



# PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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## Parish Newsletter Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 16 February 2020

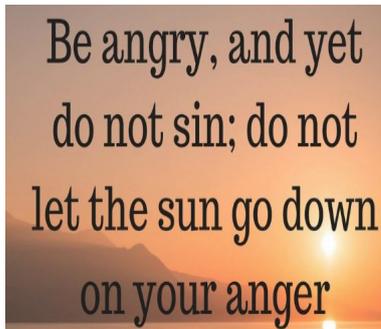
Holy days of Obligation: In Australia we have the Feast of the Assumption (15 August) and Christmas Day (25 December).

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Matt 5:17-37*

Most of the gospel passage we hear today is found only in Matthew's Gospel, especially in the way these four teachings about killing, adultery, divorce, and swearing oaths are structured. There will be two more next week.

'You have learnt how it was said ... but I say to you.' With this antithetical pattern Matthew introduces us to why Christianity is the complete form of God's plan for the world. What Jesus is saying here is that to be a good Christian it is not enough to keep the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are not the pinnacle of Christian living. They are only the foundation upon which true Christian virtue needs to be erected. Jesus sets out a deepening and a radicalising of what God revealed at Sinai to Moses. There is a two-step path to how we are to live. The first is the step, captured in those ancient commandments, of moving from killing to not killing, of committing adultery to not committing adultery, of stealing to not stealing. Jesus tells us this is only the first step. The second step is not only not to kill but not even to get angry, not only not physically to commit adultery but not even mentally to commit adultery. This is the hidden wisdom of God, not that we are to be better persons but we are to be new persons, new persons in baptism, new persons in the Spirit of God. The Christian is not about doing the bare minimum but about being one's complete self.

St Augustine of Hippo explains this two-step path to virtue in his Commentary on the Sermon on the Mount: 'Not to kill is, therefore, the least commandment, and whoever breaks it will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But those who fulfil it in the sense that they refrain from killing are not all at once heroes fit for the kingdom of heaven. They have, to be sure, risen to a certain degree; but to be perfect they will not even become angry without cause'.



It is interesting to note that Augustine qualifies anger. He says that it is wrong to get angry 'without cause'. This is not what Jesus said. It would seem that Augustine accepted that not all anger was bad. When I look at what Jesus said, I have my own dilemma. I doubt that we can truly live without ever feeling angry. What we can control is how we deal with such emotion. We are capable of finding ways of not letting anger control us. As the author of the letter to the Ephesians writes (4:26): 'Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry'. The author acknowledges that we are going to get angry, but he urges us to deal with it, and to deal with it immediately, before it festers and ruins our relationships with others.

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### Mass Times and Services

Weekend Mass		Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:	
Saturday	6.00pm	Exposition held after Mass Friday 7am - 9.00am All are invited to join this devotion.	
Sunday	7.00am, 9.00am & 5.00pm		
Weekday Mass		Reconciliation	
Mon, Tue, Wed and Friday	6.30am NO Thursday Mass	Saturday (Or by appointment)	5pm-5.30pm
Exceptions		Baptism	
Saturday and Public Holidays	8.00am	Infant Baptism: 2nd & 4th Sunday after 9am Mass Baptism preparation: 3rd Saturday 10.30am	

## Liturgy of the Word

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Sirach 15:15-20

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 118:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34 Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:17-37

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Acclamation of Faith:**

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

## Prayer Requests

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:** Let us also remember those who have died. Especially: **Elsa Espinita, Neville Juffs, Pierina Sonego, Josephine Trimarchi, Benedicto, Lucena and Ronnie Tomarong.**

**SICKNESS:** Our prayers are asked for the sick, the housebound, and for all those who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes. Especially: **Syd Greedy, Brian Griffin and Rosslyn O'Brien**

If you would like the parish to pray for and have someone's name listed in our prayers each week, Mass Intention envelopes can be collected at the Church or from the Parish office.

## Sacrament of Penance Update



This week children from our Parish began their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Penance. With the new Archdiocesan Policy launched in 2015, children who have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) are prepared for Penance. Parents attended an information session which outlined the program. This session talked about what the sacrament means in our daily lives and highlighted some of the elements such as forgiveness, reconciliation and peace which help us live out our lives in community with others.

Please pray for the families and for the children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Penance.



**ASPLEYCARE**

### CAN YOU SPARE 4 HOURS PER WEEK TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED?

Aspleycare is an Emergency Relief Organisation staffed by volunteers five days per week between 10am and 2pm, on a roster basis. The centre is in urgent need of more volunteers. Duties may include reception and/or interviewing clients, as well as providing available assistance. Training is provided and no previous experience is needed.

Aspleycare is in the grounds of **Our Lady and St Dymphna's Church at 479 Robinson Rd.**

If you wish to enquire further or offer your time to assist, please phone **3862 7145**. Thank you.



### A VOCATION VIEW: A VOCATION VIEW: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began. Some people he predestines to be priests or religious - might you be one of them? Listen to the call!

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Centre: 1300 133 544

[vocationbrisbane.com](http://vocationbrisbane.com)





**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

One of the ways that we can undertake special acts of charity during lent, is to make weekly contributions to **Project Compassion**.

This charitable work is sponsored by **Caritas Australia**. In particular your gift, no matter how small or how large, is directly used to support people living in less developed overseas countries. Caritas is the church's overseas aid agency and provides help to people living in extreme poverty or people suffering in the wake of natural disasters.

Look out for the Project Compassion **boxes and envelopes available in the church foyer from Project Compassion Sunday next weekend**. The contributions are brought back and sent on to Caritas Australia after Easter.

Find more about [Project Compassion here](#).

**ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE IS CATHOLIC SCHOOL** in the Edmund Rice tradition providing an education to young men from Years 5 to 12. We are currently accepting enrolments for Year 7, 2022. Interviews will occur in March and Letters of Offer will be emailed on the last day of Term 1. To apply, lodge an expression of interest at [www.stpatricks.qld.edu.au](http://www.stpatricks.qld.edu.au) or

**ASPLEY PARISH HALL FOR HIRE** - If you are in need of a venue to host an event, business meeting, a social activity or an exercise class, Our Lady and St Dymphna's parish hall (John O'Callaghan Parish Hall) is available for hire. The parish hall provides a flexible space which can be divided into two different sized areas, depending on your requirements. The Aspley parish hall has a large fully equipped industrial kitchen (with NEW stove and NEW fridge), round and trestle tables, a stage, chairs, disabled access and plenty of parking. Please note: we can not hire for loud events or DJ Functions.

To make further enquiries or enquire about availability, please contact our Parish Office 3862 9402.

**A TRIVIA NIGHT** – will be held on **Saturday night 14<sup>th</sup> March** in the **O'Callaghan Centre**.

It is 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 Judy Doak on 0447824980 or Clive Smith on 32631927 for further details.

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL BRISBANE invites you to "TOGETHER FOR THE GLORY OF GOD"**

Opening Event for 2020 on Sat 22 Feb from 10am – 5pm at the CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate.

Join us to fast and pray for Revival and Transformation to Australia; to discern and pray for God's desire for CCR Brisbane.

Mass celebrated by Fr Leonard Uzuegbu.

ALL welcome. It will be a day of fasting so please BYO appropriate lunch.

Enquiries: Miriam (3103 2400) or email: [secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au](mailto:secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au) for more details.

**MASS FOR THE DEAF** The next Auslan-Supported Mass at St Michael's Catholic Church, 250 Banks Street, Dorrington/Ashgrove will be held on **Sunday 1 March at 8.30 am**. A warm invitation is extended to all who would like to attend this special Mass, with morning tea afterwards. Enquiries to [dorrington@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dorrington@bne.catholic.edu.au).



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER DATE**

**CLAIMER: 6th March** at the Albany Creek Uniting Church, 652 Albany Creek at 10a.m. The host country will be Zimbabwe. Please keep the date free and spend the morning with other parishes to help the people of Zimbabwe.

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What I think we find Jesus saying in all of this is not so much that God does not want us simply to obey rules and regulations as much as God wants us to live lives full of love for each other. The law of the Lord is the way of love; the law of the Lord is the way of peace; the law of the Lord is the way of Jesus, who gave himself for others. We keep the law of God not simply by what we do and don't do but by keeping it within our hearts, allowing that law to mould us and fashion us into the image of the Son. Jesus wants us to be wholehearted, not legalistic. We can be thankful today that God has revealed to us the fullness and maturity of life in the Spirit. We can be thankful for the wisdom that God brings us, a wisdom that goes beyond the bare necessities and leads us to the full blossoming of our human potential, which will only be realised in the kingdom to which we have been invited by God's grace. *Excerpt by Geoffrey D. Dunn - Homily Help Liturgia*

## 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.

22/23 Feb	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
<b>6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday</b>	Sr M. Costello (B) M. Cafe I. Dove D. Salvati L. Dutton	<b>First Reading</b> A. Borgeaud <b>Second Reading</b> A. Manahan <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> F. Xavier	R. Manahan Volunteer	Volunteer please	Judith and Di
<b>7.00 a.m. Mass</b>	J. Bissell (B) D. Volter R. Volter S. Vaz A. Lopez	<b>First Reading</b> G. Bortuzzo <b>Second Reading</b> A. Spanevello <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> D. Francis	J. Colebourne	I. Spanevello	Nancy Savio and Rod
<b>9.00 a.m. Mass</b>	C. Heskett (B) R. Heskett T. Hoang C. Gonsalves M. Gonsalves G. Webley S. Lopez	<b>First Reading</b> L. George <b>Second Reading</b> J. Ferris <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> R. Fernando	J. Mascarenas	Volunteer please	Yvonne, Emily, Karen and Rod
<b>5.00 p.m. Mass</b>	J. Bissell (B) K. O'Donnell G. Dias F. Gowans E. Lebajo	<b>Childrens' Mass</b>	F. Paul J. Paul	Volunteer please	School Music
<b>Children Liturgy:</b> TBA 2020	<b>22 Feb</b> Volunteers and Nigel Hughes	<b>Counters 9 Feb</b> D. O'Keefe P. Skehan M. Skehan M. Lalor	<b>Counters</b>	<b>JESUS MY LORD MY GOD MY ALL A NEW COMMANDMENT SERVANT SONG MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE</b>	

Next week liturgy	Catholic Leader	Dympna's Diary																								
<p><b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>First Reading:</b> Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18</p> <p><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalm 102:1-4,8,10,12-13 The Lord is kind and merciful.</p> <p><b>Second Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 3:16-23</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 5:38-48</p> <p><b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Western regions rejoice as rain falls on drought-hit lands, bringing hope to farming communities and filling dams.</li> <li>•Maronite Catholic siblings Antony, Angelina and Sienna Abdallah killed in Oatlands tragedy remembered for their devout faith at funeral.</li> <li>•Faithful flock to pray with the relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her saintly parents Sts Louis and Zelig Martin visiting Brisbane archdiocese.</li> <li>•Former royal commissioner Susan Pascoe will lead the Church's new Catholic Emergency Relief Australia advisory council, which will help manage disaster response in the future.</li> </ul>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>16</td> <td><b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mon</td> <td>17</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues</td> <td>18</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed</td> <td>19</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thurs</td> <td>20</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri</td> <td>21</td> <td>St Peter Damian, bishop, doctor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sat</td> <td>22</td> <td>The Chair of St Peter, apostle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>23</td> <td><b>7th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Date Claimers: 23 February</b> Caritas Australia Project Compassion Sunday</p> <p><b>24 May</b> Celebrations of the Parish of Our Lady and St Dympna on Sunday</p>	Sun	16	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Mon	17		Tues	18		Wed	19		Thurs	20		Fri	21	St Peter Damian, bishop, doctor	Sat	22	The Chair of St Peter, apostle	Sun	23	<b>7th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
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