



# PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYPMPNA

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## Parish Newsletter - First Sunday of Lent Year A - 1 March 2020

**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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7.00am, 9.00am &amp; 5.00pm</b>

#### Weekday Mass

<b>Mon, Tue, Wed and Friday</b>	<b>6.30am</b>
	<b>NO Thursday Mass</b>

#### Exceptions

<b>Saturday and Public Holidays</b>	<b>8.00am</b>
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#### Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition held after Mass  
Friday 7am - 9.00am  
All are invited to join this devotion.

#### Reconciliation

<b>Saturday (excluding Holy Saturday)</b>	<b>5pm-5.30pm</b>
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Or by appointment

#### Baptism

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

### The Weeks of Lent in the Australian Imagination by Anthony Mellor

1) The wilderness is a potent image in the Australian psyche. From the Aboriginal dreamtime to contemporary suburban life, the beautiful yet treacherous bush has been the emotional and spiritual landscape of our collective imagination.

Lent begins where all great renewals begin: in the wilderness. We encounter Jesus struggling to discern his vocation and to hear the voice of his heart.

In scriptural imagery, the wilderness is understood as a place of investigation and trial. The wilderness remains in the Australian mind our centre and core. Yet only a small number of Australians live or travel there.

The same is true for the 'heart' within each of us. Lent is the opportunity to do some sightseeing of the soul.

2) One aspect of the story of the Transfiguration that often goes unnoticed is that Jesus, James, John and Peter were 'on retreat'.

They ascended the mountain to pray. The mountaintop retreat becomes an experience of enlightenment for the disciples and for Jesus.

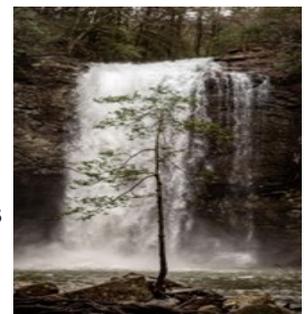


Most regular worshippers rarely have an opportunity to experience prolonged periods of prayerful renewal - the Sunday liturgy becomes the home of spiritual refreshment. A regular Sunday 'retreat' demands the opposite to daily routine: quietness, attentiveness and a deep spirit of communion. These qualities of every Sunday are crucial during Lent.

The mountaintop gave Jesus and his companions a sense of distance and perspective. Good liturgy serves the same purpose and develops a greater maturity of faith and a more profound sense of our baptismal commission.

3) In the company of a Samaritan woman, our thirst is quenched with water from a well that never runs dry.

The woman who comes to the well at midday is the kind of person that 'ordinary, decent' Australians frequently belittle. After five previous relationships, and now into her sixth, this unnamed woman's personal history is a public scandal. This part of the story fills the pages of our glossy magazines and the talk-back radio-waves. Oh, how we love to be scandalised! Or is it prurient admiration perhaps? **Continued Page 3**



### STATIONS of the CROSS

#### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church every Friday evening (excluding Good Friday) from 7 pm from the 28 February 2020.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Sunday of Lent

**First Reading:** Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 50:3-6,12-14,17

Be merciful, O lord, for we have sinned.

**Second Reading:** Romans 5:12-19

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11

#### Gospel Acclamation:

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, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

#### 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 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: **William (Bill) Dove, Joan Myers and Vincent Sorbello.**

**SICKNESS:** Our prayers are asked for the sick, the housebound, and for all those who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes. Especially: **Father Peter Luton**

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Preparation for the Sacrament of Penance continues. This weekend we have just completed our workshops and will celebrate the Sacrament on 14th March 4.00pm and 21st March 4.00pm.



This week parents and children were continuing to reflect on their day and how they responded to others. Families have been concentrating on the importance of making good choices. Let us continue to pray for all those preparing for the Sacrament.

## St Monica's Guild

**St. Monica's Guild** members will meet after Mass and Rosary on Saturday 8th March, 2020.

Any widowed woman is welcome to join us..

Contact Denise 3160 0195



**A VOCATION VIEW: 1st Sunday in Lent** - Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth. These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling.

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Centre: 1300 133 544 [vocationbrisbane.com](http://vocationbrisbane.com)

## PROJECT COMPASSION

GO FURTHER TOGETHER

**You can't fight poverty on your own, but together we can with Project Compassion! This Lent, join millions of Australians raising funds for the world's most vulnerable people.**

**Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

## HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO EXPERIENCE THE PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS UP CLOSE?

**The Iona Passion Play** is looking for potential apostles, Pharisees, crowd members and a Roman army! United in our mission to spread the message of Easter, the Play is often a family experience with children, parents and grandparents getting involved. Performed locally and around Australia for over 60 years this year we will be performing at Iona College Performing Arts Complex on the 4th and 10th of April.

We are currently seeking new cast and crew (all ages welcome – no experience necessary). **General Rehearsals are currently being held on Sundays from 12:30pm-4:00pm** in Oblate Hall at Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum (Wynnum West). Come and join us!

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Contemporary Australia is less interested in the second part of the story: reconciliation, peacemaking and the restoration of self-esteem. Yet we thirst for love, acceptance, harmony; for a sense of worth and meaning. Misguided attempts to satisfy our thirsts leave us like the poor woman: unsettled, insecure, returning time and again to the same barren wells. Now at last water that refreshes and renews us, a gift of God! The 'spring inside us' reminds us instantly of our baptismal beauty and proclaims that we have become a 'new creation', washed, anointed and clothed in Christ.

**4)** The man born blind takes a journey from night to day, from darkness to light.

The story has the power to open our eyes to different horizons, perhaps not so much the horizons of beach and desert, as the interior horizon of the soul. We travel out of our heart of darkness to enlightenment of spirit. Like moths at night, we are drawn closer to the Light of the world.

Conversion is a life-long endeavour, though this realisation can take a while to dawn on us.

**5)** Presumably Lazarus had a choice. He could have decided to stay dead, to remain in the tomb. And that's the crux of the matter.

Indeed, that is the crux of Lent. We can decide to stay the way we are. At least, we know what to expect if we maintain the status quo.

Yet standing on the threshold of Easter, we are called forth 'from sin's dark tomb' to experience a new and more abundant life.

**6)** Passion is understood in the Australian mind as the attitude and spirit of winners. We are told often enough that our sport stars succeed because they have 'passion'. But the passion of our culture and the Passion of the last Sunday of Lent lead us in two different directions. Jesus' passion is a surrender, a surrendering in trust and in love to that which can only be hoped for.

Death is a path into the unknown and unknowable. Resurrection necessarily lies on the other side of dying. Our own liturgical assembly is its most powerful symbol.

Passion is the wife who remains patient and faithful to her husband with Alzheimer's; it is the widower silently mourning the death of his life-long partner; it is the marriage on the brink of separation; it is the attentive parental care for a disabled child; it is the awkward adolescent struggle to find identity. Passion is also the newly-married couple full of hope and optimism, the familiar laugh of a friend, the dry, battle-hardened chuckle of the old.

Death and resurrection are all around us.

**7)** On each Aussie Sunday in Lent, we celebrate that our fleeting lives are placed against the backdrop of eternity.

These days on the road towards Easter's great story are an opportunity too good to miss.



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**ASPLEYCARE TRIVIA NIGHT** - will be held on **Saturday night 14<sup>th</sup> March** in the **John O'Callaghan Centre (parish hall)**. 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.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020**  **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Praying with Zimbabwe

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**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.



## 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.

7/8 March	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>	S. Stevens (B) Sr M. Costello I.Dove M. Cafe D. Salvati	<b>First Reading</b> E. Arpon <b>Second Reading</b> A.Arpon <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> L. McGorry	B. Bowdler A. Wang	B. MGorry	Judith Marie
<b>7.00 a.m. Mass</b>	J. Colbourne (B) M. Colbourne R. Perkins J. Coates J. Bissell	<b>First Reading</b> G. Bortuzzo <b>Second Reading</b> A.Spanevello <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> D. Chiavaro	J.Colbourne	S. Vitaliano	Nancy Lucy
<b>9.00 a.m. Mass</b>	G. Webley (B) S. Lopez C. Heskett R. Heskett T. Hoang J. Fernandes C. Gonsalves	<b>First Reading</b> P. Mawaka <b>Second Reading</b> C. Fernandes <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> M. Gonsalves	B.Colbourne A.Tsongorera N. Gardiner H. Espares	J. Ferris	Yvonne Rod
<b>5.00 p.m Mass</b>	F. Gowans (B) G. Dias K. O'Donnell M. Hopewell B. Hopewell	<b>First Reading</b> R. Meekons <b>Second Reading</b> J. Bissell <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> E. Lebajo	J. Tomsey O. Joshy	Ike Soo Choon and Family	Ike Soo Choon and Family
<b>Children Liturgy: TBA 2020</b>	<b>Cleaning Church:</b> <b>7 March</b> D.Francis <b>13 March</b> Volunteer Please <b>20 March</b> Savio and Jinella <b>27 March</b> Nigel Hughes and Volunteer	<b>Counters 1 Mar</b> G. Cox D. Francis D.McCudden C. Leung.	<b>Counters 8 Mar</b> S. Sherwood D. Jago T. Salvati M. Scott	<b>WE ARE CALLED THE SUMMONS GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT GLORY IN THE CROSS</b>	

Next week liturgy	Catholic Leader	Dympna's Diary																								
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Second Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p><b>First Reading:</b> Genesis 12:1-4 <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalm 32:4-5,18-20,22 Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. <b>Second Reading:</b> 2 Timothy 1:8-10 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 17:1-9 <b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Police officers and first responders grapple with difficult situations regularly and faith has a part to play in dealing with the impact of tragedies like the Dreamworld fatalities or the Camp Hill murders.</li> <li>Toowoomba mother Toni Mitchel fronted the Disability Royal Commission gripping the hand of her son Joshy and explained how she had to justify her son's life even before he was born.</li> <li>Victorian authorities counted 52 deaths in the first six months since euthanasia became available in the state.</li> <li>Report highlights nation's 'persistent, deepening poverty' and outlines about 750,000 children who are living poor.</li> </ul>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>1</td> <td><b>First Sunday of Lent</b> First Sunday Morning Tea following 9am Mass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mon</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues</td> <td>3</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed</td> <td>4</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thurs</td> <td>5</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri</td> <td>6</td> <td>Autumn Ember Day Special Day of Prayer and Penance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sat</td> <td>7</td> <td>Collect of Sts Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>8</td> <td><b>Second Sunday of Lent</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Date Claimers: 17 May</b> Celebrations of the Parish of Our Lady and St Dympna on Sunday</p>	Sun	1	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> First Sunday Morning Tea following 9am Mass	Mon	2		Tues	3		Wed	4		Thurs	5		Fri	6	Autumn Ember Day Special Day of Prayer and Penance	Sat	7	Collect of Sts Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs	Sun	8	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
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### Weekly Offerings 23 February 2020

**Collections During Mass :** \$2792.00    **Direct Deposit at Bank:** \$500.00    **Total Income :** \$3292.00