



# PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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## Parish Newsletter 28 January 2018 Fourth 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 1:21-28** - St. Mark makes it clear that, from the very first day of Christ's public ministry, his messianic power began to be manifested to those who saw and heard him. The Jews of Capernaum were "astonished" at his teaching and "amazed" at his power over the evil spirits. "What is this," they asked one another, "a new teaching and the unclean spirits obey him!" But they were still a long way from recognizing him for what he was, the Messiah and Son of God. This is as might be expected, the astounding mystery of the incarnation was way beyond human expectation or human imagination. And it was our Lord's own plan to reveal this mystery, slowly and gradually, so that when the chain of evidence had been completed by his resurrection, his followers could look back and see each link in that chain. Then they would be ready to accept without hesitation the mystery of the incarnation and realize the infinite love and power of God that brought it about. We look back today through the eyes of the Evangelists, and, like them, know that Christ was God as well as man—two natures in one person. We should not therefore be "amazed" at the teaching of Jesus or at his power over the unclean spirits. What should amaze us really is the love that God showed mankind in becoming one of our race.

We are creatures with nothing of our own to boast of. We were created by God, and every talent or power we possess was given us by God. God's benevolence could have stopped there and we would have no right to complain. But when we recall the special gifts he gave man, which raise him above all other created things, we see that he could not, because of his own infinitely benevolent nature, leave us to an earthly fate. What thinking man could be content with a short span of life on earth? What real purpose in life could an intelligent being have who knew that nothing awaited him but eternal oblivion in the grave? What fulfillment would man's intellectual faculties find in a few years of what is for the majority of people perpetual struggle for earthly survival? No, God created us to elevate us, after our earthly sojourn, to an eternal existence where all our desires and potentialities would have their true fulfillment. Hence the incarnation, hence the life, death and resurrection of Christ, who was God's Son, as the central turning point of man's history. Today, while amazed at God's love for us, let us also be justly amazed at the shabby and grudging return we make for love. Many amongst us even deny that act of God's infinite love, not from convincing historical and logical proofs, but in order to justify their own unwillingness to co-operate with the divine plan for their eternal future. This is not to say that their future, after death, does not concern them; it is a thought which time and again intrudes on all men, but they have allowed the affairs of this world which should be stepping stones to their future life, to become instead mill-stones which crush their spirits and their own true self-interests.

While we sincerely hope that we are not in that class, we can still find many facets in our daily Christian lives which can and should make us amazed at our lack of gratitude to God and to his incarnate Son. 'Leaving out serious sin which turns us away from God if not against him, how warm is our charity, our love of God and neighbor? How much of our time do we give to the things of God and how much to the things of Caesar? How often does our daily struggle for earthly existence and the grumbles and grouses which it causes, blot out from our view the eternal purpose God had in giving us this earthly existence. How often during the past year have we said from our heart: "Thank you, God, for putting me in this world, and thank you a thousand times more, for giving me the opportunity and the means of reaching the next world where I shall live happily for evermore in your presence"? If the true answer for many of us is "not once," then begin today. Let us say it now with all sincerity, and say it often in the years that are left to us.

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

### 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 to Friday</b>	<b>6.30am</b>
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#### Exceptions

<b>Thursday</b>	6.30am Liturgy of the Hours
<b>Saturday &amp; Public Holidays</b>	<b>8.00am</b>

### Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition held after Mass  
Friday 7am - 9am.  
All are invited to join this devotion.

### Reconciliation

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5pm-5.30pm</b>
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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

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

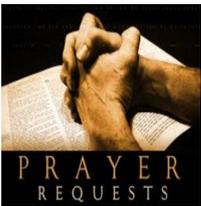
### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The people in darkness have seen a great light; a  
radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. 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.

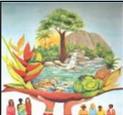
**CONDOLENCE:** Our prayers and thoughts are with those who are mourning the death of loved ones.

• Benedicto, Lucena, Ronnie and Leonill Tomarong

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing upon Susanna Haeke; Make Bingham; Yiokman Fongand all the sick in our Parish.

**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.**

## World Day of Prayer



The Anglican Parish of Aspley/Albany Creek is hosting the **World Day of Prayer**.

**On:** 2nd March at 10am.

**Address:** The Church of the Resurrection  
Aspley-Albany Creek, 30 Ridley Road, Bridgeman Downs.

All parishioners from Our Lady & St Dympna's Parish are welcome to attend.

We would like to invite representatives from your church to attend a meeting to be held on 6th February 2pm to discuss details of service at 30 Ridley Road.

The country is "Suriname" and the theme is "All God's Creation is Very Good."

## Volunteer Ministries Aspleycare

### ASPLEYCAR 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.



**ASPLEYCAR**

479 Robinson Road Aspley Qld 4034

Phone: 07 3862 7145 Fax: 07 3862 7854



## Parish of Our Lady and St Dympna

All parishioners (past and present) and friends are invited to join us in celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of our former Parish Priest

### Fr. Peter Luton

Fr Peter will concelebrate Mass on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00 pm.

Dinner to follow at the

VC Suite

Kedron Wavell Services Club

21 Kittyhawk Drive Chermside

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15pm.

R.S.V.P. 14<sup>th</sup> February

**Tickets:** \$40.00 per person (drinks not included – may be purchased at venue).

For further information contact:

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**PLEASE NOTE: Tickets will be available after ALL MASSES:**

**3/4 and 10/11 February 2018.**



## Are YOU willing to take up that challenge?

'The living of Baptism, which flows out from the event, has, as its proper place 'the world, the ordinary human places of daily life.' *Watkins 'Living Baptism –Called out of the Ordinary*

Our primary vocation as Baptised people continues with us, the church, living and acting God's love and care through Christ to the world.

*Are you ready to share your Baptismal Commitment by joining our Liturgical Ministry Group?*

Sign-up sheets will be available next weekend.



Training will be provided for both present and new ministers on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

*Please think about sharing your gifts with us!*

## **KINGS MOVEMENT ANNUAL APPEAL**

This Annual Appeal will be held on the weekend of 3-4 February.

"The Little King Movement" once a year conducts a Parish Appeal, a Door Knock supported by some Catholic Schools. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities.

There is no government funding and the *Movement* is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the movement.

If at this time you are unable to help financially you may be able to give of your time or talent's, if so please contact the Movement.

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lkm67@bigpond.net.au |  
www.thelittlekingsmovement.org.au

## **Sunday Collections**

<b>Week End 21/01/18</b>	
<b>1st &amp; 2nd Collections During Mass :</b>	<b>\$ 2856.00</b>
<b>Direct Deposit at Bank:</b>	<b>\$ 475.00</b>
<b>Total Income :</b>	<b>\$ 3331.00</b>

## **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.

## **Positions 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:- 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018-01-12 Applications close: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018

A full description of this position is available from the Parish Office (07) 3715 8517 or email [darjin@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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 Ommaney QLD 4074 or by the above email.

### **Positions Vacant – Choral Scholar**

Applications are open for positions at St Stephens Cathedral. The Cathedral Music Department is seeking expressions of interest from singers in all voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) for on-call, casual relief positions in the Cathedral's Music Department, as well as a number of permanent contracted positions in the Cathedral Choir and Scholar.

**For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.**

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

# 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.

3/4 February 2018	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>	R. Campbell (B) T. Borger T. Borger G. Cox Sr M. Costello	<b>First Reading</b> T. Hand <b>Second Reading</b> I. Dove <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> L. McGorry	R. Manahan B. Bowdler	B. McGorry	Yvonne Suzan
<b>7.00 a.m. Mass</b>	H. Hollamby (B) C. Kropp J. Bissell R. Perkins A. Lopez	<b>First Reading</b> G. Bortuzzo <b>Second Reading</b> D. Francis <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> A. Spanevello	J. Colebourne	I. Spanevello	David & Co
<b>9.00 a.m. Mass</b>	M. Holmes (B) C. Fernandes A. Ware C. Ware C. Heskett R. Heskett K. Buxton	<b>First Reading</b> C. Goh <b>Second Reading</b> P. Mawaka <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> B. Simmons	N. Gardiner H. Espares K. Green C. George	Volunteer	Judith Men's Choir
<b>5.00 p.m. Mass</b>	S. Lopez (B) K. Rye F. Gowans G. Dias B. Hopewell	<b>First Reading</b> B. Kent <b>Second Reading</b> M. Hopewell <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> S. Tam	A. McSweeney J. Jameson	Soo Choon Family	Ike Soo Choon & Family
<b>Altar Society:</b> ? 2018 Roster TBA	<b>Cleaners: 9 Feb</b> Barry Long <b>Cleaners: 10 Feb</b> Savio and Jinella <b>Cleaners: 17 Feb</b> Volunteer <b>Cleaners: 24 Feb</b> Paul Xavier	<b>Counters: 28 Jan</b> S. Sherwood D. Jago T. Salvati N. Medina <b>Counters: 4 Feb</b> B. Donohue L. Junker T. Gillam M. Hopewell	<b>Counters: 11 Feb</b> A. Dunn N. Dunn R. Heskett D. Salvati	<b>Gather Us In Like a Shepherd Servant Song Got Tell Everyone</b>	

### Next week liturgy

<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>First Reading:</b> Job 7: 1-4,6-7
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalm 146: 1-6
Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.
<b>Second Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23
<b>Gospel:</b> Mark 1: 29-39
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

### The Catholic Leader

<b>Keeping faith with you</b>
* Brisbane indigenous leader wants date of Australia Day changed
* Religious instructors object to moves to push Christian teaching out of Queensland state schools
* Brisbane 21-year-old kicking goals with Vinnies, young people in need and Soccer Stars
* Queenslanders join push for a national body to give support and voice to Catholic doctors
* New research shows growing number of Australian families going hungry
* Vinnies' ban on plastic bags proves popular
* Queensland bishop critiques writer's claims after Royal Commission

### Dympna's Diary

<b>Sun</b>	28	<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Mon</b>	29	
<b>Tues</b>	30	
<b>Wed</b>	31	St John Bosco, priest
<b>Thurs</b>	1	
<b>Fri</b>	2	The Presentation of the Lord
<b>Sat</b>	3	St Blaise, Bishop, martyr. St Ansgar, bishop
<b>Sun</b>	4	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Date Claimers:</b>		
30 January - St Monica's Guild Outing		
4 February - St Dympna Youth Leadership Group Meeting after Mass		
14 February - CWL General Meeting		
24 February - Fth Peter Luton 80th Birthday Party		