



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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Parish Newsletter - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5 July 2020

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



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Mass Times and Services	
Weekend Mass	
Saturday (register online)	6.00pm
Sunday (register online)	9.00am
Weekday Mass	
Mon, Tue, Wed and Friday (sign in register)	6.30am NO Thursday or Saturday Mass
Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:	
Exposition held Morning Mass Friday All are invited to join this devotion.	
Reconciliation	
By appointment	
Baptism	
Infant Baptism: 2nd & 4th Sunday after 9am Mass	
Baptism preparation: 3rd Saturday 10.30am	

Gospel - Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Matt 11:25-30

Context Connection - Sunday's Gospel begins with Jesus's saying a prayer of praise and thanksgiving. Jesus addresses God as Father, showing his special intimacy with God. In his reference to the wise, from whom God has hidden the significance of Jesus's ministry, Jesus is clearly speaking of the scribes and Pharisees. But Jesus is also referring to the unrepentant cities that he cursed in 11:20-24. God chooses to reveal his message of the Kingdom to the "infants," Jesus's followers. Even though Jesus's disciples lack social status or formal education in religious matters, they are able to comprehend what Jesus came to reveal about God the Father. In human relationships, the bond between a father and a son is unique. They often have a mutual understanding of each other that is not shared with anyone else. Through Jesus, the Son of the Father, believers can now come to know God fully. In the past, no human being really knew God. Now the way to come to know the Father completely is through Jesus.

Matthew often speaks of the heavy load the scribes and Pharisees laid on their people—the many rules and regulations that directed the daily lives of Jews. Jesus promises that those who follow him and take up his way of discipline will find rest and renewal. Jesus invites his disciples into a relationship with him a relationship of gentleness and humility. Jesus cannot be accused of being lax, because he is inviting his disciples into a very disciplined way of life; but Jesus says this way of life will be easier because it is built on a relationship with a loving and caring God.

Tradition Connection - Jesus extends to his disciples a way of coming to know God more intimately. Jesus's purpose is to reveal to those who follow him the true nature of God the Father. As a believer's faith in God deepens, he or she seeks to understand God more fully. This growth process is ongoing throughout the life of a believer. God is so large that God is beyond any one person's understanding. But the search to know God more fully expands our knowledge and understanding of God. Jesus promises to all who profess belief in him and become his followers that he will be part of that process.

Jesus is the revelation of God that took on human flesh. Therefore, Jesus is the model of how an individual enriches her or his relationship with God the Father. In the Incarnation, Jesus accepted the will of the Father and took the form of a human being so that he could more effectively reveal the true nature of God to humankind. As "God made man," Jesus became the way to a more intimate relationship with God the Father a relationship that God the Father strongly desired from the beginning of creation (see CCC, number 459).

Jesus guarantees the certainty of faith. Faith in Jesus is faith in God the Father. And God the Father is the essence of pure truth. The truth revealed to Jesus by the Father is the same truth Jesus has revealed to us. As believers in God as revealed to us by Jesus Christ, we know the word of God is truth and life (see CCC, number 157).

Wisdom Connection - Matthew's community was mainly comprised of Jews that had converted to Christianity. As Jews, they had to be obedient to all the rules and regulations the Pharisees had set forth. This sometimes was referred to as the yoke of the Law. It was a very disciplined life, and observing all the precepts was often a yoke that was impossible to bear. With all the precise rules and restrictions imposed by the Pharisees' interpretation of the Law, salvation seemed far away or even impossible to obtain. Matthew wants his community to know that Jesus came to give them a new yoke of discipline for their lives. Jesus's yoke is easy, and his burden is light. Jesus shows Christians the way to live—to be gentle and humble of heart.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Acclamation of Faith:

*We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
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.

Especially: Rosslyn Aileen Dove, David Pitham and John Serrao

SICKNESS: Our prayers are asked for people who are sick or housebound, and for all those who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes.

If you would like the parish to pray for and have someone's name listed in our prayers each week, Intention envelopes can be delivered to the Parish



PARISH OFFICE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS OPENING TIMES

Please Note: During the School Holidays from 29 June to 17 July the Parish Office will be open 9.00am to 1.00pm on Thursday and Friday.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020 PROGRAM ENROLEMENT OPEN

"In the year when the **children turn eight (Year Three)**, they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the **Sacrament of Confirmation** administered by the Bishop or his delegate." *Archdiocese of Brisbane Sacramental Policy*. If you feel your child is ready to begin preparation for Confirmation, please complete the Online Enrolment Form on the parish website.

The program runs over a period of six weeks and concludes with the Sacrament of Confirmation:

- Group 1 on Tuesday 18th August at 5pm
- Group 2 on Tuesday 18th August at 7pm
- Group 3 on Wednesday 19th August at 5pm
- Group 4 on Wednesday 19th August at 7pm

Please note due to Covid19 restrictions numbers for attendees may be limited. Thank you for your understanding.

Enrolments for the 2020 program:

OPENED on Monday 15th June at 5pm and

CLOSE on 13th July at 5pm,

No enrolments will be accepted after this time.

For further information and enrolment:

<http://www.ourladyandstymnparish.com/confirmation.html>

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The image of a yoke is also a sign of hope for Christian converts, reminding them they do not walk alone they are yoked to Jesus. Jesus walks with them, showing them the way. If they learn to synchronize their actions (movements) with those of Jesus, the yoke makes following the precepts of Jesus easy. The yoke can be perceived as a tool that helps the believer walk more easily with Jesus. It speaks of an intimate relationship between Jesus and his disciples, a relationship between the student and the master. This is how we find peaceworking as a team with Jesus.

Excerpt from Youth Scripture Reflections - Liturgia - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND PARISH MASSES We have commenced Week-end Masses on Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9am, as the first step, in our parish. At this stage with a **MAXIMUM OF 100 PEOPLE** (incl. the priest, sacristan, readers etc.) so **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**. We have also commenced Weekday Masses on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6.30am (no booking necessary week-days just sign-in your attendance). Sunday 5pm Mass will recommence from 19 July.

Now **NUMBERS HAVE INCREASED** only a booking procedure will manage this situation and meet the Government obligations for Covid19 tracing and cleaning procedures. Therefore, you will be required to register for the Mass that you would like to attend using an online booking system. Please book using: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJXIV> If you cannot use TryBooking please contact the Parish Office by phone or email to book.

This booking website will provide the parish office with your details, thus allowing us to organise everything necessary for your safe participation in worship at our parish.

This process is new to all of us, and we greatly appreciate your cooperation, understanding and patience while we all get used to these new systems. It is also imperative that we have continued volunteer **Marshals and After Mass Cleaners for all Masses** to allow us to offer worship for increased numbers.

Please contact the Parish Office if you can assist with one or more of the above roles.

Your assistance is needed for our parish to worship in larger numbers. We all need to pull together to get Aspley parish church back up and running.

Also, a friendly reminder for the safety of others that if you are feeling unwell, have a temperature, or show any flu like symptoms, please do not attend the church, because, we have the same responsibility to care for others as we look after ourselves. Stay safe and stay tuned for any updates as the situation changes.

Thank you for your support! <https://www.trybooking.com/BJXIV>



NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES READY FOR COLLECTION
We would like to thank all parishioners who join the Planned Giving Program and also those who have registered for the parish [online giving](#) for their continued generosity and commitment to our Parish.

The new Planned Giving envelopes are ready and can be collected in the foyer of the church. Regular Planned Giving is a vital component to the existence of our Parish.
Thank you!

GENERAL NOTICES

ASPLEY CLASSES FOR SENIORS —

Some of the classes conducted by Aspley Classes for Seniors will resume in Term 3 which commences on 20 July, subject to certain conditions. Details can be found on our website www.aspleyclassesforseniors.com. An information sheet is also available at the entrance to the Church.

NEXT WEEK IS SEA SUNDAY—



The church prays for those who live and work at sea. There will be a national Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Donations will provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers in these challenging times of COVID-19. Please give generously.

Go to: bit.ly/seasundayaustralia



The Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped Thank You

The Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support within Aspley Parish for our Church Appeal 2020 to raise much needed funds.

Aspley Parish raised \$2,016.00

Your generosity will enable us to carry on our work within our communities.

Your parish has been a great supporter of our work for many years, and we look forward to your continued support.

Yours Faithfully
Karen Praeger

"The Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped"

Rosters

11/12 July	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	NA	First Reading E.Arpon Second Reading A.Arpon Prayers of the Faithful L.McGorry	Volunteer	Volunteer	Claude & Co Judiith
9.00 a.m. Mass	NA	First Reading M.Gonsalves Second Reading D.Chiavaro Prayers of the Faithful K.Brough	Volunteer	Volunteer	Savio and Jude Nancy
5.00 p.m. Mass Returning 19 July	5pm recommencing 19 July	5pm recommencing 19 July	5pm recommencing 19 July	5pm recommencing 19 July	5pm recommencing 19 July
Counters 5 July G. Juffs H. Juffs I. Spanevello A.Spanevello Counters 12 July M. Stack G. Strathdee A. Hill L. Johnson Counters 19 July	Cleaning Church: 10 July Volunteer 18 July Savio and Jinella 25 July Volunteers & Nigel Hughes	COVID19 VOLUNTEERS: Marshalls: 2 Volunteers for each mass (Marshalls must be less than 70 years of age). Cleaners: Every Mass or event must have 2-3 people who stay behind to clean all the seats, railings, door handles and anywhere people would have potentially touched, as part of the Covid-19 cleaning protocols. With enough people, this should take no more than 20-30 minutes after mass (Cleaners are NOT restricted by age and must be in good health).	All Creatures of our God & King Organ Music Preparation of Gifts Seed Scattered & Sown Go Now Your are Sent Forth 		

Next week liturgy
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 64:10-14 The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23 Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23 Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the work of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia, alleluia!

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<p>“For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” (Matthew 11:30)</p> <p>When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent, and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.</p> <p><i>(Accessed on June 24, 2020 from https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections)</i></p>

Dympna's Diary		
Sun	5	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon	6	St Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr
Tues	7	Bl Peter To Rot, martyr
Wed	8	
Thurs	9	St Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, and companions, martyrs
Fri	10	
Sat	11	St Benedict, abbot
Sun	12	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Date Claimers: From 20 June Up to 100 people can attend our Masses including the priest, sacristan etc. Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9am. Sunday 5pm recommencing 19 July Please book online to attend: https://www.trybooking.com/BJXIV		



PLEASE NOTE: ALL MUST MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER MASS!


 Keep your distance


 Smile and wave!


 Wash your hands regularly


 Cover coughs and sneezes