



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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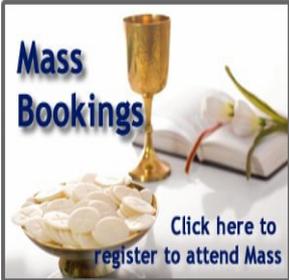
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Parish Newsletter - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25 October 2020

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 | |
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| Weekend Mass | |
| Saturday | 6.00pm |
| Sunday | 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.00pm |
| Weekday Mass | |
| No WEEKDAY MASSES Until Further Notice | |
| Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: | |

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| CANCELLED Until Further Notice |
| Reconciliation |
| By appointment |
| Baptism |
| Infant Baptism: |
| 2nd & 4th Sunday after 9am Mass |
| Baptism preparation: |
| 3rd Saturday 10.30am |

THE JOY OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Pope Benedict was elected in April, 2005. In October of that year, he met with a large group of children who had celebrated their First Holy Communion during that year. They were able to ask Pope Benedict some questions and one child asked him this question:

Dear Pope, what are your memories of your First Communion day?

The Pope replied:

"I would first like to say thank you for this celebration of faith that you are offering to me, for your presence and for your joy. I greet you and thank you for the hug I have received from some of you, a hug that, of course, symbolically stands for you all.

As for the question, of course I remember my First Communion day very well. It was a lovely Sunday in March 1936, 69 years ago. It was a sunny day, the church looked very beautiful, there was music.... There were so many beautiful things that I remember. There were about 30 of us, boys and girls from my little village of no more than 500 inhabitants.

But at the heart of my joyful and beautiful memories is this one ... I understood that Jesus had entered my heart, he had actually visited me. And with Jesus, God himself was with me. And I realized that this is a gift of love that is truly worth more than all the other things that life can give.

So on that day I was really filled with great joy, because Jesus came to me and I realized that a new stage in my life was beginning, I was 9 years old, and that it was henceforth important to stay faithful to that encounter, to that communion. I promised the Lord as best I could: "I always want to stay with you", and I prayed to him, "but above all, stay with me". So, I went on living my life like that; thanks be to God, the Lord has always taken me by the hand and guided me, even in difficult situations.

Thus, that day of my First Communion was the beginning of a journey made together. I hope that for all of you too, the First Communion you have received will be the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Jesus, the beginning of a journey together, because in walking with Jesus we do well and life becomes good."

I am sure that this is also the prayer of all the Parish for our young people who come to the Altar to receive Communion for the first time this year.

Fr Robert

THE SEVENTH PARISH PRIEST OF THE PARISH

Father Sunny Mathew has been appointed as Parish Priest from early January, 2021.

Father is a Religious of the Congregation of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI).

He is currently serving as Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish in Childers.

Let us all pray for Father Sunny as he makes ready to conclude his ministry there and begins preparing to take up his place here in Aspley. You will understand that moving Parishes in covid times is challenging, so your prayers will certainly help.

Fr Robert

PLACES AT MASS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKENDS

Thanks to the Parishioners who have generously made seats available at our weekend Masses in order that the First Communicants and their families would be able to celebrate the first of what is hopefully many and regular Communion at Mass. In this year of limitations and restrictions, your generous spirit in making room has been noted and appreciated.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 17:2-4,47,51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Acclamation of Faith:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until You come again.

SACRAMENT HOLY COMMUNION UPDATE



THIS WEEKEND AND OVER THE COMING WEEKS CHILDREN RECEIVE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. This is the culmination of weeks of preparation and indeed of their life since Baptism. With the reception of their First Holy Communion, they are fully initiated into the Family of God. This initiation began at Baptism, followed about seven years later with Confirmation and then this year their First Communion. We congratulate the children and their families and pray that our Church will be enhanced by the gifts they have to offer in building up the Body of Christ throughout their lives.

PLEASE NOTE:

First Communion masses will be celebrated on the following dates:

- Saturday 6pm 24th Oct
- Sunday 9.00am and 5.00pm 25th Oct
- Saturday 6pm 31st Oct
- Sunday 9.00am 1st Nov
- Sunday 9.00am 8th Nov

These Masses will comprise mainly of First Communion families. Unfortunately, all seats are now booked for these dates.

Thank you for understanding the situation of our current limits to seating availability. This is a difficult situation both for Administration and for Parishioners generally.

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: Iride (Iris) Bortuzzo, Irene Buchanan, Charles, Dorothy and Greg Lennon, Bosco Monleiro, Heather Walker.

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

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.

Prayer for the Queensland Election

God of life, we give you thanks for Queensland, for the land, its people, its achievements and plans. We pray for our State as we come to elect a new Parliament, holding up to you those who are candidates for office: may those elected set their hearts on serving the common good. We pray too for voters that they may choose what is best for all Queenslanders. God of compassion, who defend the weak and love the poor, may Christian communities be a voice for the voiceless through this election campaign. Wise ruler of all, bless those who will serve in the new Parliament: may they reach beyond private interest, parliamentary tactics and party politics to bring peace, justice and prosperity for all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



YOUR VOTE IN THE QUEENSLAND ELECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

Catholics are called to be responsible citizens who vote according to their informed consciences.

The current Government enacted legislation in 2018 which legalised abortion up to BIRTH for any reason. When these laws passed by just 9 votes, Labor MPs celebrated on the floor of Parliament.

Are you aware that now:

- Even the **healthy late-term baby** of a healthy mother can be killed in the womb
- Babies born alive in failed abortions are **left to die**.
From the 'QLD Health Clinical Guidelines for Abortion', we read,
"*If a live birth occurs (during an abortion) ... **do not provide life sustaining treatment** ... document the time and date of death*". No pain relief is to be given to the baby as it dies.
- Sex-selection abortion is legal ('choosing' a boy or girl); this almost always discriminates against female babies.

These laws are also anti-women because of the absence of safeguards:

- No independent counselling offered to women considering abortion
- No cooling period after making a decision
- No checks to safeguard a woman from being coerced into an abortion
- No informed consent conditions applied
- Doctors who object in conscience are now forced by law to refer a case on to another willing doctor for the abortion to take place.

The Queensland Act is modelled on the Victorian [Abortion Law Reform Act](#) 2018 which has resulted in a 48% increase in late-term abortions in Victoria over 10 years since the law was changed in 2008, compared with the 9 years beforehand. Furthermore, almost half of late-term abortions in Victoria over recent years have been for "psycho-social" reasons. These are the abortions of *healthy babies of healthy mothers*.

An informed Catholic conscience needs to be aware of how the MPs of the electorates in our area voted in this legislation in 2018:

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| Aspley Electorate: | Bart Mellish (Labor) | voted Yes to these laws |
| Stafford Electorate: | Anthony Lynam (Labor) | voted Yes |
| Everton Electorate: | Tim Mander (LNP) | voted No |
| Nudgee Electorate: | Leanne Linard (Labor) | voted Yes |
| Sandgate Electorate: | Stirling Hinchcliffe (Labor) | voted Yes |
| Annastacia Palaszczuk : | Voted Yes to these extreme laws | |

When deciding on your vote, it is good to be aware that the LNP, the Katter Australia Party and One Nation all have committed to the review of this legislation which is among the world's most extreme. The KAP has gone so far as to state (when asked about preferences) that they would rather leave government than "stand beside a government that supports abortion". Our faith in the sanctity of life informs the way we live and importantly, how we direct our vote. Let us join together in prayer to intercede for the People of QLD and our future citizens.

LATE NEWS: Please also read and reflect on the insert of the Archbishop's Statement regarding the recent announcement by the State Government that it will rush through the assisted suicide Bill in February.

WE ARE NOT BACK TO NORMAL: When people book seats at Mass but do not show up, that is unfair to others who then miss out. Please plan ahead, attend and fulfil your obligations to the community.

ROSTERS

| 31 October 1 November | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Ministers of the Word | Altar Servers | Laptop Operator | Music Ministry |
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| 6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday | I.Dove (B) Sr M. Costello | First Communion Celebration | | Volunteer please | Judith Suzan Diane |
| 7.00 a.m Mass | D. Volter (B) R. Volter | First Reading G. Bortuzzo Second Reading A.Spanevello Prayers of the Faithful D. Francis | | I.Spanevello | Nancy Wendy David |
| 9.00 a.m. Mass | A.Ware (B) C. Ware | First Communion Celebration | | Volunteer please | Yvonne Dianne |
| 5.00 p.m. Mass | J. Bissell (B) J. Bissell | First Reading M. Campbell Second Reading R. Meekcoms Prayers of the Faithful B. Hopewell | | Volunteer please | Kelli Rod |
| Counters: 25 October S. Sherwood D. Jago T. Salvati M. Scott 1 November B. Donohue R. Meekcoms T. Gillam M. Hopewell L. Junker | Cleaning Church: 24 October Nigel Hughes & Volunteer 31 October Volunteer Please 7 November David Francis 13 November Volunteer Please 21 November Savio and Jinella | COVID19 VOLUNTEERS: Marshalls: 2 Volunteers for each mass (<i>Marshalls should be less than 70 years of age. If over 70, you must be prepared to wear a mask</i>). Cleaners: 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. If 70 or over, you must be prepared to wear a mask</i>). | | Hymns TBA  | |

| Next week Liturgy |
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| ALL SAINTS 1 NOVEMBER |
| First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 |
| Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-6 Lord, this is the people that longs to see our face. |
| Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3 |
| Gospel: Matthew 11:28 |
| Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! |

CANCELLING YOUR TRYBOOKING

To cancel a seat booking, all you need do is go to the confirmation email you were sent after booking and click the tab "REFUND". We are having a significant number of no-shows and this means others miss out on booking a seat. Where possible avoid last minute cancellations, sudden illness excepted, of course.

| Dympna's Diary | | |
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| Sun | 25 | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Mon | 26 | |
| Tues | 27 | |
| Wed | 28 | Sts Simon and Jude, apostles |
| Thurs | 29 | |
| Fri | 30 | |
| Sat | 1 | Saturday mass ,mof Virgin Mary |
| Sun | 2 | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Date Claimers: | | |
| 21/22 November Peters Pence Collection | | |