



# Parish of St Ignatius



*St Ignatius Church  
Kensington Terrace, Toowong*



*Holy Spirit Church  
Harriett Street, Auchenflower*

**2nd Sunday Lent  
Year B**



**25th February 2018**

## **“Let Anyone Without Sin Throw the First Stone”**

It has been something of an embarrassment for the Church from its earliest times that Jesus should have been baptized by John the Baptist. There were two reasons for that: the first was, as Matthew asks in his Gospel, shouldn't Jesus be baptizing John (*Matthew 3/14*) - after all, who is the Saviour - and the second was that John preached a Baptism of repentance, so what is Jesus doing being baptized, if he is the sinless one!

The problem was only exacerbated as the early Church used more and more exalted language about Jesus in the light of the Resurrection. As he was seen to be more than a normal human being and angelic/divine attributes were ascribed to him, there became a strong tendency to invest him with super-human powers (like a young Clark Kent!). So, of course, he knew his divine calling from the beginning,

he could foresee the future, and speak all the known (and unknown) languages of the world the minute he popped out of his mother's womb.

The early Church could see the problem with this and declared Jesus to be “FULLY HUMAN and fully divine”, not FULLY DIVINE and as much human as is compatible with that!

When you read the Scriptures carefully, it can almost be surprising as to how much they bring that out. For instance, when it comes to the Baptism of Jesus, Mark's Gospel presents Jesus going through a very human and credible process of discovery and discernment with regard to his vocation. At the Baptism, HE gets a new insight into his identity and calling: the voice is addressed to him, “YOU are my beloved Son”! Why tell him if he already knew? As we heard last week, he then goes off for an indeterminate period of time (the so-called 40 days) to discern what form his ministry might take (the temptations), until he hears that John has been arrested, which sets him out on his own quest. *“After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God”* (*Mark 1/14*). It is almost as if this is the final nudge from God as to which direction he should take. It is interesting to note that later on in the Gospel, when he hears that John has been beheaded, he withdraws for a while to reconsider his mission and re-appears talking about the need for the messiah to suffer. It is one thing to follow a person in prison; another to follow one who is executed!

It's a similar thing with the sinlessness of Jesus. To say he is sinless doesn't necessarily imply that he knows he is sinless. As a matter of fact, to think you are sinless is probably one of our biggest sins! But, in Jesus' case, it seems that the opposite is the case. He is known and accused of being as the FRIEND of sinners (*Matthew 11/19*) (not their Social Worker!). They seem very comfortable in his presence and he seems very comfortable in theirs. It would be hard to imagine that being the case if he came across as seeing himself as the perfect one, somebody “holier than thou”.

The Baptism we receive in imitation of Jesus is described in the Nicene Creed as the ‘one Baptism for the forgiveness of sin’. No matter who we are, we are caught up in the messiness and ambiguity of life, oftentimes unsure of when we have done good and when we have done evil. That is a judgement that ultimately rests with God. In the meantime, we can only strive to be discerning with regard to our own actions and compassionate in judging others’!

*J. Duggan*

### **PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES & RECONCILIATION**

**\*HOLY SPIRIT Auchenflower:** 9am Mondays & Fridays,

**\*ST IGNATIUS Toowong:** 5.30pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays.

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES:** **\*ST IGNATIUS Toowong Saturday** 6.00pm (*Vigil*); **Sunday** 7.00am & 5.00pm.

**Reconciliation:** **Saturday** from 5.15pm to 5.45pm, or by appointment.

**\*HOLY SPIRIT Auchenflower: Sunday** 8.30am.

We respectfully acknowledge the Turrbal people, as the traditional owners and caretakers of the land which is the Toowong Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past and present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.



Rattanak is a skilled young barber, living an independent life in rural Cambodia. But it wasn't always that way. As a child he contracted polio and also became deaf. Like many people who are deaf or hard of hearing, Rattanak faced isolation, with a lack of opportunity to escape poverty. After joining the Deaf Development Program run by Caritas Australia's partner, Maryknoll Cambodia, his life was transformed and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.**

**A Just Future starts with your support!** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



## BLESSED & BROKEN

### COMBINED LENTEN STUDY GROUP

The elements for each week of the program are:

PRAYER GOSPEL BLESS, BREAK & GIVE

suggestions and ideas for living as a 'missionary disciple' day to day

Ecumenical Lenten Study Group based upon the *Blessed & Broken* Programme issued by the *Archdiocese of Brisbane*.

**\* Sessions have commenced and will continue as follows -**

- ♦ **1.30pm Tuesdays** 27th February, 6th, 13th & 20th March  
- to be held in the **Horstmann Room**, St Ignatius Parish Office, Toowong.
- ♦ **6.30pm Tuesdays** 27th February, 6th, 13th & 20th March  
- to be held at **St Thomas' Anglican Church**, High St, Toowong.
- ♦ **9.30am Fridays** 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd March  
- to be held at **Holy Spirit Church**, Auchenflower.

All enquiries to Allison King via E: [pw.toowong@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pw.toowong@bne.catholic.net.au) or P: 3870 7818.

## IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY INFORMATION

**RETREAT INVITATION** *"Knowing God is more important than knowing about God". Karl Rahner sj.* 4-week Retreat in Daily Life. Inner Peace in Darkness & Light. Retreat Director: Liz Kerr. \*Commenced last week and continues on Mondays 26 February, 5, 12 & 19 March. Sessions: 10.30am—12noon or 7—8.30pm, at St Ignatius Parish Office (Horstmann Room). **Cost:** Free, however donation towards the work of the Faber Centre is always appreciated.

To register &/or for more info. contact *Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality*, Bardon P: 3368 2450 | E: [administrator@faberspirituality.org.au](mailto:administrator@faberspirituality.org.au)

## ARCHDIOCESAN INFORMATION

**Annual Chrism Mass.** Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to attend Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on **Thurs 22 March** commencing at 7pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

**Easter Passion Play turns 60.** Iona Passion Play. IPAC Theatre, Iona College, Lindum. Matinees: **Sat Mar 24 & Sun Mar 25** at 2pm, Evenings: **Sat Mar 24 & Good Friday Mar 30** at 7pm. Tickets: Early Bird: \$15-\$19 At the Door: \$20-\$22, Children (5-14) \$7 Children (under 5) Free on laps. Group discounts available.

## YEAR OF YOUTH 2018

*"It is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world."*

**Saint Aloysius Gonzaga,**  
23 years old Young Jesuit in the  
1500s

**Readings: 2nd Sunday Lent:** Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18. Romans 8:31-34. Mark 9:2-10.

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday Lent: Exodus 20:1-17. 1 Corinthians 1:22-25. John 2:13-25.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**Spoken Response:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Sung Response:** Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble, be with me Lord, I pray.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Your Prayers Are Requested For

*All Parishioners & friends who are sick and in need*



**SICK:** Gladis O'Brien, Judy Galarza, Elizabeth Anna, Cirino Quagliata, Maria Rego, Jenny Reed, Philip Donaldson, Bridgit Gowdy, Cathy Mamata, Fr Peter Conroy, Chris Morris, Les Chillingworth, Val Tancred, Margaret Anderson, Isla Duns, Albert Jacobs, Tandina Gabriel, Clyde Towler, Beth Albury, Margaret Twomey, Jim Davis, Fr Guy Carlson sj, Fr Jack Soulsby sm, John McKenzie, Rhoda Yates, Oscar Louie, Paul Giles, Diana Reece, Grant Parker, Margaret Devine, Kay Pratt.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Andrew White, Philippe Gerald Castel, Maria Hanson, Jim Gardiner, Fr Tony Smith sj.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

## Diary Dates

### FEBRUARY

#### 25 2nd Sunday Lent

3pm Parish Sacramental Preparation Programme (1st Rite of Reconciliation): Parent & Child session (#1)—Holy Spirit

5pm Youth Mass—St Ignatius (followed by sausage sizzle)

#### 26 10.30am or 7.30pm 'Faber Retreat' (week 2) - Horstmann Room

6pm St Ignatius Peace Through Justice Group meeting—Horstmann Room

#### 27 1.30pm Lenten Study Group 'Blessed & Broken' (week 3) - Horstmann Room or 6.30pm St Thomas' Anglican Church

### MARCH

#### 1 6pm Parish Sacramental Preparation Programme (1st Rite of Reconciliation): Repeat of Parent & Child session (#1)—Parish hall

#### 2 9.30am Lenten Study Group 'Blessed & Broken' (week 3) - Holy Spirit Church

#### 3 -4. 'Expect-a-cuppa' after all Masses—St Ignatius Church

#### 4 3rd Sunday Lent

8.30am Parish & School Mass—H/Spirit  
Baptisms: 10.30am—St Ignatius

3pm Parish Sacramental Preparation Programme (1st Rite of Reconciliation): Parent & Child session (#2)—Holy Spirit

#### 5 10.30am or 7.30pm 'Faber Retreat' (week 2) - Horstmann Room

## PARISH INFORMATION

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** Including *Clergy Support*: \$3,719, Other: \$100.

**YOUTH MASS & SAUSAGE SIZZLE** This Sunday's 5pm Mass is a YOUTH MASS with young / youth parishioners participating in the Mass plus music students from both *St Laurence's College & Ambrose Tracey College*. After Mass the PPC will be providing a sausage sizzle, cost being a gold coin donation. All are welcome.

**AVAILABLE NOW** Copies of 2018 "*Pray with Pope Francis*" Booklet (Apostleship of Prayer) and 2018 Program "*Australian Centres of Ignatian Spirituality*" are available from rotary stands at both churches; please take a copy.

**EXPECT-A-CUPPA** will be held at *St Ignatius Church* next weekend after all Masses.

\* Holy Spirit Church serves a cuppa after the 8.30am Mass every Sunday.

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME: SACRAMENT OF Penance—1ST RITE OF RECONCILIATION** (for those children in Yr 5 and above who have completed the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist). The children enrolled in this programme attended 'Rite of Enrolment' at last weekend's Parish Masses. The Preparation sessions (for parent and child) will be held over coming weeks and the *Sacrament of Penance* being offered during *Holy Week*.

~ Parishioners are asked to please pray for these children and their families during this time. ~

**COFFEE & CHAT** Please note we will not meet this month due to the Lenten group (week 3) session being the same afternoon. Therefore, all ladies are invited to come along next month on **Tuesday 27 March** at 2pm in the Horstmann Room. Please mark you dairy now to join us. If you have not come before please do and if you are a 'regular' please bring a friend with you.

**PARISH RECORDS** Parishioners / Volunteers / 'Blue Card' Holders are requested to please keep your contact info. (& if applicable, 'Blue Card' details) up-to-date on the Parish's confidential records. If you have moved house, got a new contact number, new credit card (TG programme contributors) and/or you need to renew your 'Blue Card' (parish volunteer purposes) please contact Sandy Dunne at Parish Office (Mon – Wed.) E: [toowong@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:toowong@bne.catholic.net.au) or P: 3870 7818. Thank you.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** If you are new to our parish we welcome you. Please take a form from the rotary stands at the back of the Church (complete and place form on the collection plate or drop off to Parish Office) and on the way out make yourself known to the priest or to one of the Welcomers.

**ST. IGNATIUS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE GROUP 1.** MEETING on **Monday 26 February** in the Horstmann Room, please note earlier start time of **6pm** this month (due to 'Faber Retreat' being on the same night).

**2.** As mentioned in last weekend's parish newsletter, over the coming weeks we will be placing in the newsletter an idea of something we could do each week during Lent -



## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

### 2nd week Lent (2)

1st Reading Gospel

Mon: Daniel 9:4-10. Luke 6:36-38.  
Tues: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20. Matthew 23:1-12.  
Wed: Jeremiah 18:18-20. Matthew 20:17-28.  
Thu: Jeremiah 17:5-10. Luke 16:19-31.  
Fri: Gen. 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28. Matt. 21:33-43, 45-46.  
Sat: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20. Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

### 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 1pm Thursdays. Thank you.

Every time you forget your reusable bags for the supermarket and end up with the grey plastic ones, put \$1.00 in the Caritas box. That way—hopefully—you will develop a good habit re cutting back on plastic bags by the end of Lent.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018 ~ Friday 2 March.

This year's local gathering will be hosted by *St Lucia Uniting Church* (cnr Hawken Drv & Swann Rd) at 10.30am on **Friday 2 March**. Members of our parish and other Christian denominations and faiths are invited to attend. Morning tea will be served after the prayers.



*World Day of Prayer* is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can come to know how our sisters of other countries, languages & cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can feel ourselves in solidarity with them as we pray with and for them. In this way, it is possible to enrich our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression.

This year's host country is Suriname and the theme, prepared by the women, is "*All God's Creation is Very Good!*" (Bible study text is Genesis 1: 1-31).

The Republic of Suriname lies in the north-eastern part of South America. Named after the Surinen tribe, one of the indigenous peoples of the land. It is part of the Guianas, an ecological region within the Amazon. Religions are practiced are Christianity (approx. 48.4%), Hinduism (approx. 22.2%), Islam (approx. 13.8%), Traditional Religions (approx. 1.8%), Javanism (approx. 0.8%) and a small percentage of the Jewish faith and other religions.

### The Divine Mercy Retreat

*"Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to my merciful heart, and I will fill it with peace."*

A Call to Holiness "*Be you therefore perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect*" Matt. 5:48.

Our Guest speaker will be John Canavan, from Melbourne, director of Divine Mercy Publications.

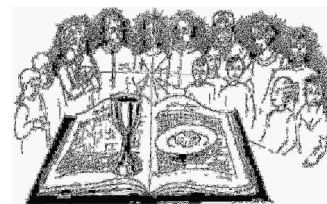
**Saturday 10 March, 9am—5pm,**

at 'Marian Valley', Our Lady Help of Christians Shrine, 2541 Beechmont Road, Witheren.

Cost per person \$25 (including lunch)

To Register phone Andre 0467 042 961.

## 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.*



**Parish WEBSITE** [www.stignatiustoowong.org.au](http://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au)

**Current Newsletter now on our website!**

**When making out your will please consider the needs of the parish**

## PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

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**Emergency Contact** If you require a priest in an emergency, please phone the parish office and follow the prompts.

**Postal Address:** 30 Kensington Terrace, Toowong Qld 4066. **Office Hours:** Monday to Friday 9.30am—4.30pm.

### \* Fr Wrex Woolnough,

Parish Priest  
0402 049 017

#### Parish Office Staff

\*Sandy Dunne (Mon-Wed.)  
- Admin. & Finance.

\*Monica Florence (Wed-Fri)  
- Parish Secretary  
(including Newsletter)

#### \*Pastoral Associate:

Allison King (Mon-Thurs.)

**Parish staff meeting**  
each Wed. at 1.30pm.

#### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Charles Costello—Chair

#### **Finance & Development**

David Slater—Chair

#### **Musical Director**

Anthony Young

#### **Liturgical Ministry:-** **Roster Co-ordinators-** **St Ignatius Church.**

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#### **Holy Spirit Church**

\*Rosters: Pat Lye 3300 1432

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