



# Parish of St Ignatius



**St Ignatius Church**  
Kensington Terrace, Toowong



**Holy Spirit Church**  
Harriett Street, Auchenflower

The Epiphany of the Lord  
 The Baptism of the Lord  
 2nd Sunday Ordinary  
 3rd Sunday Ordinary



2nd January 2022  
 9th January 2022  
 16th January 2022  
 23rd January 2022

## Fire and Water

For people living nearly half their life in complete darkness, light was a treasure. Unfortunately today, we rarely experience total darkness, for our world is full of artificial light, even when we think we are in darkness. But, when there is no artificial light, even the smallest pin-prick of light stands out in sharp relief from the consuming darkness that surrounds You. So, in the ancient world, light not only defined night and day, work and rest, but also provided markers for travellers on both water and land. It may be somewhat deflating to realize that James Cook's discovery of Australia was a side-show to his sailing half way around the world to study a transit of Venus! But such was the importance of the heavens to the not-so-ancient mariners.

Not surprisingly, therefore Light is given a priority in the ancient world. At the very start of the Book of Genesis, the first thing God creates is Light, even before the sun, moon and stars, which are not created until day 4! It is the closest thing to God: God travels before the people of Israel on their way out of Egypt as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night (*Exodus 13/21*), & God appears to Moses in a Burning Bush, not a fire that destroys but one that purely gives light (*Exodus 3/1-3*). That indispensable connection between fire and light for the ancients takes us to the strong imagery of the God of Fire and Light.

It was the imagery of the prophet Isaiah that Israel should be the light to all nations (*Isaiah 49/6*) that undoubtedly inspired Matthew in his story of the Epiphany, with Magi being drawn by the light of a star from distant countries to the birth of Christ.

And as for the water which, through his Baptism, signals the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

Sadly in our world, a child dies from a water-related disease every 20 seconds, and 34 million people die each year from the same causes. That probably is not surprising since 780 million people lack access to clean water and most of the contamination is by way of faecal matter. Yet as if to show how wrong our priorities are, more people on this earth have a mobile phone than a toilet! 2.5 million people in this world do not have access to effective toilet facilities.

Water is essential to life. You can survive much longer without food than you can without water. And yet, the availability of water which we take for granted is a very recent phenomenon. 100 years ago, the number of infant deaths in London and New York mirrored 3<sup>rd</sup> World statistics of today, with the single most influential factor in the decline in the mortality rate being the provision of clean water and sanitation.

And so it is not surprising that water plays such a significant role in our faith story. At the beginning of creation, the Spirit of God hovers over the waters (*Genesis 1/1*), Noah is safe in the Ark in the midst of the Flood (*Genesis 7/23*), Israel escapes from Egypt across the Sea of Reeds (*Exodus 14/29*), Moses draws water out of a rock in the desert (*Exodus 15/22-25*), and Jesus is baptized in the waters by John (*Mark 1/9*).

It is not by accident therefore that Water stands as the primary symbol of our incorporation into Christ and our naming as children of God. It represents the cleansing we all need from our sinful past (*Romans 6/3-4*), it heralds the new birth that draws us anew from the waters as children of God (*John 3/5-8*), and it is the source of the 'living water' which Jesus promised to the woman at Jacob's well (*John 4/14*).

70% of the earth is covered by water so, if we truly believe that water is a symbol of our Baptism, we are surrounded by memories of the Grace we received by becoming God's children in Christ. The sobering fact, however, is that less than 3% of that water is 'fresh' water, and two thirds of that is tied up in glaciers and the like. Actually, Antarctica accounts for over half the fresh water on the planet!

How sad it would be if similar figures were reflected in the faith life of Christians, with only 3% *J. Doe* really fresh in their faith, and over half that frozen and barren!

### PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES

- \***HOLY SPIRIT Auchenflower:** 9am Mondays and Fridays,
- \***ST IGNATIUS Toowong:** 5.30pm Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 9.15am Thursdays.

### PARISH WEEKEND MASSES

- \***ST IGNATIUS Toowong:** Saturday 6.00pm Vigil; Sunday 7.00am & 5.00pm.
- \***HOLY SPIRIT Auchenflower:** Sunday 8.30am.

**Nb. RECONCILIATION** remains suspended until further notice.

### ST IGNATIUS CHURCH



### HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH



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.



**PLEASE REMEMBER:**

**Check-In Qld App** is now mandatory for all places of worship, all gatherings ie all Masses, adoration, baptisms, etc. All gathered (including priest) are to 'check-in' using this App.

**Nb.** specific QR code for each church are displayed / available at church doors and appears on the front of parish newsletter each week.

**Also,** you are reminded to please stay home if you are unwell, get tested if you have any symptoms, be conscious of hygienic practices wherever you are, socially distance and get fully vaccinated as soon as possible. Thank you.

*Thank You*

Sincere appreciation and gratitude is expressed to Roster co-ordinators, Eucharist Ministers, Readers, Altar Servers, Church Monitors / Welcomers, Projectionists, Musicians and Choir, Sacristans and Money counters, for your contribution ministering to the extraordinary congregations which graced our Christmas Liturgies this year. Special thanks to all the children involved in the Nativity play on Christmas Eve and the people who set-up the oval for a special celebration.

You did Mary, Joseph and Jesus proud!

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**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**YEAR C**

**2 January 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

**Readings:** Isaiah 60:1-6. Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6. Matthew 2:1-12.

**Spoken Response:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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**Sung Response:**  
O God give your Judgement.



Lord, ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**YEAR C**

**9 January 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon:** After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**Readings:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11. Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7. Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.

**Spoken Response:** Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

**Sung Response:**  
Bless the Lord My Soul.



Lord, send out your Spi - rit, and re - new the face of the earth.

**ANTIPHON 2**



Lord, send out your Spi - rit and re - new the face of the earth.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

**2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY**

**YEAR C**

**16 January 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon:** All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**Readings:** Isaiah 62:1-5. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. John 2:1-11.

**Spoken Response:** Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

**Sung Response:** Let all the peoples praise you, O Lord. Let all the peoples Praise You. (repeat)

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

**3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY**

**YEAR C**

**23 January 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place.

**Readings:** Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10. 1 Corinthians 12:12-30. Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21.

**Spoken Response:** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

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**Sung Response:**  
The Law of the Lord is Perfect (Version 1).



Lord you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life. life.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I the Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

**Your Prayers Are Requested For**      *All Parishioners & friends who are sick and in need*



**SICK:** Maria Duque, Susi Rieder, Pat Clohessy, Peter Lawson, Ricardo Pacheco, Louis & Joan Nunan, Elvira Pertudo, Trevor Gleeson, Mia O'Donnell, Betty Andrews, Elizabeth Teresa, Jacqueline Fullard, Tandina Gabriel, Cathy Mamata, Margaret Twomey, Melissa Acosta, Doreen Waller, Mark Clifford, Lyndall & Grant Mitchell, Matthew McKay, Fran Lewis, Elio Socal, Oliver John, Judy Hijin, Sr Marie Patrice rsm, Nina Starkey, Marie Shepherd.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Clementina Mazzotta.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John Fanning, Ferna Whyte, Paul Rush, Alfio 'Fred' Nicolosi, Petronela Bodner, Helen McMahon, Helen Laurelin, Judy Hanlon, Annie Jones, Adam Wilson, John Peter Byrne, Barbara Gallagher, Bernadette Burns, Patrick Gaynor, Peter Lynch, John Moore, Elise Neville, Daniel David Winkel, Peter Foo, John Chivers.

**BAPTISMS:** (16/1) Sophie Taggell.

**WEDDING:** (8/1) Paul Fernandez & Fiona Barlow.

**PARISH INFORMATION**

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** \$3,239.05, Other: \$300.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD & EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.** Because of the importance of both Feasts we will celebrate the role of Mary, as Mother of God together with the revelation of Christ to the Nations in the form of the wise ones on weekend **1—2 January**.

'**EXPECT-A-CUPPA**' will be held following Saturday 6pm Vigil and Sunday 7am Mass on **1—2 January**. Parishioners and visitors are invited to stay after Mass for a cup of tea or coffee.

**GOODBYE AND THANKS.** Sadly (for us) Allison King will be leaving the position of Parish Assoc. in the middle of the month after spending over 4 years in the role.

It has been a challenging time with the Jesuits leaving and new structures needing to be put in place. Allison leaves a lasting legacy with a new and flexible Sacramental Program in place, with new forms of communication across the Parish in response to COVID lockdowns, and networks established with a number of local Catholic Schools. We thank her for her tireless efforts in establishing these realities as well as keeping the normal Parish activities ticking along. She will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best in her new role as Assistant to the Director of Mission at one of our local Catholic High Schools.

**ANOINTING MASS** will be celebrated on **Friday 7 January** at the 9am Mass at Holy Spirit.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL, TOOWONG** wish to advise we are changing our meeting days for 2022, & will now meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at 7.15pm in the Horstmann Room. Meetings to be held on **Tuesday 11 and 25 January**.

**CWL TOOWONG** will meet on **Monday 24 January** following 9am Mass at Holy Spirit Church.

**ST. IGNATIUS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE GROUP** will not meet in January; next meeting will be held on **Monday 7 February** at 7.30pm in the Horstmann Room. New members welcome.

**PPC** will not meet in January; next meeting to be held on **Thursday 10 February** at 7.30pm.

'**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**' is held during school terms only, held during 8.30am Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit Church, Auchenflower. It is an enjoyable way for our children to participate in the liturgy. Children of all ages are welcome to attend. Resuming for Term 1 on **Sun 30 January**.

**COLLECTIONS AT WEEKEND MASSES.** For hygiene reasons the collection basket cannot be passed around, however a collection basket will be located at the church door if you'd like to make a financial contribution to the parish while at Mass please place same (including 'TG' envelopes) into the collection basket on your way in or out of the church. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

GIVING TREE



Remember the *Society of St Vincent de Paul*

*Toowong Conference at the 'Giving Tree' in both churches until Epiphany (2/1/21).*

Envelopes available under the tree; place on collection plate.

**nb.** Receipt provided if name and address supplied.

**Diary Dates**

**JANUARY**

- 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God  
New Year's Day
- 2 The Epiphany of the Lord
- 3 New Year's Day Public Holiday  
(Parish Office closed)
- 7 9am Anointing Mass – Holy Spirit
- 8 Wedding: 3pm - St Ignatius
- 9 The Baptism of the Lord
- 11 7.15pm SVdP meeting—Horstmann Rm
- 16 2nd Sunday Ordinary  
Baptism: 10.30am—St Ignatius
- 23 3rd Sunday Ordinary
- 24 CWL meeting following 9am Mass-H/S
- 25 St Ignatius School Term 1 commences  
7.15pm SVdP meeting—Horstmann Rm
- 26 Australia Day Public Holiday  
(Parish Office closed)

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS.**

Please note, 'opening hours' (days / times) will vary from the 'usual' during January. Therefore, if you need to visit the parish office please call first to check if it is attended. Thank you.

~ In case of an emergency please call Fr Wrex

**PARISH WEBSITE**, <http://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au/>, offers links to \***READ:** Parish's weekly edition of newsletter and e-News (which include the Sunday readings, Fr Wrex's latest homily and Family Prayer Week by week), \***VIEW: STREAM 5PM SUNDAY MASS** from St Ignatius Church each Sunday and **VIDEO RECORDINGS** (Fr Wrex's Homilies and Liturgies) on Parish's Youtube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLghy4aXgqJRrUULiXPjoSA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLghy4aXgqJRrUULiXPjoSA?view_as=subscriber) and "**STAY CONNECTED**" (on website homepage) click on the image to be taken to another page with links to various online resources to help during isolation.

**ARCHDIOCESAN LINKS** to \***WATCH MASS** live from St Stephen's Cathedral (8am Weekdays, 8am & 10am Sundays) go to <http://archbne.org/bzw>; \*View '**2 MINUTE HOMILIES**' for Sunday's Gospel (featuring priests from parishes around Archdiocese of Brisbane).

**PARISH CHURCH CAPACITIES:** (as of 27 Dec. 2021: 1 person per 2 square metres) at St Ignatius: 200 | Holy Spirit: 130.



## Pastoral Associate

The purpose of this position is to provide faith formation programs for the Parish community, and to co-ordinate and facilitate areas of liturgical ministry under the direction of the Parish Priest. This role is offered on a part-time basis.

Please contact Fr Wrex Woolnough - 3870 7818 or woolnoughw@bne.catholic.net.au for further information.

# WE'RE HIRING!

## JOIN OUR TEAM

### ARCHDIOCESAN INFORMATION

The latest correspondence from Bishop Ken Howell re COVID's effect on Parishes as applies to us is:

1. The previous maximum occupancy limit of 200 people for places of worship has now been removed.
2. Since we are not a ticketed venue, we are limited to 1 person per 2 square metres. This applies to Mass, Baptisms and other liturgies.
3. Everyone needs to be registered via the Check-in Qld app.
4. Funerals have the same capacity limits as any other liturgy. Both vaccinated and unvaccinated people may attend.
5. Weddings have the same capacity limits, **provided only vaccinated people attend**. If even one person is unvaccinated, a maximum of only 20 people can attend.
6. While mask wearing is not mandated for Places of Worship, we strongly encourage parishioners to wear a face mask in Church and other indoor events, granted the current situation.
7. People do not need to be vaccinated to attend Mass and were not required to check the vaccination status of those attending place of worship. But we do ask those attending to be solicitous about the well-being of those who are around them.

### 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.**

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**Privacy Policy** - <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/privacy-policy>

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



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### PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

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#### Parish Office Staff

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(including Newsletter)

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