



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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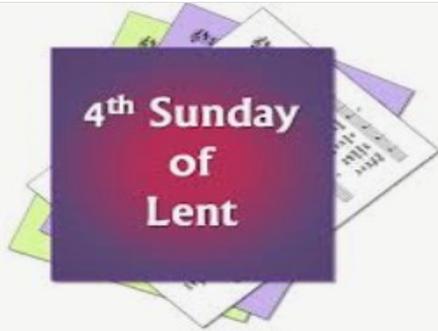
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Holy days of Obligation: In Australia we have the Feast of the Assumption (15 August) and Christmas Day (25 December).



Mass Times and Services

Weekend Mass

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

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tue, Wed and Friday (NO Thursday Mass)	6.30am
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Exceptions

Saturday and Public Holidays	8.00am
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Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

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

Reconciliation

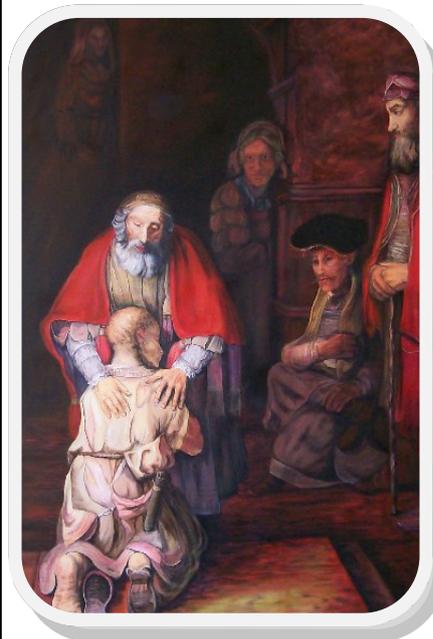
Saturday	5pm-5.30pm
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Or by appointment

Baptism

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

The Gospel is from St. Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. This reading recounts the parable of the Prodigal Son, one of Jesus' most beautiful parables. It teaches us once more that God is a kind and understanding Father. The son who asks for his part of the inheritance is a symbol of the person who cuts himself off from God through sin. "Although the word 'mercy' does not appear, [this parable] nevertheless expresses the essence of the divine mercy in a particularly clear way" (John Paul II, *Dives in misericordia*, 5).



Rembrandt's Prodigal Son -

Rembrandt van Rijn's painting, The Return of the Prodigal Son (c1661-1669) interprets the Christian idea of mercy with an extraordinary solemnity, as though this were his spiritual testament to the world. It goes beyond the works of all other Baroque artists in the evocation of religious mood and human sympathy. The aged artist's power of realism is not diminished, but increased by psychological insight and spiritual awareness. Expressive lighting and colouring and the magic suggestiveness of his technique, together with a selective simplicity of setting, help us to feel the full impact of the event.

The main group of the father and the Prodigal Son stands out in light against an enormous dark surface. Particularly vivid are the ragged garment of the son, and the old man's sleeves, which are ochre tinged with golden olive; the ochre colour combined with an intense scarlet red in the father's cloak forms an unforgettable colouristic harmony. The observer is roused to a feeling of some extraordinary event. The son, ruined and repellent, with his bald head and the appearance of an outcast, returns to his father's house after long wanderings and many vicissitudes. He has wasted his heritage in foreign lands and has sunk to the condition of a swineherd. His old father, dressed in rich garments, as are the assistant figures, has hurried to meet him before the door and receives the long-lost son with the utmost fatherly love.

The occurrence is devoid of any momentary violent emotion, but is raised to a solemn calm that lends to the figures some of the qualities of statues and gives the emotions of a lasting character, no longer subject to the changes of time. Unforgettable is the image of the repentant sinner leaning against his father's breast and the old father bending over his son. The father's features tell of a goodness sublime and august; so do his outstretched hands, not free from the stiffness of old age. The whole represents a symbol of all homecoming, of the darkness of human existence illuminated by tenderness, of weary and sinful mankind taking refuge in the shelter of God's mercy. (*Excerpt Web Gallery of Art.*)

Liturgy of the Word

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:2-7 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Acclamation of Faith:

We proclaim your Death O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

RCIA

One of the Rites for The Elect (*remember Stephen signing the Book of the Elect on 1st Sunday of Lent?*) is the Presentation of the Creed.

Today at the 9.00am Mass we, the gathered community, the Body of Christ, present the Creed to Stephen. Throughout the RCIA process, Stephen has learned, prayed and observed aspects of God the Father, Son and Spirit. He has also 'touched on' the marks of the Church - one, holy, catholic and apostolic.

Today Stephen will listen to you as you pray the Creed containing our belief. As the Church community we lovingly entrust to him the Creed, the ancient text that has always been regarded as expressing the heart of the Church's faith and prayer.

Sacramental Preparation

In 2015 a new Archdiocesan Policy was launched enabling children to receive Confirmation, Eucharist and the First Rite of Reconciliation over a period of three years. Evangelisation Brisbane is having an evaluation of this process in the coming weeks.

If any of you would like to contribute any comments or suggestions would you please let Sr. Gabriel know at williamsg@bne.catholic.net.au Thank you for your participation and support of the process

St Dympna's Youth Group Movie Day 31 March

The St Dympna's Youth Group (SDYG) is hosting a movie day on the 31st of March 2018 at Event Cinemas Chermside. All youth above the age of 13 years are welcome to a lunch meet at 12pm followed by *Captain Marvel* screening at 12:40pm, and concluding at 3pm.

Further details are available on the St Dympna's Youth Group Facebook. You can RSVP on Facebook event page @StDympnaYouth or via the signup sheet in the church foyer. The cost is \$19.50 for adults, \$14.50 for children 15 or under.

St Monica's Guild

St Monica's Guild members will meet after Mass and Rosary on Saturday 6 April 2019.

Any widowed woman is welcome to come along.

For further information Ph. Denise 3160 0195."



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:

- Jaroslav Bak

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

- Thanks Giving for Francis Aranha.

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.



vocation

A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus came to forgive. Since people continue to sin, we need people who will continue to forgive in Jesus' way. How about YOU?

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

www.vocationbrisbane.com

Parish Improvement Projects Update

Complete Projects

Air Conditioning Project: The installation of Air Conditioning was completed at the beginning of 2019.

In Progress

CCTV Cameras and Monitoring System Project: CCTV Cameras installed in the church and parish buildings in response to recent vandalism and other incidents at St Dymphna's School and parish. This project is near completion with the installation of internet cabling required in the church to allow remote monitoring of the system (see below).

Church Data Cabling Project: Quotes are currently be sought for the installation of data cabling in the church. This will allow internet access in the JP2 Conference Room, for Church Laptop and to enable remote monitoring of the CCTV Camera System.

Church Audio Equipment Upgrade: The audio equipment throughout the church is currently being updated and refurbished as the old equipment has been giving problems. The parish is currently trialling new audio equipment and if successful will be installed permanently. It is anticipated this work will be completed by Easter.

Church Lighting Upgrade: The church fluorescent lighting is being replaced with more cost efficient LED lighting. This is also to meet new electrical policy requirements that all fluorescent lights be replaced with LEDs. It is anticipated this work will be completed by Easter.

Future Projects (under consideration)

John O'Callaghan Hall Renovation Project

Some parishioners have expressed interest in sponsoring projects. Donations can be made by donating to:

BSB: 064-786 Account: 005921100 Reference: Project Name or by envelope in the plate at mass. Thank you.

Holy Week and Easter Rosters

The Holy Week and Easter roster sheets are out and have been placed in the Church foyer. Please add your names to volunteer for Ministries. Thank you.

Positions Vacant

Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator Hervey Bay - Applications are open for a position at the Hervey Bay Catholic Parish. A person with knowledge and understanding of parish life, Catholic Theology, liturgy and the sacraments is required for a part time position of Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator for 15 hours per week over three days. Closing date Friday 19th April 2019

Parish Coordinator Loganholme - Applications are open for a position at the Loganholme Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of Parish Coordinator for 21 hours per week, with the times and days to be negotiated with selected candidate. Closing date Friday 19th April 2019

Position Vacant – Sacristan Brisbane City - Applications are open for a position at the Cathedral of St Stephen. A person with Cathedral or Parish experience in liturgical ministry is required for a full time position of Sacristan for 37.5 hours a week working on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Closing date 18th April 2019

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.*

Aspleycare - Sheets and Towels Needed!

URGENT: Aspleycare is in need of sheets and towels to assist clients. Any donations of these items will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be delivered to Aspleycare, Monday to Friday, 10:00-2:00 a.m., or phone 38627145 for collection. Thank you.



“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.” (Joshua 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need. (Accessed on 18 March 2019 from <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>)

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.

Apr 6/7	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	T. Borger (B) T. Borger R. Campbell L. McGorry B. McGorry	First Reading I. Dove Second Reading A. Borgeaud Prayers of the Faithful M. Cafe	TBA	Volunteer	Yvonne Suzan
7.00 a.m. Mass	G. Bortuzzo (B) A. Spanevello I. Spanevello R. Perkins J. Bissell	First Reading D. Francis Second Reading D. Chiavaro Prayers of the Faithful S. Ferlito	TBA	S. Vitaliano	Nancy W.Wilmot
9.00 a.m. Mass	C. Ware (B) A. Ware G. Webley J. Ferris B. Neill C. Heskett R. Heskett	First Reading P. Mawaka Second Reading M. Gonsalves Prayers of the Faithful K. Brough	TBA	Volunteer	Judith Men's Choir
5.00 p.m. Mass	K. O'Donnell (B) E. Lebajo G. Dias J. Bissell S. Tam	First Reading M. Hopewell Second Reading B. Hopewell Prayers of the Faithful S. Lopez	TBA	Soo Choon Family	Ike Soo Choon & Family
Children Liturgy: 9am Kim O'Rourke	Cleaners 6 April Harry Boevink David Francis Cleaners 12 April Barry Long	Counters 7 April G. Dias G. Strathdee A. Hill J. Vitaliano S. Vitaliano	Counters 14 April D. O'Keefe P. Skehan M. Skehan M. Lalor M. Stack	A Trusting Psalm Blest be the Lord Bread of Life	

Next week liturgy	Catholic Leader	Dympna's Diary																								
<p style="text-align: center;">Fifth Sunday of Lent</p> <p>First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 125 The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14 Gospel: John 8:1-11 Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, For I am tender and compassionate. 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"> • Communities unite in prayer after Christchurch, refusing to be 'divided by hatred' • Franciscan spirit opens new doors to employment for refugees and migrants • New study reveals 'nice kids' come out on top and highly regarded by peers by Year 12 • Pro-life group continue to be a peaceful, prayerful presence while respecting the exclusion zone • Indigenous suicide tragedy in north-west Queensland puts a spotlight on domestic violence and pressures of poverty among the marginalised 	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Sun</td> <td style="text-align: center;">31</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Fifth Sunday of Lent</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Mon</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Tues</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td>Collect of St Francis of Paola, hermit.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Wed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Thurs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td>Collect of St Isidore, bishop, doctor</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Fri</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td>Collect of St Vincent Ferrer, priest</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Sat</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Sun</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Sixth Sunday of Lent</td> </tr> </table> <p>Date Claimers:</p>	Sun	31	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Mon	1		Tues	2	Collect of St Francis of Paola, hermit.	Wed	3		Thurs	4	Collect of St Isidore, bishop, doctor	Fri	5	Collect of St Vincent Ferrer, priest	Sat	6		Sun	7	Sixth Sunday of Lent
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Sunday Collections 24/3

1st & 2nd Collections During Mass : \$ 2574.00 Direct Deposit at Bank: \$ 295.00 Total Income : \$ 2869.00