



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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Parish Newsletter 21 January 2018 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 - Jesus came to announce to all men the good news of God's eternal plan for them. He spent his public life convincing the Jews of Palestine of the truth of this message, and he died on the cross because he claimed to be that he was God's divine Son, who had come in human nature to raise all men to the standing and status of adopted sons of God. That very death, cruel and unjust though it was, was part of the divine plan. He conquered death and was raised from the grave to prove that we too, if we accept his divine gospel and live by it, will be raised from the dead and reign with Christ in the kingdom of his Father forever. Christ preached this doctrine in Palestine. It is the doctrine for which he gave his human life and which he gave to his Apostles to hand down to all future generations. This is the self-same doctrine preached by Christ's Church to all men today. It is the good news of God's mercy and love toward us weak, mortal creatures. To some it seems too good to be true; it would indeed be so if God were a limited, finite being like us, but he is Being itself. He is without limit, his goodness and love are limitless as is his nature. What God can see in creatures has ever been a puzzle to thinking man. One of the psalm-writers said centuries ago: "What is man that you should spare a thought for him, the son of man that you should care for him" (Ps. 8 :4)? Many a saint too, has repeated this remark ever since.

We cannot hope to fathom the mind of God, nor do we need to. He has gone to such a length as the humiliation of his divine Son in the incarnation in order to give us a new standing in relation to himself and a new mode of eternal living after death. We are still God's creatures, "the work of his hands," but through accepting Christ and his gospel—his message of divine truth—we are no longer mere mortals. We shall die, but death is the beginning of the true life which God has arranged for us. It is no wonder that St. Paul could cry out: "O death where is your victory, O death, where is your sting?"

We Christians should be the happiest people on earth. We know why we are here, we know where we are going and we know how to get there. There are trials and troubles which beset us on our journey; there are rough parts of the road and weaknesses in our human nature which often lead us off the right road, but we are not left to our own human resources. We have help from above to strengthen and comfort us on our journey. We have divine aids in the Church which Christ set us and we have the guarantee of our Good Shepherd that he will keep us in his fold or bring us back should we foolishly wander from it (Jn. 10: 14; Lk. 1.5:4-7).

We Christians can indeed be the happiest people on earth, if we live according to the divine good news revealed to us through Christ. "Repent and believe in the gospel," Christ told the people of Galilee. The same call goes out from our loving Savior to each of us today: repent—change your outlook on life— and see it as God sees it to be for us, a short journey toward heaven. If we really believe in the gospel of Christ, the revelation of God's plan for our eternal happiness, our earthly troubles will look small, our trials and temptations will appear to us as they really are—a means of earning the eternal victory. Christ, the innocent victim for our salvation, has gone before us, carrying his heavy cross; can we refuse to carry the relatively lighter cross which he places on our shoulders as our means of making atonement for our own failings and for those of our fellowmen? God forbid that we should! If we have failed in the past, let us repent today and show our belief in the truth of the Christian gospel, by living as true Christians who are on their way to heaven.

Excerpt from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

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

Liturgy of the Word

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5,10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24: 4-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

Gospel Acclamation:

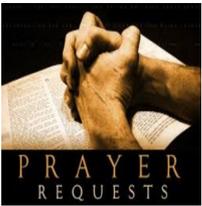
Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: Believe the Good News.

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.

- Ernesto De La Cuesta
- Angelita Gaston
- Lai Hing Kwong
- Leonill Tomarong

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.

Our Lady and St Dympna Australia Day 26th January Mass and Morning Tea

Please join us for Australia Day Mass on 26 January at 8.00am.

Followed by morning tea provided by the Catholic Women's League in the John Paul II Room.



Volunteer Ministries

ASPLEYCARE URGENTLY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

[Aspleycare](#) (located in the Parish of Our Lady and St Dympna, Aspley) provides emergency relief for clients between 10:00am and 2:00pm, Monday to Friday. If you are willing to assist as a volunteer one day per week or fortnight, please contact Aspleycare on 32637145 as soon as possible.

Duties may include reception and/or interviewing clients. Training is provided, so no previous experience is needed.



ASPLEYCARE

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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).

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Sacrament of Penance Program 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

If you are a member of the parish of Our Lady and St Dympna and your child has received Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, we are inviting you to participate in the preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. In the year when the children turn ten (Year Five) they are prepared to celebrate more fully the Sacrament of Penance with individual confession and absolution.

Enrolment for Preparation will be posted on our website: www.ourladyandstzympnaparish.com on **THURSDAY JANUARY 25th at 9.00am** and will be open until **SUNDAY 5.00PM January 28th**.
No enrolments will be accepted after this time.

The program consists of:-

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION 7.00pm -8.00pm
Thursday 8th February (Only parents need to attend)

WORKSHOP 1: 10th February 10.30am-1.00pm
(There will be a refreshment break in the sessions)

WORKSHOP 2: 24th February 10.30am-1.00pm
(This session will include reception of the Sacrament).



St Dympna's Youth Leadership Group Meeting

@StDympnaYouth (Facebook), would like to welcome those 15+ to join us for our 2nd Youth Leadership Meeting on Sunday 21 January just after 5pm Mass, at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Send us a message on Facebook. Look forward to seeing you there.



Aspley Classes for Seniors

Class programs for Term 1, 2018, are now available in the Church foyer. **Enrolment Day** 9-11am Wed 31 January at Aspley Uniting Church Hall, 748 Robinson Road West.

St. Monica Guild Outing

Lunch at Hornet's Club, 50 Graham Road, Carseldine on Tuesday 30th January, 2018. Meet in the Foyer at 11.45am. If you will be attending with the group, please phone Denise on 3160 0195/0409 346 842 before the 28th January for reservation.

Sunday Collections

Week End 15 / 01 /2018

1st & 2nd Collections During Mass : \$ 2825.00

Direct Deposit at Bank: \$ 270.00

Total Income : \$ 3095.00

Position Vacant - Youth Ministry Coordinator/Religious Worker Darra Jindalee Catholic Parish

The Darra Jindalee Catholic parish is seeking applications for the part-time position of Youth Ministry Coordinator and Religious Worker. Working hours are flexible. The successful applicant will be responsible for coordinating and supporting youth programs and activities across 2 churches, including:

- Supporting the Parish Priest in parish pastoral activities and liturgies
- Coordination of a monthly Youth Mass in each church
- Facilitation of High School and Young Adult ministry groups
- Supporting Children's Ministry (incl. Sunday School) activities
- Promoting additional faith development opportunities for young people including retreats, camps, youth conferences and Deanery/Archdiocesan events.

The successful applicant should be able to demonstrate:

- A sound knowledge of Catholic Church teaching and values
- An understanding of and commitment to the Mission and Vision of the Catholic Church
- Knowledge and experience of youth ministry in a Catholic context including integrating youth and youth adults into the broader church community
- Highly developed organizational skills and interpersonal communication skills
- Good written communication skills
- Well developed computer skills including the use of social media
- An ability to work independently and prioritise and manage tasks
- Current Qld driver's licence and Qld suitability card for child-related employment (Blue Card)
- An interest in music and an ability to play a musical instrument would be well regarded
- Two references including one from a Parish Priest.

Commencement Date:- 6th February 2018-01-12 Applications close: 29th January 2018

A full description of this position is available from the Parish Office (07) 3715 8517 or email darjin@bne.catholic.net.au. Applications should be submitted with a current resume and covering letter outlining your suitability for the position to Rev Daniel Carroll PP, Darra Jindalee Catholic Parish, PO Box 3113, Mt Ommanney QLD 4074 or by the above email.

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.

27/28 January 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	M. Cafe (B) L. McGorry B. McGorry I. Dove D. Salvati	First Reading L. Dutton Second Reading D. Griffiths Prayers of the Faithful J. Pillai	S. Stevens J. De Clara-Woods	Volunteer	Light of Jesus Family
7.00 a.m. Mass	I. Spanevello (B) A. Spanevello J. Colebourne S. Vaz D. Francis	First Reading S. Ferlito Second Reading M. Campbell Prayers of the Faithful R. Campbell	F. Hollamby	G. March	Nancy Wendy
9.00 a.m. Mass	R. Heskett (B) C. Heskett J. Patterson T. Hoang B. Neill M. Holmes M. Gonsalves	First Reading K. Buxton Second Reading T. Setafano Prayers of the Faithful L. George	E. Lucas E. Santos A. Tsongorera G. Cook	J. Ferris	Yvonne Suzan
5.00 p.m. Mass	H. Boevink (B) S. Sherwood S. Sherwood M. Hopewell S. Tam	First Reading E. Lebajo Second Reading K. O'Donnell Prayers of the Faithful B. Kent	F. Paul J. Paul	B. Hopewell	Renata
Altar Society: ? 2018 Roster TBA	Cleaners: 3 Feb Harry Boevink David Francis	Counters: 21 Jan S. Sherwood D. Jago T. Salvati N. Medina	Counters: 4 Feb B. Donohue L. Junker T. Gillam M. Hopewell	Canticle of the Sun Gentle as Silence One Bread One Body Sing a New Song	
Children Liturgy: 9am Kim O'Rourke	Cleaners: 9 Feb Barry Long Cleaners: 10 Feb Savio and Jinella				

Next week liturgy	The Catholic Leader	Dympna's Diary
<p>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35 Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28 Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Keeping faith with you</p> <p>*Special Christmas edition, and tribute edition to the late Bishop John Gerry * Coverage of Royal Commission's final report * Holy See considering Royal Commission's call for Church reforms * Farming family devastated by the death of a parent and who had its home damaged by fire will find stockings full on Christmas day, thanks to Catholic charity * Vatican Museums shining light on indigenous culture * Terry Lees reflects on taking time to 'feel the love' of Christmas * BONUS: The Catholic Leader 2018 calendar</p>	<p>Sun 21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mon 22 St Vincent, deacon, martyr Tues 23 Wed 24 St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor Thurs 25 The Conversion of St Paul, apostle Fri 26 Australia Day - Mass 8am and morning tea Sat 27 St Angela Merici, virgin Sts Timothy and Titus Sun 28 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Date Claimers: 21 January - St Dympna Youth Leadership Group Meeting after Mass 30 January - St Monica's Guild Outing 14 February - CWL General Meeting 24 February - Fth Peter Luton 80th Birthday Party</p>