



# PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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## Parish Newsletter Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 9 February 2020

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



### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - *Isa 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Matt 5:13-16*

Today's gospel tells us that religion for the Christian is not a private affair. It is meant to improve the lives of others. We are much more conscious today that too much salt in our diet can raise blood pressure, harden arteries, and lead to strokes and heart attacks. Yet, even dietitians and scientists agree that we need some salt intake. As anyone who listens to George and Gary on 'MasterChef' knows, good food needs seasoning. Of course, a little bit goes a long way. It is all about the right balance. As even a tiny amount of salt makes a world of difference, and as even a small lamp brings light to a dark room, so a small amount of Christianity in action brings benefit to our world.

Faith is to benefit others. True, it is not to be shoved down someone else's throat, but we must demonstrate the power of the Spirit. How do we bring the light into the darkness of our world? Third Isaiah (an anonymous prophet who was active in the years after Israel's exile) tells us: whenever we share our bread with the hungry, then we are a light in the darkness; whenever we shelter the homeless poor, then we are the salt of the earth; whenever we clothe the naked poor, then we are (again) a light in the darkness; and whenever we bring hope to the oppressed, then we are (again) the salt of the earth. Our faith is not to be hidden away, it is to be used for the benefit of those in need.

Yet, it is all about balance. Elsewhere in the gospels Jesus warns us not to parade our good deeds before others. St Augustine of Hippo explains the difference between parading our good deeds before others and doing good deeds for others. It is all about giving the praise to our Father in heaven. Augustine says (Sermo 54), 'So when a person is seen by all to do good, his conscience should be prompted by the intention to do good, but not by any intention of getting well known for it, except for the praise of God and the advantage of those who get to know about it'.

So today let us thank our God for those people who share their faith with others, for those people whose love of God helps them make a difference for the better in our world. Let us thank God for those who are the salt of the earth and for those who are the light of the world. Let us thank God for those whose public faith does not oppress others but helps them, for those whose public faith is not for their own glory but for the benefit of their neighbour and for the glory of God. *Excerpt Geoffrey D. Dunn - Homily Help Liturgia*

### Mass Times and Services

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

## Liturgy of the Word

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Isaiah 58:7-10

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 111:4-9

A light will shine like the dawn.

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:13-16

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**Acclamation of Faith:**

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

## Prayer Requests

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:** Let us also remember those who have died. Especially: **Elizabeth Adriaansen, Veronica (Molly) Buckley, Aileen Dove, Christine Eccles, Rita James, Brian Mennis, Valerie Seare and Denise White.**

**SICKNESS:** Our prayers are asked for the sick, the housebound, and for all those who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes. Especially: **Syd Greedy and Rosslyn O'Brien**

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 Enrolment

Children who have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) will now be prepared for the Sacrament of Penance (Confession).

**ONLINE ENROLMENT:**      **OPENED 6.00pm Sunday 2nd February and**  
**CLOSES 6.00pm Monday 11th February**

**Parent Information Night:** Tuesday 11th February 7pm

**Children's Workshop:** Saturday 29th February 10.15am and 4.30pm

**Reception of the Sacrament shall be over two weekends :**

Saturday 14th March 4.30pm

Saturday 21st March 4.30pm



**ASPLEYCARE**

### CAN YOU SPARE 4 HOURS PER WEEK TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED?

Aspleycare is an Emergency Relief Organisation staffed by volunteers five days per week between 10am and 2pm, on a roster basis. The centre is in urgent need of more volunteers. Duties may include reception and/or interviewing clients, as well as providing available assistance. Training is provided and no previous experience is needed.

Aspleycare is in the grounds of **Our Lady and St Dympna's Church at 479 Robinson Rd.**

If you wish to enquire further or offer your time to assist, please phone **3862 7145**. Thank you.

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

Our Lady and St. Dympna's Social and Friendship Group will have its 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting in the John O'Callaghan Centre at 9:30am on the 12<sup>th</sup> February. 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.



World Day of Prayer 2020

**ZIMBABWE**

**DATE CLAIMER:** 6th March at the Albany Creek Uniting Church, 652 Albany Creek at 10a.m. The host country will be Zimbabwe. Please keep the date free and spend the morning with other parishes to help the people of Zimbabwe.

## REPORT FROM PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING 3 FEBRUARY

Planning for 2020 was continued, with a new date set for the **Celebrations of the Parish of Our Lady and St Dympna on Sunday 24 May 2020.**

There will be a **Special Meeting on Tuesday 25 February at 7.00 pm in the JP2 Room.** A Planning Committee for the Celebrations on 24 May will be formed at this meeting, as well as ideas and events canvassed and discussed. Parishioners are invited.

Calendars are being constructed for events and for site maintenance.

Training for Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of the Word and Music will begin shortly.

Rod Campbell  
Chair 4/02/2020

### St. Monica's Guild

February social outing- Lunch at Aspley Hotel, 1247 Gympie Road, Aspley. 12 noon Monday 17th February 2020. Numbers required by Thursday 13th February 2020.

Any widowed woman is welcome to join us. Contact Denise 3160 0195.

**A VOCATION VIEW: Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
Jesus speaks on Vocations: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father."  
To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Centre: 1300 133 544 [vocationbrisbane.com](http://vocationbrisbane.com).



### STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

**Thank you** to all those who have contributed stamps during 2019.

Information received from Sr. Helen Saunders for the Sisters of St. Joseph tells us that approximately **\$65000** was raised during the year from stamps. From 2001 till now a total of **\$378000** has been raised.

A copy of a note from Sr. Helen has been placed inside the stamp collection box.



Please continue to support this project through 2020. Aspley contact Denise 3160 0195.

## BRISBANE DAY RETREATS

**"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" Mark 10:45 NIV**



Word of God  
Ministered by  
Br. Johnson Sequeira  
Catholic Lay Preacher  
Jesus Christ is Lord Ministry



### AUSTRALIA FEB-MAR 2020 RETREAT SCHEDULE - BRISBANE

DATE	TIME	BRISBANE VENUES
Thu 20 Feb	6.30pm - 9.30pm	Our Lady & St Dympna's Church, 479 Robinson Rd (W), Aspley 4034
Fri 21 Feb	6.30pm - 9.30pm	Our Lady & St Dympna's Church, 479 Robinson Rd (W), Aspley 4034
Sat 22 Feb	9.30am - 4.30pm & 7.00pm - 9.30pm	Our Lady & St Dympna's Church, 479 Robinson Rd (W), Aspley 4034 (Tea, coffee & light refreshments will be provided)
Sun 23 Feb	12.30pm - 6.00pm	St Maximilian Kolbe Church, 26 - 38 Macarthy Rd, Marsden 4132 (Tea, coffee & light refreshments will be provided)

**PERTH**

**MELBOURNE**

**SYDNEY**

**ADELAIDE**

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0430 500 201

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# 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.

15/16 Feb	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) B. McGorry L. McGorry S. Stevens S. Hughes	<b>First Reading</b> L. Dutton <b>Second Reading</b> J. Pillai <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> I. Dove	P. Joshi A. Joshi	Volunteer please	YVONNE Women's Choir
<b>7.00 a.m. Mass</b>	M. Colebourne (B) J. Colebourne R. Perkins J. Coates G. Bortuzzo	<b>First Reading</b> M. Campbell <b>Second Reading</b> D. Chiavaro <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> R. Campbell	F. Hollamby	S. Vitaliano	NANCY Sylvester
<b>9.00 a.m. Mass</b>	B. Neill (B) C. Fernandes J. Fernandes J. Patterson J. Ferris A. Ware C. Ware	<b>First Reading</b> P. Mawaka <b>Second Reading</b> S. Lopez <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> B. Buwu	A Brough J Brough B Fernando	Volunteer please	JUDITH Claude
<b>5.00 p.m Mass</b>	G. Dias (B) F. Gowans S. Tam E. Lebajo K. O'Donnell	<b>First Reading</b> J. Bissell <b>Second Reading</b> R. Meekons <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> B. Kent	Royce Matthews Ria Matthews	Volunteer please	Kelli and friends
<b>Children Liturgy:</b> TBA 2020	<b>Cleaning:</b> <b>15 Feb</b> Savio and Jinella <b>22 Feb</b> Volunteers and Nigel Hughes	<b>Counters 9 Feb</b> M. Stack G. Strathdee A. Hill L. Johnson	<b>Counters 16 Feb</b> D. O'Keefe P. Skehan M. Skehan M. Lalor	<b>All People That On Earth Do Dwell</b> <b>O Breathe On ME Breath of God</b> <b>Alleluia Sing to Jesus</b> <b>Create a Clean Heart</b>	

Next week liturgy	Catholic Leader	Dympna's Diary																								
<p><b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>First Reading:</b> Sirach 15:15-20  <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>                      Psalm 118:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34                      Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!  <b>Second Reading:</b>                      1 Corinthians 2:6-10  <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 5:17-37  <b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>                      Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!                      Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;                      you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.                      Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!</p>	<p><b>The Catholic Leader:</b>  <b>Keeping faith with you</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prayers flow for four Maronite Catholic children killed by an alleged drunk driver in Sydney, father pleads for drivers to "be careful".</li> <li>Aboriginal educator Cynthia Rowan is Brisbane archdiocese's new reconciliation action plan officer and says the RAP was not just "an Aboriginal thing, it's for all Australians".</li> <li>Papua New Guinea Carmelite Father Paul Sireh hopes Blessed Peter To Rot's first chapel outside PNG could speed up his canonisation process.</li> <li>Albany Creek parishioners are praying for their parish priest of 34 years, Fr Ron Mollison, who had a stroke.</li> </ul>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>9</td> <td><b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mon</td> <td>10</td> <td>St Scholastica, virgin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues</td> <td>11</td> <td>Our Lady of Lourdes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed</td> <td>12</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thurs</td> <td>13</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri</td> <td>14</td> <td>Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sat</td> <td>15</td> <td>Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>16</td> <td><b>6th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Date Claimers: 23 February</b> Caritas Australia Project Compassion Sunday  <b>24 May</b> Celebrations of the Parish of Our Lady and St Dympna on Sunday</p>	Sun	9	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Mon	10	St Scholastica, virgin	Tues	11	Our Lady of Lourdes	Wed	12		Thurs	13		Fri	14	Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop	Sat	15	Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary	Sun	16	<b>6th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
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