

23rd Sunday Ordinary

Year B

8th September 2024

Holy Spirit Church Harriett Street Auchenflower

Be Still ... Listen

Nicholas Henshall grew up in the kind of church that greeted you with a big notice saying "SILENCE: talk to God before Mass and to each other after Mass."

We do need to be a little clearer what kind of silence we are talking about, he goes on to instruct us. Silence – even in some serious books on prayer and the Christian life – has been construed as something purely therapeutic, something that makes us still and calm; something that makes us feel better.

This therapeutic version of silence is not what Bible or Christian tradition talk about at all. "Be still and know that I am God" (Ps 46:10) is endlessly quoted out of context as if it were an invitation to ease and gentleness. In fact the psalm speaks of something quite different: it is an invitation to be still in the context of awe and battle and uproar, more like the silence just before the big dipper begins its decent.

It is silence not to make us feel good, but the silence of encounter. To be fair, the first step into silence for most of us probably is therapeutic experience and it does make us feel good. But that just means we haven't been doing it very regularly. As followers of a wild God whose only way to show us his love was crib and Cross, we soon discover that the next step is into the desert.

This kind of silence is never easy. It is often boring. Teresa of Avila used to shake her hour glass to make the sand go more quickly. The boredom of this silence is a special place to be: a dynamic openness, a dynamic uselessness, the place where the important work begins.

Priests need to know about this silence themselves and congregations need to learn a practice that is not esoteric or exotic, and not in search of mystical experience. It is simply part of letting God get to grips with the rough stuff of our humanity... Silence is its own teacher, once the journey has begun.

~ Fr Gregory Jacobs SJ



Safeguarding Sunday - 8 September 2024

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks **Safeguarding Sunday**, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance.

We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <u>https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024</u>

PARISH WEEKDAY MASSES: **ST IGNATIUS 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.

PARISH INFORMATION

Sacramental Preparation Programme 2024



- <u>Sacrament of Confirmation</u> in our 'Community of Communities' St Ignatius, Toowong; Holy Spirit, Auchenflower; Holy Family, Indooroopilly; St Thomas Aquinas, St Lucia

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG NEWLY CONFIRMED! Sacrament of Confirmation was held last Wednesday evening, at St Ignatius Church with 56 young people being Confirmed. Special thank you to Fathers Paul Fyfe SJ & Frank Brennan SJ. Thanks also to Anne Rego, Parish Pastoral Associate and the Sacramental Team, Sponsors, parents, teachers from



St Ignatius School and all those involved in preparing for and during this ceremony, especially Denise Jones (organist), Mike Muller (cantor), Julian Au Yong (projector operator & livestream) and Luke Adams (photographer). This would not happen without your commitment and support. Lastly, many thanks to parishioners for your prayers over their weeks of preparation. Thank you all and God Bless!





"Every conversation matters"

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

you love and care for all of your

especially the smallest and most

We entrust to you the lives of

who have been sexually abused.

and whose trust and innocence

Help us to hear their cries of pain

and to take responsibility for those

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse.

We pray that with the help of your

communities and families will find

whose lives have been broken.

and the failure to be heard.

understanding and support,

So that now and in the future,

grace

children and adults at risk

neglected or exploited

has been destroyed.

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Gracious God.

children,

vulnerable



their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk,

giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

Help us all to listen with open hearts, so that when children and adults at risk speak, they are truly heard.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirt, God forever and ever,

Amen

PARISH 'THANKSGIVING PROGRAMME'2024-25.

New Thanksgiving cycle will commence early October. New weekly envelope packs will soon be allocated to those who are currently recorded as a **'cash' giver** (nb, packs should be available for collection from churches, **late September**). However, if you wish to change to an electronic option ie. contribute via Direct Debit or Credit Card, please contact Monica Florence, Parish Secretary, via email: <u>toowong@bne.catholic.net.au</u> or call: 3870 7818. <u>Please note</u>, those giving via **'electronic'** options, do not need to do anything, your regular giving will continue as per current authority, however if you need to update your CC details (card number or expiry date) please do so. Thank you.

Glimmers of Grace – The heart of Mary through the heart of Ignatius. Daily Mary image and prayer (during October).



Fr Michael Hansen SJ has developed this special online programme that takes you on a journey through the lives of Mary, the Mother of Jesus and St Ignatius. Cost: free, or you can choose to donate. We encourage you to enrol via following link - <u>https://book.venue.life/pch/register/glimmers-of-grace-mary-blessings-october-2024</u> Participants will receive a daily prayer from **1 October** and some bonus material.

BRISBANE WEST DEANERY NEWS		Season of Creation The Season of Creation is a WITH CREATION
Home, heart, soul Fourshing in later life	Monday, 30 September 10am -2pm St Catherine's Catholic Church 3356 Moggill Road, Moggill RSVP: Call (07) 3324 3632 or email kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au	season of prayer and action for our Earth, our common home, that takes place every year from 1 September - 4 October. This year's theme is ' <i>To Hope and Act with Creation</i> '. For more info go to <u>https://seasonofcreation.org/</u>
Readings: Twenty-Third Sunday Ordinary: Isaiah 35:4-7. James 2:1-5. Mark 7:31-37. Next Sunday: Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary: Isaiah 50:5-9, James 2:14-18. Mark 8:27-35.		
Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat you servant in accord with your merciful love.		
Spoken Re	esponse: Praise the Lord, my soul!	
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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: Kathy Hawkins.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jill Davies, Thora Ayre, Valerie Palmer, Anne Carmody, David Drummond, John Williams, Margaret Gavin. **BAPTISM**: Nell Wakefield, Walter Wakefield, Alfred Wakefield, Franklin Wakefield, Abigail Wakefield.



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.



Diary Dates September

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Child Protection Sunday

Children's Liturgy during 8.00am— Holy Spirit

Baptisms: 10.30am—St Ignatius 5pm Parish & School Mass—St Ig. (followed by BBQ in school area)

10 7.15pm SVdP Meeting —Horstmann Room

11 10.55am Bell ringing—St Ignatius

13 Term 3 ends Saint John Chrysostom

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15 24th Sunday Ordinary

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS 23rd Week Ordinary (II) 1st Reading Gospel

Mon: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8. Luke 6:6-11. Tues: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11. Luke 6:12-19. Wed.: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31. Luke 6:20-26. Thurs: 1 Corinthians 8:1-7, 11-13. Luke 6:27-38 Fri.:1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-27. Luke 6:39-42. Sat.: Numbers 21:4-9. John 3:13-17.

> 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.

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH COLLECTIONS: \$2.969.75, *Other: nil.

This Sunday we will be celebrating a School and Parish Mass at the 5pm Mass at St Ignatius Church, led by the students from 'Middle Years'. We welcome these students, staff and families from St Ignatius School, plus those from Stuartholme School and St Laurence's College. Following Mass, everyone is invited to stay for a free BBQ, to be held in School's undercover area. Jesuit Mission will be the beneficiary of all donations (cash & card options) received at the BBQ.

<u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</u> will be held **this Sunday** (8 September) during 8.00 am Mass at Holy Spirit Church. Children of all ages are welcome to attend.

ST IGNATIUS PEACE THROUGH JUSTICE GROUP with **JISA FABER**, as part of the Season of Creation, are offering a series of 3 videos on consecutive Thursday evenings starting this **Thursday 12 September** at the Faber Centre, Bardon, 7—8.30pm. The videos examine the environmental difficulties we are facing and take us on a journey from analysis of current problems to ways of tackling these challenges. It would be great for participants to see all three presentations. Each presentation will be followed by a discussion which will take the form of "conversations in the spirit."

NB. our group prepared a list of activities for Season of Creation, copies available from rotary stands (both churches) OR <u>www.stignatiustoowong.org.au/season-of-creation/</u>

Also, members will ring St Ignatius Church bell on Wed. 11 Sept. at 10.55am, to remind us of the urgency of taking effective climate action before it is too late. Listen for bell ringing or better still come and join in!

SHARE THE DIGNITY—THANK YOU! To parishioners who left donations in parish's box located at Holy Spirit Church; donations were delivered the charity's collection box in Toowong Village last Friday.

BE AWARE—SCAM EMAILS. Parishioners are asked to be wary of emails claiming to be from Fr Gregory (or other clergy); the scammers are using fake email addresses when sending their scam emails. Please delete any emails 'seeking your assistance' or requesting 'gift cards' etc. But if in doubt of the validity of an email please call the parish office 3870 7818 to check. Please delete any such email.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for September is 'For the cry of the Earth'.

Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

<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).

