Bishop Corbett of Sale.
- 1893 *9<sup>th</sup> April.* Blessing and Opening of Church of St. Michael and All Souls.
- 1902 *22<sup>nd</sup> July.* Sisters of Mercy purchase "Goldcott" for the Convent. Renamed "Mt. St. Mary's".  
*2<sup>nd</sup> November.* Foundation Block of new School Blessed by Archbishop Robert Dunne.
- 1903 *19<sup>th</sup> January.* Convent School and Sisters of Mercy Convent Blessed by Archbishop James Duhig DD.
- 1916 *30<sup>th</sup> July.* Jesuit Fathers arrive. Parish established. Opening of Presbytery "Manresa" cnr Holland St & Kensington Tce
- 1926 *24<sup>th</sup> February.* Holy Family, Indooroopilly Parish Formed.
- 1927 *31<sup>st</sup> July.* Church of Carmel of the Holy Spirit, Auchenflower – Carmelite Monastery, "Auchenflower House".
- 1929 *16<sup>th</sup> June.* Foundation Stone of new Church/School laid.
- 1930 *18<sup>th</sup> May.* St. Ignatius Church/School Blessed and Opened by Archbishop James Duhig DD.
- 1933-36 Depression – Relief Worker Programme. Work on Church surrounds.
- 1940 Clearance of land beside convent to develop school playing fields.
- 1946 *16<sup>th</sup> June.* St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Lucia Parish formed.  
*3<sup>rd</sup> November.* Foundation Stone of new School laid by Archbishop James Duhig DD.
- 1948 *18<sup>th</sup> July.* Fr. William O'Keeffe SJ School Building Blessed by Archbishop James Duhig DD.
- 1955 Present Presbytery "Manresa" purchased and extended. Dedicated to Memory of Fr. William Lockington SJ.
- 1959 *8<sup>th</sup> March.* Pipe Organ installed in St. Ignatius. Dedicated in Memory of Fr. Leo Murphy SJ, Assistant Priest 1943-1957.
- 1964 Auchenflower site purchased from Carmelites.
- 1965 *26<sup>th</sup> June.* Carmelites move to Ormiston.
- 1966 *31<sup>st</sup> July.* Parish Golden Jubilee. Liturgy in Vernacular. Mass facing the people.
- 1969 *12<sup>th</sup> October.* Foundation Stone Holy Spirit Church Auchenflower laid.  
*15<sup>th</sup> December.* Holy Spirit Memorial Church Auchenflower Blessed and Opened by Archbishop P.M. O'Donnell DD.
1974. School 'Parents and Friends' established.
- 1975 "Morrow" property behind School purchased.
- 1976 *31<sup>st</sup> July.* Parish Diamond Jubilee.
- 1983 *17<sup>th</sup> March.* Parish Pastoral Council formed.
- 1985 First School Lay Principal appointed. 'Out of School Hours Care' commenced.
- 1986 *5<sup>th</sup> September.* Sisters of Mercy and Lay Staff School Extension Blessed.
- 1990 *18<sup>th</sup> May.* Diamond Jubilee of St. Ignatius Church.
- 1991 *26<sup>th</sup> July.* Parish School Grade 7 Students move into the "Morrow" House.  
*26<sup>th</sup> July.* Ignatian Year. 75 years of Parish.
- 1992 *9<sup>th</sup> April.* Centenary of Toowong Catholic Community.  
Parish Hall Kitchen facilities relocated. School Board established.
- 1996 *25<sup>th</sup> August.* Sister Mary Leonard RSM School Building (on site of old "Morrow" House). Blessed by Bishop Michael Putney DD.
- 1997 *3<sup>rd</sup> May.* Parish Centre Development and Presbytery Upgrade Blessed by Bishop Michael Putney DD.  
*21<sup>st</sup> May.* 2 Classroom School Block and Barbara Foster Art Centre and proposed Teachers' Amenities Space Blessed by Fr. Jim Kilbride SJ, PP and Opened by Mrs. Mary Persley.
- 2002 *19<sup>th</sup> May.* Children's Liturgy Room at Holy Spirit Church Blessed, by Fr Chris Jenkins SJ, PP.  
*25<sup>th</sup> August.* Sisters of Mercy celebrate Centenary of Convent purchase.
- 2003 *29<sup>th</sup> July.* Centenary of Catholic Education in Toowong. Blessing of the sculpture 'Jesus and the little kid' followed by Lantern Mass, by Fr Chris Jenkins SJ, PP.
- 2005 *25<sup>th</sup> November.* Blessing of extended 'Out of School Hours Care' area and Prep School facilities under Sr M. Leonard Building, by Fr Peter Quin SJ, PP.
- 2007 *16<sup>th</sup> November.* Blessing of Undercover recreation area, new school staff facilities and refurbished school administration area, by Fr Peter Quin SJ, PP.
- 2009 Successful acquisition of school playing fields from Sisters of Mercy, by Fr Peter Quin SJ, PP.  
*23<sup>rd</sup> March.* Blessing of refurbished hall, undercover improvements, Mary and Child Reflection Area and Susan Palmer playing field, by Fr Peter Quin SJ, PP.
- 2010 *1<sup>st</sup> October.* Refurbishment of playing fields, installation of water tanks, building of outdoor education centre, refurbishment of 1986 School extension to form new Library and refurbishment of old library to classrooms.  
*4<sup>th</sup> November.* Official opening of 'Manresa Enrichment Centre', Yr 7 Learning Centre, Covered Outdoor Learning Centre and Susan Palmer Field, by Senator Clare Moore.
- 2011 *31<sup>st</sup> July.* 95 years of Parish: 11am Open-air Mass on Susan Palmer field with Parish Extraordinary Ministers; 5pm Mass New Organ (Allen L121) funded by parishioners, blessed by Fr Peter Quin SJ, PP.  
*10<sup>th</sup> December* ~ 95th Anniversary of the Toowong Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.  
*10<sup>th</sup> December.* Blessing of New Stained Glass Window, 'Mercy Window' (above side-entrance of St Ignatius Church) honouring the Sisters of Mercy, at 6pm Mass, by Fr Peter Quin SJ, PP. Donated by Taylor Family in loving-memory of Mary Jeanette (Jane) Taylor.
- 2012 *17<sup>th</sup> November.* Blessing of New Lift (at side entrance of St Ignatius Church), at 6pm Mass, by Fr Peter Quin SJ, PP.  
*9<sup>th</sup> December.* Blessing of New Organ (Allen Protégé L-10) at Holy Spirit Church, at 8.30am Mass, by Fr Peter Quin SJ, PP.
- 2016 *31<sup>st</sup> July.* Parish Centenary celebrations. Toowong Parish in the care of the Jesuit Fathers, at all Parish Masses weekend 30-31 July.  
*3<sup>rd</sup> December.* Blessing of New Stained Glass Window, 'Jesuit' window (opposite side entrance) honouring the Jesuit Fathers (funded by parishioner donations) AND the 'Centenary' plaque (listing names of Jesuit Fathers 1916-2016), at 6pm Vigil Mass, by Fr Gaetan Pereira SJ.