



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMUNA

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Parish Newsletter - Second Sunday of Lent Year A - 8 March 2020

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



The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 17:1-9. This momentary vision of Christ, in his glory, was given in order to strengthen the three principal Apostles to face the trials to their faith, which the sufferings and crucifixion of their beloved master would bring on them. For the very same reason it is retold to

us today, in the early part of Lent, to encourage us to persevere in our Lenten mortification. It reminds us that, very soon, the Easter bells will be ringing out their message of joy once more. If we are sharers with Christ in his sufferings, we shall be sharers with him in his glory as St. Paul reminds us.

This is a truth we all too easily forget, namely, that we cannot and do not get to heaven in a limousine. Our spell on earth is the chance given us by our heavenly Father to earn an eternal reward. This reward surpasses even the wildest imagination of man. We could never earn it, but God accepts the little we can do and provides the balance of his infinite mercy. And yet there are many, far too many, who refuse even that little bit that is asked of them, and are thus running the risk of not partaking in God's scheme for their eternal happiness.

And are they any happier during their few years on this earth by acting thus towards the God of mercy? Can they, by ignoring God and their duties towards him, remove all pain, all sorrow, all sufferings, from their daily lives? Death, which means a total separation from all we possessed and cherished in this world, is waiting around the corner for all of us. Who can face it more calmly and confidently —he man who is firmly convinced that it is the gateway to a new life, and who has done his best to earn admission through that gateway, or the man who has acted all his life as if death did not exist for him, and who has done everything to have the gate to the new life shut forever in his face?

Illnesses and troubles and disappointments are the lot of all men. They respect neither wealth, nor power, nor position. The man who knows his purpose in life, and is ever striving to reach the goal God's goodness has planned for him, can and will see in these trials of life the hand of a kind father who is preparing him for greater things. His sufferings become understandable and more bearable because of his attitude to life and its meaning. The man who ignores God and tries to close the eyes of his mind to the real facts of life has nothing to uphold him or console him in his hours of sorrow and pain. Yet, sorrow and pain will dog his footsteps, strive as he will to avoid them, and he can see no value, no divine purpose in these, for him, misfortunes.

Christ has asked us to follow him, carrying our daily cross, and the end of our journey is not Calvary but resurrection, the entrance to a life of glory with our risen Saviour. The Christian who grasps his cross closely and willingly, knowing its value for his real life, will find it becomes lighter and often not a burden but a pleasure. The man who tries to shuffle off his cross, and who curses and rebels against him who sent it, will find it doubles its weight and loses all the value it was intended to have for his true welfare.

Let the thought of the Transfiguration encourage each one of us today, to do the little God demands of us, so that when we pass out of this life we may be assured of seeing Christ in his glory, ready to welcome us into his everlasting, glorious kingdom. *Excerpt from The Sunday Readings Cycle A, Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M.*

Mass Times and Services

Weekend Mass		Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:	
Saturday	6.00pm	Exposition held after Mass Friday 7am - 9.00am All are invited to join this devotion.	
Sunday	7.00am, 9.00am & 5.00pm		
Weekday Mass		Reconciliation	
Mon, Tue, Wed and Friday	6.30am NO Thursday Mass	Saturday (excluding Holy Saturday)	5pm-5.30pm
Exceptions		Baptism	
Saturday and Public Holidays	8.00am	Infant Baptism: 2nd & 4th Sunday after 9am Mass Baptism preparation: 3rd Saturday 10.30am	

Liturgy of the Word

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32:4-5,18-20,22
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear Him. Glory

Acclamation of Faith:

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

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.

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

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.

Sacrament of Penance Update

2ND SUNDAY OF
LENT:

PENANCE PROGRAM



This week the children and families continue to work through their 'passports' and prepare themselves to meet God in the Sacrament.

We look at the Ten Commandments, and reflect on the choices we make which build up or break down relationships with God, self and others.

First Holy Communion Enrolments Open Now

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM



Enrolments for First Holy Communion are open on the [parish website](http://www.ourladyandstodympnaparish.com/):

<http://www.ourladyandstodympnaparish.com/holy-communion.html>

OPEN NOW and

CLOSES on Friday 27th April at 5pm.

(No enrolments will be taken after this time)

Lenten Activities



STATIONS of the CROSS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church every Friday evening (excluding Good Friday) from 7 pm from the 28 February 2020. If you are unable to attend the Stations of the Cross with other members of our Parish family, you may wish to consider praying the Stations 'online' using your computer or mobile device. Simply log on to <http://www.catholic.org/prayers/station.php> Each station is accompanied by a short three-minute video and prayers.



Reconciliation

RECONCILIATION DURING LENT

Friday 7.00am - 7.30am

8.30am - 9.00am

Saturday

5.00pm - 5.30pm

St Dympna's Women's Social and Friendship Group Meeting

Our Lady and St. Dympna's Social and Friendship Group will meet in the John O'Callaghan Centre (Parish Hall) **at 9:30a.m. on Wednesday 11th March**. Ladies, mark this date on your calendar and come and spend a great morning with a happy group of women. You will be most welcome, and it is all free! 😊

REPORT FROM PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

1. An organising committee is now planning for the **Celebration of the Feast of St Dympna** on Sunday 17 May this year. There are four working groups: Liturgy (Ian Dove), Hospitality/catering (Iva Spanevello), Entertainment (Ike Soo Choon), and Decorations (Kay Buxton). A mixed choir comprising members from choral groups and school choirs will begin training after Easter; in school time as well.
2. We are particularly appreciative of the efforts of the Family Groups and other groups whose members provide and serve Morning Tea after the 9.00 Mass each month.
3. Calendars for Parish Activities and for Precinct Maintenance are being prepared.
4. Programs for understanding the scriptures and prayer will be available in the future, in addition to the Prayer Meetings each week.
5. A Committee is preparing parish responses to the coronavirus threat. Fr John, Ian Dove, Justin Bissell and Iva Spanevello will report to the PL Team and the Parish.

Rod Campbell
Chair

DATE CLAIMER

**Celebration of the
Feast of Saint Dympna**

**Sunday 17th May
9.00am Mass followed
by celebration.**



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**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

**Second Sunday of Lent
8th March 2020**

**Caritas
AUSTRALIA**



Twenty-seven-year-old Phany, lives in a village in western Cambodia. Struggling to earn a living as a farmer, she was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village, to take up construction work in the city. Phany joined the Upholding Community Dignity Together program, where she learnt new farming techniques, such as a drip irrigation system, which enabled her to get a better yield from her vegetable crops and to conserve water in her drought-stricken region. Phany's community also took part in training in health, nutrition, hygiene and disaster preparedness, arming them with better strategies to cope with environmental changes.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO EXPERIENCE THE PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS UP CLOSE?

The Iona Passion Play is looking for potential apostles, Pharisees, crowd members and a Roman army! United in our mission to spread the message of Easter, the Play is often a family experience with children, parents and grandparents getting involved. Performed locally and around Australia for over 60 years this year we will be performing at Iona College Performing Arts Complex on the 4th and 10th of April. We are currently seeking new cast and crew (all ages welcome – no experience necessary). **General Rehearsals are currently being held on Sundays from 12:30pm-4:00pm** in Oblate Hall at Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum (Wynnum West). Come and join us! Please visit our website www.passionplay.org.au for further information or contact us at info@ipp.org.au

ASPLEYCARE TRIVIA NIGHT - will be held on **Saturday night 14th March** in the **John O'Callaghan Centre (parish hall)**. It is conducted by the Quota Club of Sandgate with all proceeds going to **Aspleycare Emergency Relief program**.

This night always ensures lots of prizes, plenty of fun and supper so make up a group or come and join one on the night. Be there around 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Please contact Judy Doak on 0447824980 or Clive Smith on 32631927 for further details.

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.

14/15 March	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	I. Dove (B) R. Campbell B. McGorry L. McGorry L. Dutton	First Reading A.Borgeaud Second Reading J. Pillai Prayers of the Faithful A.Manahan	R. Manahan Volunteer	Volunteer please	Yvonne Women's Choir
7.00 a.m. Mass	G. Bortuzzo (B) D. Volter R. Volter S. Vaz D.Francis	First Reading J. Colebourne Second Reading M. Campbell Prayers of the Faithful M. Colebourne	F. Hollamby	I.Spanevello	Nancy Rod and Savio
9.00 a.m. Mass	J. Ferris (B) B. Neill C. Fernandes A. Ware C. Ware M. Gonsalves J. Patterson	First Reading B. Buwu Second Reading J. Fernandes Prayers of the Faithful R. Fernando	A Brough J Brough B Fernando	Volunteer please	Judith Emily and Karen
5.00 p.m Mass	S.Tam (B) S. Sherwood S. Sherwood J. Bissell E. Lebajo	First Reading K. O'Donnell Second Reading M. Hopewell Prayers of the Faithful B. Kent	Royce Matthews Ria Matthews	B. Hopewell	Kelli and friends
Children Liturgy: TBA 2020	Cleaning Church: 13 March Volunteer Please 20 March Savio and Jinella 27 March Nigel Hughes and Volunteer	Counters 8 Mar S. Sherwood D. Jago T. Salvati M. Scott	Counters 15 Mar B. Donohue R. Meekcoms T. Gillam M. Hopewell L. Junker	ASHES GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE THE FULLNESS OF GOD	

Next week liturgy	Catholic Leader	Dympna's Diary																								
<p style="text-align: center;">Third Sunday of Lent</p> <p>First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94:1-2,6-9 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2,5-8 Gospel: John 4:5-42 Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronavirus had transmitted from human-to-human contact in Australia, marking the next stage of the outbreak, as federal health authorities braced for an influx of cases and switched from a mindset of "containment" to "minimisation". • Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge said he felt fine as he returned from high-level talks in Rome last week amid Italian coronavirus outbreak. • Active Refugee and Migrant Integration in Australia, an initiative of Sunnybank parishioner Protais Muhirwa, celebrated its fifth anniversary. • Josephite Sister Moya Campbell is packing her bags for the land of the long white cloud after nearly six years as Brisbane archdiocese's Vicar for Religious. 	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>8</td> <td>Second Sunday of Lent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mon</td> <td>9</td> <td>Collect of St Frances of Rome, religious</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues</td> <td>10</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed</td> <td>11</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thurs</td> <td>12</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri</td> <td>13</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sat</td> <td>14</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>15</td> <td>Third Sunday of Lent</td> </tr> </table> <p>Date Claimers: Sunday 17 May Celebrations of the Feast of Saint Dympna 9.30am Mass</p>	Sun	8	Second Sunday of Lent	Mon	9	Collect of St Frances of Rome, religious	Tues	10		Wed	11		Thurs	12		Fri	13		Sat	14		Sun	15	Third Sunday of Lent
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Weekly Offerings 1 March 2020

Collections During Mass : \$3333.00 **Direct Deposit at Bank:** \$385.00 **Total Income :** \$3718.00