

in the care of the Jesuit Fathers, in a 'Community of Communities' with <u>Holy Family Church, Indooroopilly</u> 37 Ward Street, Indooroopilly and <u>St Thomas Aquinas Church, St Lucia</u> 87 Central Avenue, St Lucia.



21st Sunday Ordinary

25th August 2024

Holy Spirit Church Harriett Street Auchenflower

John 6 (part 5)

In the last of this series of reflections concerning John 6, and the Eucharist and Sacraments, I want to look at some of the other symbols we use along with bread and wine.

Water is the fundamental symbol of birth. We live 9 months in the water of the womb. But in birth we move from the limited life in the womb, to the real life in the world. In the womb we are kept alive by our mother without knowing our mother. In the world we are kept alive by God without really knowing God. The ancient church always immersed the person at Baptism, now we often only pour water over the child's head. Both can be rich symbols – dying and rising to new life, and being washed clean of sin to start a new life in Christ.

Oil is common in the Mediterranean world. But oil needs to be cured/healed – it needs to be leached of impurity – this is especially important in the symbol of anointing. But oil also penetrates into us. Ideally it should be used abundantly in our sacraments so that it drips off us since it is a sign of God's abundant graces of healing and royalty. [I was recently anointed with the Oil of Gladness by Archbishop Coleridge as a delegate to the Diocesan Synod in September and October.]

Hands – we often forget that the grace of touch can be a rich symbol in its own right. Touch, the laying on of hands, can symbolise blessing, comfort, support, gentleness, and healing from hurt and distress. Hands are used to pass on the Spirit of God in blessings and at the rite of Ordination. Joining hands at marriage is a message of belonging together. Hand-shakes (or a high-five) are signs of friendship and peace.

We could also mention the symbolism behind candles, or incense, or the crucifix, or the liturgical colours and vestments, and so many others. But I might leave that now for another series of reflections.

~ Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ



This Sunday (25 August) is Social Justice Sunday

The celebration of *Social Justice Sunday* is a long tradition in the Catholic Church in Australia. Since 1940, our Bishops have joined together to issue a major social justice statement at this time. It is hoped that these statements will inspire reflection and action throughout the whole year.

> -- Scan QR code to read the 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement: "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World" online.

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

PARISH WEEKEND MASSES: ST IGNATIUS Toowong: Sunday 7.00am & 5.00pm^{*} (Mass is livestreamed) 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.

Brisbane West Deanery News	Archdiocesan Information
Monday, 30 September 10am -2pmSt Catherine's Catholic Church 3356 Moggill Road, MoggillRSVP: Call (07) 3324 3632 or email kenmore@bne.catholic.net.auOur Lady of the Rosary Parish, in conjunction with Catholic Foundation and Centacare will be hosting a special deanery event aimed at assisting parishioners in areas of legal and estate planning, charitable gifting, financial and retirement planning, in home support and pre planning of funerals. This	NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 1 - 7 September 2024 Invitation to a week-long webinar series for National Child Protection Week 2024 (1-7 September), go to <u>https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw/</u> This year's theme, "Every Conversation Matters", highlights the importance of fostering dialogue in addressing child abuse & neglect. Our webinar series is just one of the ways you can get involved— <u>https://www.napcan.org.au/get-involved-2024/</u> Together, we can inspire action and create
free seminar is another in a series of successful events held previously in other Deaneries across the Archdiocese for parishioners. ~ Morning Tea & lunch provided free of charge. * RSVP's close Tuesday 24 September ; to register for this free event attendees should email kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au (OLR parish office) & we will reply with a link to an RSVP form to be filled in. If any parishioner has difficulty using internet/ email please call Raushen Perera at the Archdiocese 3324 3632 and register for the event over the phone with her.	a safer environment for all children. Ignite Conference has something for everyone! This Conference is designed for all ages! Whether you are a child or an adult, young or old, the conference provides a variety of activities, workshops & sessions tailored for eve- ryone. Don't miss out on what RISE UP 24 has in stall for you. 19-22 Sept. at St Laurence's College, Sth Brisbane. I info.& tickets <u>https://igniteconference.com.au/brisbane</u>
PARISH INFO	
Sacramental Preparation Programme 2024 - Sacrament of Confirmation in our 'Community of Communities' St Ignatius, Toowong; Holy Spirit, Auchenflower; Holy Family, Indooroopilly; St Thomas Aquinas, St Lucia PREPARATION SESSION REMINDER The sixth and final preparation session, this Sunday (25 August), will now serve as our practice for the ceremony and be held at St Ignatius Church, Toowong at 10.00am. Also, child and their Sponsor are required to attend this session. There is an expectation that parents and children will attend Mass	ST IGNATIUS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE GROUP has prepared a list of activities for Season of Creation, held from World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation (1 Sept.) to Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (4 October); inserted into this weekend's parish newsletter OR via www.stignatiustoowong.org.au/season-of-creation/ This year's theme is 'To Hope and Act with Creation'. For more info go to https://seasonofcreation.org/ Vale Sr Anna Ventura rsm 1/4/1931—17/8/2024 Following is the heartfelt post from St Ignatius School's Facebook page during the past week -
every Sunday in our Parish Community and all six preparation sessions. Parishioners are asked to pray for these children (and their families) during this time as they continue their preparation to receive their <i>Sacrament of Confirmation</i> to be celebrated by Bishop Tim Norton SVD, on Wednesday 4 September at St Ignatius Church at 6.30pm Please note, the parish is arranging for this ceremony to be Livestreamed; the link will be provided to each family to share. Kindly direct all enquires to Anne Rego, Parish Pastoral Associate via email: pw.toowong@bne.catholic.net.au or P: 3870 7818.	"I share with sadness the news of the passing of Sr Anna Ventura over the weekend. Sr Anna has a strong connection to our school and community living in Goldicott House up until 2017. Sr Anna was a shining light to many within the St Ignatius Community and had a genuine love of interacting with our students. It was through her special skills of actively listening and responding with words of wisdom, strength, kindness and encouragement that she kindled in others a shining light for all to see. Catherine McAuley: "We should be as shining lamps, giving light to all". Rest in peace Sr Anna – a model of mercy in our community."
REMINDER: 'SHARE THE DIGNITY' AUGUST DIGNITY DRIVE Our parish has marked boxes available at both churches for your donations to this worthy cause. If you wish to contribute please ensure you drop your donations into the box this Sunday as boxes will be removed after Mass for delivery to this charity. The purpose is to collect donations of sanitary items for women in the Australian community who are unable to meet the financial burden of their period. More info. or to donate via <u>www.sharethedignity.com.au</u>	the parish. Please gather your family & friends, join us for cuppa and support us as you select your sweet treats on Sunday 8 September following 8:30am
Readings: Twenty-First Sunday Ordinary: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18. Ephesians 5:21-32. John 6:60-69. Next Sunday: Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8. James 1:17-18,21-22,27. Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23.	
Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.	
Spoken Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Sung Response: Twill Bless the Lord.	
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia! 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, Elizabeth Teresa, Tandina Gabriel, Cathy Mamata, Melissa Acosta, Doreen Waller, Matthew McKay, Nina Starkey, Hannah Sinead, Lyndal & Grant Mitchell, Judy Hijin, Leigh Victoria, Adriana Meneses, Paul Massingham, Allan Doxey, Isabella Shand, Fr Michael Lowcock, David O'Connor, Denise Dimauro, Allison King, Zeneida Feril, Eugene Carniel, 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, Dana FitzGerald. **RECENTLY DECEASED**: Sr Anna Ventura rsm—<u>Funeral</u>: Friday 30 August at 1pm at St Vincent's Convent Chapel, 131 Queens Rd, Nudgee [Nb. for those unable to attend, register via email for the livestream: requiem@mercybrisbane.org], Patricia Donaldson, Fr Gerald O'Collins SJ. **ANNIVERSARIES:** Br John May SJ, Maureen Florence, Leslie Francis Gallagher, Ian 'Tony' Musgrave, Emily Borg, Peg Fisher. **Diary Dates** PARISH INFORMATION PARISH COLLECTIONS: \$2,972.10, *Other: \$300. August COLLECTION FOR RETIRED JESUITS FATHERS next Sunday 1 September at all Masses. 25 21st Sunday Ordinary **INVITATION TO ATTEND MUSIC PERFORMANCE.** All parishioners and friends are warmly Social Justice Sunday welcomed to the St. Laurence's College Annual Choral Strings and Guitar concert to 'Children's Liturgy' during 8am be held in St. Ignatius Church on Tuesday 27 August at 7pm. Entry is by donation Mass—Holy Sprit and all money collected will be sent to the Jesuit Mission in Myanmar. 10am Preparation Session/practice for Sacrament of Confirmation —St Ignatius ST VINCENT DE PAUL, TOOWONG CONFERENCE meeting on Tuesday 27 August at 7.15pm in the Horstmann Room. 27 Saint Monica 7pm SLC Choral & Guitar concert - St Ignatius RCIA NEEDS HELP. After Masses next Sunday 1 Sept. (at both churches), Fr Paul will hold a brief meeting for anyone interested in **helping with regular RCIA sessions** in 7.15pm SVdP meeting the parish AND for those needing to complete their initiation AND wishing to –Hörstmann Room develop their faith. <u>Also</u>, anyone interested in possibly joining the Catholic Church. Please contact Fr Paul Fyfe SJ M: 0427 566 324 | email: fyfep@bne.catholic.net.au Saint Augustine 28 **29** The Passion of St John the Baptist **<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</u>** is held at Holy Spirit Church during 8.00 am Mass during school **30** St Ignatius School student-free day terms only. However this term Children's Liturgy will be held on Sundays to coincide with dates of the parish's Sacrament of Confirmation preparation sessions. September PARISH DATE CLAIMERS: i) Term 3's Parish & School Mass, led by St Ignatius School's 1 22nd Sunday Ordinary middle years students, on Sunday 8 September at 5pm Mass (St Ignatius Church), followed by a free BBQ to be held in the School's undercover area. Jesuit Mission Fathers Day will be the beneficiary of all donations (cash & card options) received at the BBQ. Retired Jesuit Fathers collection ii) Fr Mark Raper SJ Talk on 'Escalating Crisis in Myanmar and the Role of the Church' 'Expect-a-cuppa' after Mass-St Ig. will be held on Thursday 10 October at 7.00pm in St Ignatius Church. Entry is free, however donations will be collected for Jesuit Mission's work in Myanmar. 'Season of Creation' starts today <u>'Expect-a-cuppa'</u> (at St Ignatius) will be held next Sunday 1 September after Masses. **DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS POSITION VACANT. JISA Faber Bardon** require a new 'Assistant (part—time)'; please go 21st Week Ordinary (II) to https://au.indeed.com/iob/jisa-faber-assistant-8f6bba34fcb88663 more info. 1st Reading Gospel Mon: 2Thessa'ns 1:1-5,11-12. Matt. 23:13-22 2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN ~ THANK YOU! Tues:2Thessa'ns 2:1-3,14-17. Matt. 23:23-26 2024 ANNUAL Wed.: 2Thessa'ns 3:6-10,16-18.Matt. 23:27-32 CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the Thurs: Jeremiah 1:17-19. Mark 6:17-29. Our Church • Our Mission • Our Com Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the 1 Corinthians 1:17-25. Matt. 25:1-13. Fri.: important Catholic ministries in our Archdiocese. Sat.: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31.Matt. 25:14-30.

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. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support. If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last Sunday, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or place into collection basket during Mass this Sunday. Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community. Thank you again for your time & generosity.

Nb. Campaign brochure and giving envelope still available from rotary stands (both churches) this Sunday. Alternatively, you can donate online please use our Parish's unique QR code (scan QR code —->) or use this link: <u>https://bit.ly/3vp5ZEA</u> Thank you and God bless.



<u>Where to find YOUTUBE on Parish's new website</u> (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).

