

6th Sunday Easter

Holy Spirit Church Harriett Street Auchenflower

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God Loves Us, We Must Love Others

The first disciples were a little surprised that their ministry would extend beyond the bounds of the Jewish community – but that becomes the message that Peter is given, as the Gentile Cornelius receives the same Spirit as has been given to the disciples. Jesus did not come just to save the Jewish people; his salvation is for all.

God loves us first. God sent his Son to show us this love. God gave us commandments to help teach us how to love. It is love therefore that should be the hallmark of the Christian life. John goes so far as to say that "unless we love others we cannot claim to be children of God, or even to know God."

This call of love is not just for those who love us – it needs to be extended to all. Jesus loved the prostitutes and lepers, the tax collectors and Samaritans. Unfortunately, we have not learnt the lesson of the Apostles that God's love reaches beyond the church. We still exclude and marginalize the stranger and those who are different from us. (Think of the language used in Australia about refugees as one example. We might not use this language ourselves, but do we confront this language when it is used?) So we too are continually challenged to encounter Jesus in the outcast members of our society (and church). We are asked to love those who are on the margins and who are isolated from others.

We abide in God's love when we keep the commandments, because they are the foundation of our life together. The commandments give us the foundation of our values and morality. The commandments tell us to respect the stranger in our land ('remember that you too were once strangers in this land'); to forgive debts (at least every Jubilee Year, but also a key component of the Our Father prayer); to have respect for all life (this includes especially at the beginning and end of life, but also for all creatures whom God has made).

"This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you."

~ Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ

*<u>Please note</u>, Holy Spirit Church closed as of 8/4/2024 until further notice (for roof replacement).

PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES: ST IGNATIUS TOOWONG: 5.30pm Tuesdays and 9.15am Thursdays. **HOLY SPIRIT** Auchenflower: 9am Fridays* (relocating to St Ignatius Church)

PARISH WEEKEND MASSES: ST IGNATIUS Toowong: Sunday 7.00am & 5.00pm. HOLY SPIRIT Auchenflower: Sunday 8.00am.* (cancelled)

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2024: SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST.



Enrolments have now closed & two Parent Information Sessions were held during the past week which provided further details on preparation for this year's Sacrament of First Eucharist.

This Sunday (5 May) we will welcome the 53 children enrolled, with their parents, to our 7am or 5pm Masses at St Ignatius Church for a 'Rite of Enrolment' during Mass.

The children, with their parents, will work through the Preparation Booklets provided over the coming weeks. The children, with their parents, are also expected to attend Sunday Mass in our parish each week.

CHILDREN'S LESSONS: to be conducted by Anne Rego THIS Monday 6 May and REPEATED Wednesday 8 May, (both) at 5:30pm in St Ignatius Church.

PRACTICE SESSIONS will be held on Saturday 25 May at 1pm & REPEATED at 3:30pm at St Ignatius Church.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST will be held at 7am & 5pm Masses on Solemnity of Corpus Christi Sunday 2 June.

> Please direct all enquiries via email pw.toowong@bne.catholic.net.au

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



2025 Enrolments Open for Prep-Year 6

TA Brisbane Catholic Education School



Synodality and the Life of the Parish

St Ignatius Church 30 Kensington Terrace Toowong

two of our finest local theologians

Friday, 24 May 2024, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

All welcome! Also online...

Joined by:

Fr Orm Rush Orm is a priest from the

od in Rome.

Townsville Diocese. Author

of The Vision of Vatican II: Its Fundamental Principles

he was invited to address

the last session of the Syn-

Associate Professor

Maeve is the Director

of the Xavier Centre for

Theological Formation at

Australian Catholic Univer-

sity. She is the author of Suspended God:

participant in our recent Plenary Council.

Music and a Theology of Doubt. She was a

As we prepare for the October, 2nd session

of the Synod on Synodality in Rome,

this is an opportunity for people in the Archdiocese of Brisbane to come and hear

some of the key theologians participating

in the synodal processes both locally and

Maeve Heaney.



Leading African theologian and 2 local experts!

The key speaker:

Fr Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator, S.J. member of the Roman Synod on Synodality

Dean of the Jesuit School of Theology in California. • Nigerian-born, successively provincial and regional superior of the Jesuits in Africa.

· Taught theology and religious studies at Hekima University College, St Au-

gustine College of Sth Africa in Johannesburg, and Marquette University in Milwaukee.

His books include Theology Brewed in an African Pot in which he writes that 'theology isn't an exercise in conceptual weightlessness; it does not defy the law of gravity'

Echoing Pope Francis he says, 'If theologians do not "smell" of the joys and hopes and the pain and anguish of people of their times and contexts, they become "table-top" speculators in arcane complexities and purveyors of theological inanities.

You can listen to his podcast reflecting on the last session of the Synod here:



There will be plenty of time for Q&A! Provided by the Brisbane Jesuits

internationally.



Holy Spirit Church Auchenflower now closed due to roof works (no Masses until further notice).

(period of closure is subject to weather, approx. 4–6 weeks).

To keep in touch with the development, please make sure you are on the parish email list. Updates and advice on when Church will re-open will be advised via Parish's newsletter, website and Facebook page.

FRIDAY 9AM MASS. During closure of Holy Spirit Church this Mass will instead be held at St Ignatius Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY usually held during 8.00 am Mass (school terms only) will not resume until 8.00 am Sunday Mass recommences. Watch this space for re-start date for Term 2.

CBA Smart Terminals at St Ignatius Church.

The devices are positioned at church doors at weekend Masses, to receive your electronic donations. It's great option for those wanting to give, but not carrying cash to put in the collection basket.



1. Choose the amount you would like to give, by touching the device screen (on \$5, \$10, \$20 or 'other amount'), 2. Then tap your credit card or smart phone over the device (as you would for any other electronic purchase).

As always, the Parish is forever grateful for any donation you are able to make and for your ongoing support of our parish. If you require any assistance with using the device, please speak to the Sacristan (at the Mass you are attending). Thank you.

Readings: 6th Sunday Easter: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48. 1 John 4:7-10. John 15:9-17... Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11. Ephesians 1:17-23. Mark 16:15-20.

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Spoken Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sung Response:

STIGNATIUS

To use, it is as simple as:

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

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, 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, 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, Hubert Bonesch, Meagan Bowtell, Bernie Kunkel, Kate Wright, Karin Chai.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Twomey, Bishop Peter Ingham, Paul Carter, Romeo F. Domingo.

BAPTISM:

ANNIVERSARIES: Carolos Yudi, Lance Jelly, Greg Winters, Marie Sherlock, Marion Hodge, Licinia Prenner, Heather Castel, David French, Kitty Baxter, Robin Gosper, Claire Volkenberg.

Diary Dates

May

- 8.25am Rosary followed by 9am Mass Holy Family Indooroopilly 4
- 5 6th Sunday Easter

'Expect-a-cuppa' following Masses — St Ignatius

Baptism: 10.30am-St Ignatius

Sacramental Preparation Program Sacrament of First Eucharist': 'Rite of Enrolment' during Mass—St Ignatius

Labor Day Public Holiday 6

(Parish Office closed) Sacramental Preparation Program Sacrament of First Eucharist— 5.30pm Children's Lesson — St Ignatius

7.30pm St Ignatius Peace Through Justice Group meeting -Horstmann Room

Sacramental Preparation Program Sacrament of First Eucharist-5.30pm Children's Lesson

8 — St Ignatius

11 11am Bell ringing—St Ignatius

2.30pm Choral Connection concert - St' Ignatius Church

12 The Ascension of the Lord

Mother's Day

| DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS | | |
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| | 6th Week Easter (II) | |
| | 1st Reading | <u>Gospel</u> |
| Mon: | Acts 16:11-15. | John 15:26-16:4. |
| Tues: | Acts 16:22-34. | John 16:5-11. |
| Wed: | Acts 17:15,22-18 | 3:1. John 16:12-15. |
| Thurs: | Acts 18:1-8. | John 16:16-20. |
| Fri | Acts 18:9-18. | John 16:20-23. |
| Sat: | Acts 18:23-28. | John 16:23-28. |

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

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 12noon Thursdays. Thank you.



A Baptismal Prayer

Heavenly Father, In your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours. Surround this child with your love, protect it from evil. Fill it with the holy spirit and receive it into the family of your church, that it may walk with us in the way of Christ, and grow in the knowledge of your love.

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH COLLECTIONS: \$4,121.70, *Other: nil.

EXPECT-A-CUPPA' at St Ignatius Church will be held **this Sunday** (5 May) after 7am & 5pm Masses. Parishioners, visitors, the children enrolling for Sacrament of First Eucharist & their families, are all invited to stay after Mass for refreshments.

Archdiocese of Brisbane's 2024 Mass Attendance Count will be held during May, commencing this Sunday (5 May) and continue over the following three Sundays of May. Counts will be completed at our parish's Sunday Masses during this time.

ST. IGNATIUS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE GROUP meeting will be held on Monday 6 May at 7.30pm in the Horstmann Room. New members always welcome. Also, members will be ringing St Ignatius Church bell approx. 11am on 11th of each month to signal the impending environmental crisis confronting all of God's creation. Listen for St Ignatius Church bell ringing on Sat. 11 May or better still come and join in!

2024 SEMINARIANS PRAYER CALENDAR available now from rotary stands. Please take one & pray for the men from Qld in various stages of formation at Holy Spirit Seminary.

Expression of Interest— History Luncheon and Bus Trip. Coming Full Circle!

Join us for a bus trip and luncheon in June!

Toowong Parish has come full circle with the return of the Jesuits! When they first arrived in 1916, the parish included Indooroopilly and St Lucia. Over time, each suburb formed their own parish. In 2024, the three parishes have come together again to form a "Community of Communities".

To celebrate this historical moment, Toowong Parish is inviting you to join us on a bus trip to have lunch at Albert River Wines located at Tamborine.

The venue is the current home of Auchenflower House which once served as the Monastery for the Carmelite Order in Auchenflower.

The event will be scheduled between 16-22 June depending on the preferences of the majority of respondents.

The cost will be approximately \$50 per person which includes bus travel and a two-course lunch.

For more information, call Mary Anne Paddock 0407 003 097 or Louise Wellington 0423 162 079 or contact Parish Office 3870 7818 | E: toowong@bne.catholic.net.au

So, whether you are interested in learning more history or simply want to enjoy the company of fellow parishioners, please indicate your interest by completing the form available from rotary stands and returning it to St Ignatius Parish Office by Sunday 12 May, place completed form into collection basket at Mass or speak to Mary Anne or Louise after Mass to register your preference/interest in attending.

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

