



# PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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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

<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

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

*Pius Parsch*



The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the *Magnificat* at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (*Ceremonial of Bishops*). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts.

*Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year*, Msgr. Peter J. Elliott, Ignatius Press.



The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the *Magnificat* at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.



**TODAY WE CELEBRATE  
 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD -  
 LITURGICAL YEAR B**

## Liturgy of the Word

### The Epiphany of the Lord

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60: 1-6

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 2: 1-2

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

### Acclamation of Faith:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

## Hay Thank You

A big Thank you to

[Brisbane Northside Produce](#) (Albany Creek rd.)  
for donating hay towards the Manger for the  
Nativity Scene in our church.



## St Dympna's Youth Leadership Group Update



"It stormed, it was school holidays, but yet we came. The inaugural Youth Leadership Group held its first tenuous meeting on Saturday evening, 9 December. Like all first meetings where relationships are forming it was a little clunky but a good group is forged in the courage of discussion. We shared our hopes for the group and directed what we want to do; charity, faith based, regular (they want every fortnight), helping others and fun - apparently dodge ball has to be an activity at the next meeting 22nd January 2018. Included in our ranks, we have a new School Captain, an engineer, people with sporting prowess, pranksters and one of our current readers who is beginning studies in Nursing - to serve others. It was in short, a wonderful first start and like all good starts was around a sharing of a meal. Thank you for those who came, including the support team. Looking forward to a wonderful 2018."

## Sunday Collections

### Week End 24 /12/2017

1st & 2nd Collections During Mass : \$ 2845.00

Direct Deposit at Bank: \$ 310.00

Total Income : \$ 3155.00

### Week End 31/12/2017

1st & 2nd Collections During Mass : \$ 5061.00

Direct Deposit at Bank: \$ 380.00

## Thank you from Father John

Throughout the Advent Season many people were involved in preparing for our Christmas celebrations:

- To the Liturgical Ministers: Musicians, Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, thank you for your continued dedication.
- To those who worked behind the scenes in providing our Liturgical environment, organising that all was in place: School staff members, crib and flower artists, cleaners, sacristans, and roster coordinators. Thank you.
- Your generosity in providing food and beautiful gifts for those whom you will never know is very much appreciated.

To those who assisted in organising, packing and ensuring hampers were collected we are grateful.

God bless each of you for your generosity,  
Fr. John.



## St Dympna's Parish

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 be celebrating Mass at St Dympna's 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).

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THE GOSPEL  
OF THE FAMILY  
*Joy for the World*



Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018, guided by the theme “The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World”.

Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. The event has at its heart the following key moments:

**21 August 2018**, a **National Opening of WMOF2018**, which will take place simultaneously in all the different dioceses of Ireland.

**22 to the 24 August 2018**, a **three-day Congress**. Each day will reflect on the theme “The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World”, chosen by the Holy Father, and will include an enriching programme for adults of keynote speakers, workshops, talks, testimonies and discussions; an engaging and exciting programme for young people as well as fun activities for children. The Congress will also include daily celebration of the Eucharist, prayerful activities, exhibitions, cultural events and musical performances.

**Saturday 25 August 2018**, a **Festival of Families**, comprising a reflective concert style event within a prayerful and joyful atmosphere, in which personal stories of faith will be shared by families from all continents.

**Sunday 26 August 2018**, WMOF2018 will close with a **solemn Eucharistic Celebration** that will gather thousands of people from Ireland and all over the world.

This important and joyful international gathering will be preceded by a period of catechesis/faith education, which has been prepared by the Church in Ireland for use by local parishes and across the world. [The Amoris: Let's talk Family! Let's Be Family! Programme](#) is an interactive multimedia platform of catechetical resources that will be available through our website and a dedicated app. An [official prayer](#), [logo](#), [icon](#) and [hymn](#) have also been especially prepared for WMOF2018, as key elements of the journey of preparing for the event.

## Positions Vacant

**Position:** Parish Youth Coordinator **Classification:** Casual **Area:** Parish position **Location:** Wilston

**Description:** Good Samaritan and St. John the Baptist Parishes are seeking applications for the casual position of Youth Ministry Coordinator, working up to 10 hours per week. The successful applicant will be responsible for coordinating and supporting youth programs and activities including:

- Supporting the Parish Priest in parish pastoral activities and liturgies
  - Coordinating Youth Masses in each parish
  - Facilitating Junior & Senior ministry groups
  - Supporting Youth and Children's Ministry activities as required
  - Promoting additional faith development opportunities for young people including retreats, camps, youth conferences, and Deanery/Archdiocesan events.
- An interest in music and an ability to play a musical instrument would be well regarded.

**Qualifications:** Had been a member/attended the Net Ministry or similar is a plus. Current Blue Card and Police Check or willing to obtain Experience and/or participated in Youth Initiatives 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.

**Closing:** Monday, January 22, 2018 **Details:** Please visit our Parish website to download the Position Description

### Submission:

To apply for this position, please email your current resume and a covering letter outlining your suitability for the position to [kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au): Fr Michael Grace

Applications should include the name of two (2) referees, one of whom preferably should be a Parish Priest. For more information, please email [kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au)

# 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.

13/14 January 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>	I. Dove (B) L. Dutton T. Borger T. Borger M. Cafe	<b>First Reading</b> J. Bissell <b>Second Reading</b> A. Borgeaud <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> T. Hand	E.McLoughlin S.D'Souza	Volunteer	Judith Di
<b>7.00 a.m. Mass</b>	J. Bissell (B) H. Hollamby C. Kropp R. Perkins A. Lopez	<b>First Reading</b> J. Colebourne <b>Second Reading</b> A. Spanevello <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> D. Chiavaro	M.Setefano	I.Spanevello	Nancy David & Co
<b>9.00 a.m. Mass</b>	J. Patterson (B) C. Heskett R. Heskett T. Hoang L. Cook B. Neill M. Holmes	<b>First Reading</b> J. Ferris <b>Second Reading</b> J. Mascarenhas <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> M. Gonsalves	B. Bathersby W. Bathersby C. O'Bryan B. Rye	Volunteer	Yvonne Claude
<b>5.00 p.m. Mass</b>	E. Lebajo (B) S. Sherwood S. Sherwood G. Dias S. Lopez	<b>First Reading</b> B. Hopewell <b>Second Reading</b> K. Rye <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> B. Kent	Royce Matthew Ria Matthew	Volunteer	Renata
<b>Altar Society:</b> ? 2018 Roster TBA  <b>Children Liturgy:</b> <b>9am</b> Kim O'Rourke	<b>Cleaners: 12 Jan</b> B.,Long <b>Cleaners: 13 Jan</b> Savio & Jinella <b>Cleaners: 20 Jan</b> Volunteer <b>Cleaners: 27 Jan</b> Paul Xavier	<b>Counters:14 Jan</b> J. Bissell M. Aitkin B. McGorry D. Chiavaro	<b>Counters: 21 Jan</b> G. Cox D. Francis D. McCudden J. Goh	<b>Praise to you, O Christ Gentle as Silence Gather your People Oh Lord Here I am Lord</b>	

### Next week liturgy

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 3: 3-10,19

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 39:  
2,4,7-10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 6:  
13-15,17-20

**Gospel:** John 1: 35-42

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.  
Alleluia!



vocation

### A VOCATION VIEW:

Even gift bearing kings, accompanied by camels and servants, went to visit Jesus Christ.

You, come and follow Him. Take the Good News back to your people: Jesus is Lord of all.

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Centre: (07) 3324 3351 or [vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au)  
[www.catholicpriesthood.com](http://www.catholicpriesthood.com)

### Dympna's Diary

Sun	7	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
Mon	8	The Baptism of the Lord
Tues	9	
Wed	10	
Thurs	11	
Fri	12	
Sat	13	St Hilary, bishop, doctor Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary
Sun	14	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

#### Date Claimers:

22 January - St Dympna Youth Leadership Group Meeting  
14 February - CWL General Meeting  
24 February - Fth Peter Luton 80th Birthday Party