



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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Parish Newsletter Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 23 February 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	6.00pm
Sunday	7.00am, 9.00am & 5.00pm

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tue, Wed and Friday	6.30am
	NO Thursday Mass

Exceptions

Saturday and Public Holidays	8.00am
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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

Saturday (excluding Holy Saturday)	5pm-5.30pm
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Or by appointment

Baptism

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lev 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Matt 5:38-48

We continue where we left off last week. Jesus is offering us a new ethic, a new way of life that goes beyond the bare minimums listed in the Ten Commandments. 'You have learnt how it was said ... but I say to you.' We all know the saying 'An eye for an eye'. In fact, many people appeal to this maxim to justify their actions. We have translated it into modern English: 'Don't get mad. Get even'. Talk about getting the wrong end of the stick! Yes, it is to be found in the ancient Jewish law in Exodus, and even earlier in the law code of Hammurabi, the eighteenth-century BC Babylonian king, but when Jesus quotes these words, it is to reject them, not endorse them. An eye for an eye is not the way that leads to life. As Mahatma Gandhi is reported to have said, 'An eye for an eye ends up making the whole world blind'. In the case of the old 'eye for an eye', it was a matter of being proportionate: of moving from a life for an eye to an eye for an eye. Jesus takes us beyond proportionate response into the world of non-retaliation. God demands perfection from us. It is not the perfection of being even more legalistic than the scribes and Pharisees, but a perfection that comes from allowing God to enter our lives, to heal every one of our ills, to have our sins removed from east to west.

To me this has always been one of the key characteristics of Christianity. Turning the other cheek and going the extra mile are at the heart of what it is to live a Christian life. It is so easy to strike back. We see it in children from infancy. You push me and I will push you, you tease me and I will tease you, you punch me and I will punch you. It is little wonder then that in our grown-up world we find: if you attack me, I will attack you; and if you bomb me, I will bomb you. People who otherwise call themselves Christians engage in this behaviour. Have they heard Jesus' words, 'Love your enemies'? Do they not realise that every person deserves respect because each of us is God's temple, and each of us has God's Spirit dwelling within us?

Augustine of Hippo preached on this text of Matthew (Sermo 386). He said: 'When God admonishes us to love one another, is this all he teaches: that you should love the one who loves you? This mutual love does not satisfy God, for he wants us to attain to loving our enemies'.

God is the enemy of sin and yet God loves the sinful person, so much so that Jesus gave his life for sinners. For at the heart of God is a love that is forgiving and merciful. In the Lord's Prayer, the prayer that Jesus himself taught us to pray, we acknowledge that we need God's forgiveness, yet we ask that God forgive us only to the extent that we are prepared to forgive others. We cannot expect the mercy of God to be shown to us unless we are truly transformed by it and allow it to flow through us to others. Our world will not believe in a God who forgives unless they see God's forgiveness at work through the way we forgive.

We can be thankful today that our God does forgive. We can be thankful that God does not punish us as we deserve, that God does not take eye for eye or tooth for tooth. We can be thankful that God does not consider us an enemy because of our sins and failings. We can be thankful that God has forgiven us in Christ. We can be thankful that we belong to Christ.

Excerpt from Liturgia.com.au by Geoffrey D. Dunn

Liturgy of the Word

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 102:1-4,8,10,12-13 The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

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 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: **Lorenzo Galvezo, Sylvia Kinne and Brian Kinne.**

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, Father Peter Luton 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.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Masses (26 February)

Aspley Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 6:30am for Parishioners, with a Liturgy of the Word at 9.00 for St Dymphna's School. Parishioners are welcome to attend the Liturgy.

Evening Mass at Zillmere - St Flannan's Church 6.00pm



STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross

(from Friday 28 February)

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

If you are unable to attend the Stations of the Cross with other members of our Parish family, you may wish to consider praying the Stations 'online' using your computer or mobile device. Simply log on to <http://www.catholic.org/prayers/station.php> Each station is accompanied by a short three-minute video and prayers.

Sacrament of Penance Update



Last week 41 children began their preparation for the Sacrament of Penance. You may have noticed that they are given a little sheet each week to help them focus on key aspects of the readings. This week they are being asked to think about how it feels to be forgiven which is a key message of this Sunday's Gospel. Please continue to support the children and their families during this preparation time.

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



A VOCATION VIEW: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

We read in Leviticus: "You must love your neighbour, as yourself!" Some are being called to love their neighbour as a priest or religious. Pray that many will answer the call to love.



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

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **“Go Further Together”**.

As Teresa of Calcutta said, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love.”

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER



You will be helping empower our world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

ASPLEY CLASSES FOR SENIORS(50 years and over) **Enrolment Day 2020, 9-11 am on Wednesday, 29 January at the Uniting Church Hall, 748 Robinson Road, Aspley. The first day of the Term 1 classes will be Friday 7 February.**

Update on French Classes for Term 1, 2020 - A new tutor for our French classes has been appointed, to commence with Term 1 classes in 2020. The new tutor is Pakinam Zwielim. Pakinam is 33 years of age. She migrated to Australia from Egypt with her husband and young family last year. Her primary and secondary school education was in a French school in Egypt, where French was the main language used and English was taught as a second language. She has a University degree in Engineering. Pakinam will be conducting two French classes: Beginners and Advanced. Please note that the day of the week, time and/or venue for these classes will not be the same as in 2019. The Beginners class will now commence at 9.45 am on Fridays in the Anglican Church Hall, 30 Ridley Road, Bridgeman Downs and finish at 11.15 am. The Advanced class will commence at 11.30 am and finish at 1.00 pm. There will be a combined morning tea for both classes from 11.15 to 11.30.

Content and structure of the classes can be discussed with Pakinam at Term 1 Enrolment Day, 9-11 am on Wednesday, 29 January at the Uniting Church Hall, 748 Robinson Road, Aspley. The first day of the Term 1 classes will be Friday 7 February.

ASPLEYCARE TRIVIA NIGHT - will be held on **Saturday night 14th 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.

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.



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.

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.

29 Feb / 1 Mar	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	L. McGorry (B) B. McGorry G. Cox R. Campbell S. Hughes	First Reading I. Dove Second Reading L. Dutton Prayers of the Faithful M. Cafe	S. Stevens Volunteer	Light of Jesus Family	Light of Jesus Family
7.00 a.m. Mass	D. O'Keefe (B) H. Hollamby I. Spanevello A. Spanevello D. Francis	First Reading M. Campbell Second Reading D. Chiavaro Prayers of the Faithful G. Bortuzzo	F. Hollamby M. Williams	M. Blight	Nancy Wendy, David and Mike
9.00 a.m. Mass	J. Ferris (B) J. Patterson A. Ware C. Ware C. Fernandes B. Neill M. Gonsalves	First Reading J. Frayne Second Reading K. Brough Prayers of the Faithful B. Simmons	M. Ede G. Ede P. Ede	Volunteer please	Judith Men's Choir
5.00 p.m. Mass	S. Sherwood (B) S. Sherwood M. Hopewell B. Hopewell S. Tam	First Reading B. Kent Second Reading S. Tam Prayers of the Faithful R. Meekons	J. Alderton A. Bissell	Ike Soo Choon and Family	Ike Soo Choon and Family
Children Liturgy: TBA 2020	Cleaning Church: 29 Feb- Volunteer Please 7 March D. Francis 13 March Volunteer Please 20 March Savio and Jinella	Counters 23 Feb J. Bissell M. Aitkin B. McGorry N. Hughes.	Counters 1 Mar G. Cox D. Francis D. McCudden C. Leung.	FORTY DAYS & FORTY NIGHTS SHEPHERD ME O GOD A TRUSTING PSALM GOD OF MERCY AND COMPASSION	

Next week liturgy	Catholic Leader	Dympna's Diary																								
<p style="text-align: center;">First Sunday of Lent</p> <p>First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 50:3-6,12-14,17 Be merciful, O lord, for we have sinned.</p> <p>Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19</p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11</p> <p>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!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge heads to Rome for high-level Vatican talks on the Plenary Council 2020, Cardinal George Pell and the Holy See's response to Australia's Royal Commission. Four young men cast their nets out into the deep, entering Brisbane's vocational discernment house this year. Laws in Victoria requiring priests to report child abuse to authorities even if heard in the confessional will affect the seal of confession – the Queensland Government planning a similar legislation. 	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>23</td> <td>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Caritas Australia Project Compassion Sunday</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mon</td> <td>24</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues</td> <td>25</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed</td> <td>26</td> <td>LENT - Ash Wednesday ✝</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thurs</td> <td>27</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri</td> <td>28</td> <td>Stations of the Cross 7pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sat</td> <td>29</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>1</td> <td>First Sunday of Lent</td> </tr> </table> <p>Date Claimers: 17 May Celebrations of the Parish of Our Lady and St Dympna on Sunday</p>	Sun	23	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Caritas Australia Project Compassion Sunday	Mon	24		Tues	25		Wed	26	LENT - Ash Wednesday ✝	Thurs	27		Fri	28	Stations of the Cross 7pm	Sat	29		Sun	1	First Sunday of Lent
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