



# PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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## Parish Newsletter - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 October 2020

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



<https://www.trybooking.com/BJXIV>

Dear Parishioners

If you had been thinking that we have been living through a year of many twists and turns Covid-style, you may not have been so very surprised that you have been presented with another bend in the road: the departure of Fr John and the arrival of the seventh Parish Priest of Saint Dympna's. 2020 will indeed deserve a colourful entry in the recorded history of the Parish!

Parishioners of future years will read about 2020's twists and turns and I'm sure they will marvel at the challenges you were confronted with and also at the way in which you have remained to the Mass and to the Community of the Faith. They will wonder "However did they cope with the Church closed and no access to the Sacraments?" It will be a witness to them of the absolute first place Holy Mass had in your lives. Your experiences now will inspire them to always treasure the Mass in their times.

I am accompanying you in this interim period between Parish Priests from October to December this year. As you can imagine, this sudden change has meant and will mean a fair bit of organisation, some of it temporary, until the Parish Priest arrives. I think the virtue of Patience is one that has a good workout for all of us this year! So let's help each other to maintain Aspley's well known strength in community.

Let us join together now to accompany Fr John on his way. This bulletin is published today, the feast of the Guardian Angels, so let's ask them to fly with him to his homeland, and pray for his safety and happy arrival. We pray also for his successor, whoever he may be, in his time of concluding his present ministry and his preparation for Aspley. Of course, our daily prayer continues for the whole Parish community, for its perseverance and good cheer, and for its ongoing life of service of God and neighbour, against considerable odds.

Fr Robert

**For those who have requested, here is contact information for staying in touch with Fr John Panamthottam in India:**

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### Mass Times and Services

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	7.00am, 9.00am & 5.00pm

#### Weekday Mass

**WEEKDAY MASSES  
WEEK BEGINNING  
5TH OCTOBER  
ARE CANCELLED UNTIL  
AN INTERIM TIMETABLE  
CAN BE ESTABLISHED**

**Benediction and  
Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament:**

**CANCELLED UNTIL AN  
INTERIM TIMETABLE  
CAN BE ESTABLISHED**

#### Reconciliation

By appointment

#### Baptism

#### Infant Baptism:

2nd & 4th Sunday after  
9am Mass

#### Baptism preparation:

3rd Saturday 10.30am



#### Please Note:

Parish Office will be closed on Queens Birthday Public Holiday on 5 October.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Isaiah 5:1-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 79:9, 12-16, 19-20  
The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4: 6-9

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-43

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends,  
says the Lord,

Alleluia, 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.

Especially: Edmund Butler, Daniel James Hong, Georgia McBride and Hazel Merle Russell

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

Especially: John Dunne

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 office.



A staggering 20,000 people in Queensland are experiencing homelessness—this is 1 in every 200 Queenslanders (source, Australian Bureau of Statistics). This includes people who are sleeping rough, as well as people who are staying in temporary, unstable or substandard accommodation. How can we make a difference on this issue? How will you use your Queensland State Election vote for the benefit of the whole community? You can find out more about the issues you might reflect on when you cast your vote at <https://bit.ly/3kd5Rj2>

## THANK YOU FROM THE PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

On behalf of the Parish Leadership Team, I thank everyone who contributed so generously towards a gift for Father John.

He proudly displayed the gift of a beautiful stole at all Masses last Sunday. The stole was embroidered with Australian flowers and an inscription in appreciation for all his work and support he has given everyone at St Dymphna's.

The remainder of the proceeds was presented as cash. The total contributions amounted to \$3770. Your generosity will be a great help to assist Father John in his new mission.

As a parish, we thank God for Father John's spiritual guidance, love, and support for the last 3 ½ years. We are all incredibly sad now but wish Father John good health and every blessing as he continues God's work.

For the next few months, Fr Robert Doohan from St Kevin's, Geebung, will be guiding the Aspley Parish. Hopefully, a parish priest will be appointed to Aspley for the New Year.

Iva Spanevello

*Thank You*

## APPEAL FOR MARSHALS AND AFTER MASS SANITISING

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.**



**WEEKDAY MASSES  
WEEK BEGINNING 5TH OCTOBER  
ARE CANCELLED  
UNTIL AN INTERIM TIMETABLE  
CAN BE ESTABLISHED**

## \* WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND PARISH MASSES UPDATE \*

Our Church space allows a **MAXIMUM OF 100 PEOPLE** (incl. the priest, sacristan, readers etc.) In this interim period between Parish Administrations, only an online booking procedure will manage this situation and ensure compliance with the Government and diocesan obligations for COVID-19 tracing and cleaning procedures. **FROM OCTOBER 5TH**, every person who wishes to attend Mass here will be required to register using an online booking system. Please book using: [www.trybooking.com/BJXIV](http://www.trybooking.com/BJXIV) **If you are not able personally to book online, it is suggested that you ask a family member, friend or neighbour to book for you.** It is a simple and straightforward procedure. Your details can be kept securely on the website so that you don't have to repeat them each booking. **WALK-INS ARE NO LONGER POSSIBLE. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. PLEASE ALSO ENSURE BOOKINGS ARE CANCELLED BY FRIDAY IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND.** To cancel, go to your follow-up email after booking and scroll down to the tab "Refund". This will allow others to book. No-shows are most unhelpful to the community.

This booking website enters your contact details securely with the Parish. We then destroy the records after storing for 56 days. **No one who attends Mass here is authorised to exempt themselves from what is required. That applies whether the person agrees or disagrees with the requirements.** Attendance implies the co-operation of all attendees.

Parishes nearby and further afield have been visited by authorities who are charged with enforcing the restrictions. On those visits at Mass time, the number of attendees is counted to check if the attendance limit is being kept and the Register is also viewed to check that contact details are complete. If the Parish is visited by the authorities and it is found to have not kept the restrictions, then the Parish is liable for closure and fines of thousands of dollars. The patience of all involved will ensure St Dymphna's will be able to remain open.

### The Blessed Sacrament Chapel from October 5

Under the COVID Industry Plan for Places of Worship, there are certain conditions for all our normal activities. It is not possible for the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to remain open for unrestricted use as we would normally have. For instance, it would be necessary to have a minimum of two people in the Chapel and one of those would need to serve as Marshall to ensure compliance with the industry plan regarding contact registering and sanitation after use. This means that the Chapel is temporarily not available for unregistered private prayer by individuals. If a group wishes to use the Chapel for prayer, there is a limit to the number permitted in the Chapel according to distancing. Group use would be restricted during the weekdays, between 9 a.m. and 12.00 noon for a maximum of one hour. Please contact if interested in arranging a group and the Office staff will share what would be required to facilitate your request.


### The Parish Office in COVID Times

St Dymphna's is blessed to be able to staff the Office for some of each week day. The safety of Staff and Parishioners is paramount and observing government/diocesan regulations is also critical. Until QLD moves into a further easing of restrictions, the Parish Office will observe restricted entry, according to the COVID Plan for re-opening. When you arrive at the Office, please make your inquiry at the window. If the Office is unattended for some reason, **please do not wait in the foyer or corridor.** When home again, please phone or email. Sharing the entry with the School also means we need to manage differently at this time. The only persons who can be admitted into the Office rooms itself will be those who have an appointment or those who have a task there and who have arranged beforehand to do so. In these circumstances, most will find it more helpful to ring first or email with general inquiries.

### Church Foyer, Mass Envelopes and Used Stamps

You will notice that the brochure stand is now cleared of items. Paper is classed as a vector (able to transmit disease) and these can be restored once things are eased. Please do not place anything there. Mass offering envelopes can no longer be kept there, but it is still possible to request Masses. You are asked to use your own envelope from home and place it with any request in the Collection box when you come to Mass. To those who kindly bring used stamps, the box can no longer be used. You are encouraged to keep saving them at home and bring them in at a time when restrictions have eased.

## ROSTERS

10/11 October	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	B. McGorry (B) L. McGorry	<b>First Reading</b> M. Cafe <b>Second Reading</b> A. Manahan <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> L. Dutton	P. Joshi A. Joshi	Volunteer please	Judith Suzan Di
7.00 a.m Mass	J. Coates (B) D. Francis	<b>First Reading</b> M. Colebourne <b>Second Reading</b> A. Spanevello <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> J. Colebourne	F. Hollamby	S. Vitaliano	Nancy Rod Sylvester
9.00 a.m. Mass	C. Fernandes (B) J. Fernandes	<b>First Reading</b> S. Lopez <b>Second Reading</b> K. Brough <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> P. Mawaka	A Brough J Brough B Fernando	Volunteer please	Ike Soo Choon Family
5.00 p.m. Mass	S. Tam (B) G. Dias	<b>First Reading</b> K. O'Donnell <b>Second Reading</b> M. Gonsalves <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> B. Kent	J Alderton A Bissell	Volunteer please	Kelli Claude
<b>Counters:</b> <b>4 October</b> D. O'Keefe P. Skehan M. Skehan M. Lalor <b>11 October</b> J. Bissell M. Aitkin B. McGorry N. Hughes	<b>Cleaning Church:</b> <b>3 October</b> David Francis <b>9 October</b> Volunteer <b>17 October</b> Savio & Jinella <b>24 October</b> Nigel Hughes & Volunteer	<b>COVID19 VOLUNTEERS:</b>  <b>Marshalls:</b> 2 Volunteers for each mass ( <i>Marshalls must be less than 70 years of age</i> ). <b>Cleaners:</b> Every Mass or event must have 2-3 people who stay behind to sanitise church ( <i>Cleaners are NOT restricted by age and must be in good health</i> ).	<p><b>All People that on Earth do dwell Come to Me (Organ Only) Come to Me (Sung) City of God</b></p> 		

### Next week Liturgy

#### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Isaiah 25:6-10  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 22  
 I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20  
**Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14  
**Gospel Acclamation:**  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!

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.

### Dympna's Diary

Day	Number	Event
Sun	4	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon	5	Public Holiday (Queens BDay)
Tues	6	St Bruno, priest
Wed	7	Our Lady of the Rosary
Thurs	8	
Fri	9	St Denis, bishop, martyr, and companions, martyrs St John Leonardi, priest
Sat	10	
Sun	11	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Date Claimers:** 17&18 October: Catholic Mission Collection



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