



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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Parish Newsletter 11 February 2018 Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Holy days of Obligation: In Australia we have the Feast of the Assumption (15 August) and Christmas Day (25 December).

Mass Times and Services

Weekend Mass

Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	7.00am, 9.00am & 5.00pm

Weekday Mass

Mon to Friday	6.30am
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Exceptions

Thursday	6.30am Liturgy of the Hours
Saturday & Public Holidays	8.00am

Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition held after Mass
 Friday 7am - 9am.
 All are invited to join this devotion.

Reconciliation

Saturday	5pm-5.30pm
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Or by appointment

Baptism

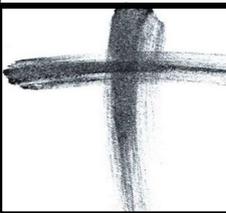
Infant Baptism:
 2nd and 4th Sunday after 9am Mass
Baptism preparation:
 3rd Saturday 10.30am

The Gospel St. Mark 1:40-45. We see both the divine power and the divine compassion of Jesus in this act of healing. The divine power was necessary in all instantaneous cures. Even if the diseases were curable, the ordinary process of nature took time to fight off the causes and to return to normality. Therefore, where there was an instantaneous recovery some power above nature, some supernatural cause brought it about. But where the disease was incurable, as real leprosy then was, to remove it by a simple word of command was more emphatically still the result of divine power. This divine power Jesus had, for he was himself divine, the Son of God.



His compassion for suffering humanity was, however, co-terminus with his power, it was also divine. It was out of compassion for the sad lot of the human race on earth that he descended to man's level, becoming man, equal to us in all things except sin, in order to suffer with us and for us. By his human sufferings he made an atonement, a satisfaction for all the sins of the world—a satisfaction which all mankind could never make—to his heavenly Father, and so obtained for us God's pardon. At the same time, 'by joining our human nature to his divine nature, he brought us into the divine orbit and made us adopted sons of God and heirs of the eternal life of the Blessed Trinity. Because this seems almost too good to be true, there are men who deny it or refuse to accept it. Such men make the mistake of measuring the infinite compassion of God with the limited yardstick of their own finite and puny compassion. Thanks be to God, for his infinite compassion! Thanks be to God, for Christ his Son, who came and dwelt amongst us! He put heaven and a share in the life of God within our reach; he has shown us how to attain them, giving in his Church and the sacraments, all the necessary aids. But we still need all of Christ's compassion if we are to get there. Because of our inclination to sin and because of the many times we unfortunately give in to that inclination, nothing but the mercy of God can save us from our own folly. However, that mercy is available, if only we ask for it. What we sinners need is the faith and confidence of the leper in today's gospel reading. He believed firmly in the power and the mercy of Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean," was his approach to Jesus.

This should be our approach too, if we have the misfortune to fall into serious sin. Jesus does will and does want our salvation. His incarnation, and death on the cross, proves that. The fact that he left the power to forgive sins to his Church is another proof of both his will and desire to help us. "All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth," he stated. Part of that power which he left to his Church is in the sacrament of penance where the leprosy of sin can be washed away and the sinner restored to new and perfect spiritual health. What folly for any Christian then, to commit sin and isolate himself, like the unclean leper, from God. But it is greater folly still, to remain in this unclean state when the cure for his disease is so easily available to any sincere penitent. Excerpt from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.



ASH WEDNESDAY

"All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return."
 -Ecclesiastes 3:20

**Wednesday 14 February,
 Mass 6.30am.**



Project Compassion Sunday 11th February 2018



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "A Just Future". You will be empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

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



Liturgy of the Word

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 31: 1-2, 5, 11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

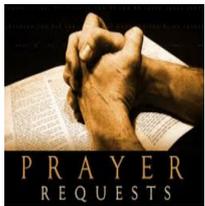
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great Prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Acclamation of Faith:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.



We give praise and thanks for blessings given and prayers answered. We pray for all our family members, parishioners and benefactors who are in need of prayer and for all those who are

facing difficult times. We pray for them and for those who have asked for our prayers.

CONDOLENCE: Our prayers and thoughts are with those who are mourning the death of loved ones.

. Ron Hopewell
. Paul Keating

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing upon all the sick in our Parish.

Recent deaths and anniversary Mass intentions are prayed and mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful. Mass Intention envelopes can be collected at the Church or from the Parish office. If you would like the parish to pray for and have someone's name listed in our prayers each week, then please let the office know.

World Day of Prayer



The Anglican Parish of Aspley/Albany Creek is hosting the **World Day of Prayer**.

On: 2nd March at 10am.

Address: The Church of the Resurrection

Aspley-Albany Creek, 30 Ridley Road, Bridgeman Downs.

All parishioners from Our Lady & St Dympna's Parish are welcome to attend.

The country is "Suriname" and the theme is "All God's Creation is Very Good."

All Liturgical Ministries - Sign-Up

Are you ready to share your Baptismal Commitment by joining our Liturgical Ministry Group?



ALL Current and New Liturgical Ministers are required to fill in the Sign-up sheets available in the church foyer please.

**Liturgy In-Service
for NEW and EXISTING ministries
11.00am – 12.30pm Saturday 3rd March.**

The living of Baptism, which flows out from the event, has as its proper place 'the world, the ordinary human places of daily life.'



Parish of Our Lady and St Dympna

All parishioners (past and present) and friends are invited to join us in celebrating the 80th birthday of our former Parish Priest

Fr. Peter Luton

Fr Peter will concelebrate Mass on Saturday, 24th February at 6.00 pm.

Dinner to follow at the

VC Suite

Kedron Wavell Services Club

21 Kittyhawk Drive Chermside

Saturday 24th February at 7.15pm.

R.S.V.P. 14th February

Tickets: \$40.00 per person (drinks not included – may be purchased at venue).

For further information contact:

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Evelyn Lopez Phone 33592598 evelopez_1@hotmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: Tickets will be available after ALL MASSES:

3/4 and 10/11 February 2018.



Sacrament of Penance

On Thursday we meet with parents from some of Grade Five children for an information evening for the Preparation of the Sacrament of Penance. The preparation consists of a Parent Information Evening and two workshops on 10th and 24th February. The Programme has been prepared by Evangelisation Brisbane. Children receive a 'Penance Passport' in which they jot down responses to discussions around respectful relationships, being a disciple of Jesus, Scripture, Family Prayer, the ten commandments and awareness examine. You may like to look at The Parent's Guide. It can be found on [Flame of Faith](#) website. Please remember these children in your prayers.



Catholic Women's League

Catholic Women's League will hold their first meeting for the year on the 14th February at 9.30am

Members are reminded that the Membership fee will be \$25.00. which will be due in February.

Any interested women in the Parish
are always welcome to join.

Volunteer Ministries - Bankers Urgently Needed



A Parishioner is required to do the Parish banking for March.

Bankers are normally rostered one month for one year and two months the following year.

Bankers are required during their rostered month on Sundays and usually Mondays.

Sundays from 9.00am usually till 9.45am and Mondays or Tuesdays at any suitable time to bank the money.

This usually takes about 30 minutes.

If you are available to help please contact the Parish Office on Ph 3862 9402

ASPLEYCARÉ NEWS

A TRIVIA NIGHT – will be held on Saturday night 10th March at the Geebung Bowls Club on Robinson Rd. It will be conducted by the Quota Club of Sandgate with all proceeds going to Aspleycare Emergency Relief program. This night always ensures lots of prizes, plenty of fun and supper. So make up a group or come and join one on the night. Be there around 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

Please contact Tom Borger on 3265 5659 or Judy Doak on 0447 824 980 for further details.

Used Postage Stamp Thank you

December 2017

On behalf of Mary MacKillop International, I thank you for your generous support in supplying and assisting with used stamps.

2017 was another successful year of us raising approximately \$58,000. A great effort from many, many people! From 2001 till now our total is almost \$244,000.

It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today.

Sr Helen Saunders

**Please leave used postage stamps in the church
For further information contact:**

Denise Ph. 3160 0195

Positions Vacant

Multimedia Designer - Applications are open for a position within Vocations Brisbane. A person with excellent digital and print media experience as well, web and social media skills is required for a part time position for 15 hours a week.

Vocations Officer - Applications are open for a position within Vocations Brisbane. A person who is able to demonstrate empathy for working with clergy; sound organisational and presentational skills; a grasp of the importance of marketing; the needs of the Church; and societal values is required for a part time position for 30 hours a week, Monday to Friday.

Catholic Prison Chaplaincy Coordinator - Applications are open for a position at Centacare Pastoral Ministries. A person with experience in pastoral and spiritual care and a demonstrated empathy for people affected by the criminal justice system balanced by respect for, and an ability to understand legislation, policies and procedures is required for a part time position of Catholic Prison Chaplaincy Coordinator for 30 hours a week.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will

Rosters

Notice to Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers

Our Parish Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers perform an important role in the celebration of the Mass. In order to ensure that we have sufficient numbers of these ministries available for Mass on weekends, please ensure that if you are rostered for any of these ministries, you inform the Mass Coordinator for the relevant Mass of your arrival at **least 10 minutes** before Mass commences.

17/18 February 2018	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	S. Lawrence (B) J. Lawrence D. Griffiths S. Stevens I. Dove	First Reading J. Pillai Second Reading T. Hand Prayers of the Faithful L. McGorry	S. Gonsalves E. McLoughlin	B. McGorry	Judith Di
7.00 a.m. Mass	D. Francis (B) J. Bissell S. Vaz G. Bortuzzo H. Hollamby	First Reading R. Campbell Second Reading A. Spanevello Prayers of the Faithful M. Campbell	F. Hollamby	I. Spanevello	Nancy David & Co
9.00 a.m. Mass	T. Hoang (B) M. Holmes C. Fernandes J. Fernandes A. Ware C. Ware B. Neill	First Reading M. Gonsalves Second Reading J. Self Prayers of the Faithful L. Bedford	G. Cook G. George J. Veza M. Veza	Volunteer	Couples for Christ
5.00 p.m. Mass	S. Sherwood (B) S. Sherwood S. Tam S. Lopez F. Gowans	First Reading K. Rye Second Reading E. Lebajo Prayers of the Faithful K. O'Donnell	J. Tomsey O. Joshy	Volunteer	Renata
Altar Society: ? 2018 Roster TBA Children Liturgy: 9am Kim O'Rourke	Cleaners: 17 Feb Volunteer Cleaners: 24 Feb Paul Xavier Cleaners 3 March Harry Boevink David Francis	Counters: 18 Feb C. Smith D. Kehoe R. Volter R. Campbell	Counters: 25 Feb A. Spanevello I. Spanevello I. Dennison B. Dennison	Come to the Water Isaiah 49 Eat this Bread Lead Me Lord	

Next week liturgy	The Catholic Leader	Dympna's Diary																								
<p style="text-align: center;">First Sunday of Lent</p> <p>First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24: 4-9 Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant. Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 8-22 Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15 Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you Alleluia!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Keeping faith with you</p> <p>* Queensland Catholics to join Church's national three days of fasting and reparation for victims of child sexual abuse * He can hit a golf ball better than most adults, and the seven-year-old Sunshine Coast Catholic schoolboy has his sights set on winning the Australian PGA Championship * Young woman on Gold Coast to take the voice of her peers to the Vatican * Tribute to former Catholic Leader columnist Br John Venard Smith * Columban Father Warren Kinne finds a new mission as Commonwealth Games chaplain * Australian Jesuit shares his wisdom to help rebuild Myanmar</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Sun</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> <td>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Caritas Project Compassion Sun day</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Mon</td> <td style="text-align: center;">12</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Tues</td> <td style="text-align: center;">13</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Wed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14</td> <td>Ash Wednesday</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Thurs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Fri</td> <td style="text-align: center;">16</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Sat</td> <td style="text-align: center;">17</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Sun</td> <td style="text-align: center;">18</td> <td>First Sunday of Lent</td> </tr> </table> <p>Date Claimers: 14 February - CWL General Meeting 24 February - Fth Peter Luton 80th Birthday Party 10 March - Aspleycare Trivia Night</p>	Sun	11	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Caritas Project Compassion Sun day	Mon	12		Tues	13		Wed	14	Ash Wednesday	Thurs	15		Fri	16		Sat	17		Sun	18	First Sunday of Lent
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