



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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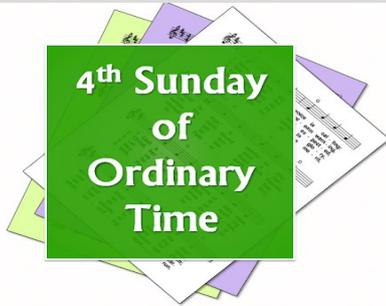
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Holy days of Obligation: In Australia we have the Feast of the Assumption (15 August) and Christmas Day (25 December).



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 reading is taken from St. Luke (Lk 4:21-30) - This rejection of Jesus by his own townfolk must have sincerely grieved him. But it was only the beginning of similar rejections. Their attempt to murder him was an indication of what was yet to come. "To his own he came but his own did not accept him" as St. John says (1:11). The reason was that the Messiah they were looking for was a political leader who would make Israel a political power not only among the nations but over the other nations. Nearly all the messianic prophecies had references to the universality of the messianic kingdom—this universality they interpreted in a political, worldly sense. Their interest in things spiritual was then at a very low ebb and therefore the message of Christ had little interest for them. They did not want a spiritual kingdom. For seventeen centuries they had been God's Chosen People, and they were proud of their superiority over the sinful Gentiles who did not know the true God. That very pride of theirs was their undoing. The Gentiles were God's children too, and they also were to share in the new kingdom which the Messiah would establish, but the very thought of this was abhorrent to the vast majority of the Jews.

In spite of all their opposition, however, Jesus spent his public life amongst them. He gave them the first offer of entering the new kingdom. They could still continue to be God's Chosen People together with, and alongside, the other nations of the earth. They refused. And their refusal went so far as to call in the aid of the hated Gentiles to crucify the One—their own fellow Jew—who had come to bring them the message of the true kingdom and the offer of being its first citizens.

There were exceptions, of course, and honorable exceptions at that. Christ founded his Church, the new kingdom of God on the Apostles, who were Jews, and through their noble sacrifices and efforts, the kingdom spread to all the Gentile nations of the earth. Because of their sacrifices, we are Christians, members of Christ's kingdom on earth and heirs to his eternal kingdom in heaven. Through our Christian teaching we have learned that our life on this earth is but a period of preparation, a period during which we can earn the true life as citizens of his eternal kingdom. How often do we, like the Jews of Christ's day, forget this and bend all our efforts to building for ourselves a kingdom of power or wealth in this world, a kingdom which we will have to leave so soon?

We would not, of course, openly deny Christ, much less try, like his neighbors in Nazareth, to throw him to his death over a cliff: but how often in our private actions, and in our dealings with our neighbors, do we push him and his doctrine quietly aside and act as if we knew him not. In this we are no better than Christ's neighbors of Nazareth and we grieve his loving heart as much as they did on that sad day. Am I one of those (each one of us can ask himself)? Do I really love Christ or, to put it in a more personal way, do I really love myself? If I do, I will not risk losing my place in the eternal kingdom for the sake of some paltry pleasure or gain in this present life which will end for me so very soon.

Excerpt from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Liturgy of the Word

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 70:1-6,15,17
I will sing of your salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

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 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: Conchita Alfaro and Lai Hing Kwong.**

SICKNESS: Our prayers are asked for the sick, the 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, Mass Intention envelopes can be collected at the Church or from the Parish office.

Congratulations Tom Borger Lilley Australia Day Volunteer Award



Tom Borger has been a dedicated volunteer for Aspleycare for over 11 years, tirelessly helping between two and three days every week.

As President, Tom has helped Aspleycare grow significantly, leading over 75 volunteers who carry out a variety of community support activities that have assisted over 16,000 families from across the wider community with food parcels, financial help and material aid.

Tom continues to inspire volunteers and the community with his devotion and enthusiasm for helping others.



Annual Little Kings Movement Collection This Weekend 9/10 February 2019

- The annual collection for the Little King Movement for the Disabled will take place on the weekend of **2/3 February**. Little Kings provides spiritual, social and cultural assistance for people with disabilities and their families, and depends entirely on donations – no Government subsidies are received and no fees are charged.

All workers in the Movement are unpaid volunteers. Our Lady and St Dymphna parish and school has loyally supported this Movement for over 30 years, and we again urge you to dig deep for this most worthy cause by supporting the collections which will be taken at Mass.

Our Lady and St Dymphna's to Host World Day of Prayer 1 March 2019



Our parish has been selected to host this year's ecumenical **World Day of Prayer service on Friday, 1st March**. The service will be followed by a morning tea. This year's host country is Slovenia, and the theme is 'Come – everything is ready'.

Aspley Parish will prepare the **Liturgy and host a Morning tea** which will be attended by four other churches from the area: The Church of the Resurrection, Bridgeman Downs, the Uniting Church Aspley, Uniting Church Albany Creek and the All Saints Catholic Church, Albany Creek. World Day of Prayer is always an ecumenical service, reminding us that God's Community is one.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Setting up and closing the Hall;
- Serving morning tea, sandwiches, slices and cake;
- Parishioners to hand out booklets;
- Parishioners to bring a plate to help cater for the expected attendance of over 100 + people;
- Parishioners to take up the collection of money for the people of Slovenia

To volunteer to be a part of this wonderful event, please give your name to the Aspley Parish Office on 3862 9402

Sacrament of Penance



If your child has received Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, we are inviting you to participate in the preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. In the year when the children turn ten (Year Five) they are prepared to celebrate more fully the Sacrament of Penance with individual confession and absolution.

(Sacramental Policy: You can view the Sacramental Policy below for Christian Initiation For Children here : [Sacramental Policy](#))

Enrolment

Enrolment for Preparation **OPENS** on **Monday 4th February from 6pm** and **CLOSES Monday 11th February 6pm.** (no enrolments will be accepted after this time)

The programme consists of:-

- 1. A PARENT/CARER INFORMATION SESSION** (mandatory) (Only parents/carers need to attend) There is a choice of Information Session - either Tuesday 12th February from 7pm until 8pm. or Wednesday 13th February from 7pm until 8pm.
- 2. Attendance at Masses at OUR LADY AND ST DYMUNA'S for the duration of the program. (6 weeks)**
- 3. ONE WORKSHOP** (Both child and parent/carer need to attend) There is a choice workshop either - Sunday 24th February from 10:15am until 11:30am. or Sunday 24th February from 3:30pm until 4:45pm.
- 4. CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** (Both child and parent/carer need to attend) There is a choice of day for this celebration - either Saturday 16th March from 2:30pm until 3:00pm. or Saturday 23rd March from 2:30pm until 3:00pm.

These dates and times are posted to allow families to plan ahead.

Enrolment for Sacrament of Penance 2019:

- Enrolment for Penance (Complete online): [Penance Enrolment Form](#)
- [Parent Permission Form](#) (Please print and bring to the Parent Information Session).

General Notices

FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS - Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel. This pilgrimage features places from the Old and New Testament and includes Petra, Bethlehem, Jericho, Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive price of \$5690. The fare includes: Return Economy Airfares; Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches; Stay in Premium Hotels; All Meals; Catholic Priest and English speaking professional guides. For inquiries and bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

Available Departures Dates: Fr. Sebastian (24 March 19), Fr. Kenneth (26 May 19), Fr. Colin (31 May 19) and Fr. Richard (2 June 19), Fr Amal (8 Sep 19), Fr. Peter (16 Sept), Catholic Priest (11 Nov)

RETREAT DAY AND PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Sunday 24th February 2019 Retreat Day and Prayers for Healing with Fr Ken Barker Missionaries of God's Love, **commencing with Mass at 11am**, followed by a book launch of Fr Ken's most recent book "**Go Set The World on Fire**" Day finishing 3.30pm; Experience the dynamic words and spiritual wisdom of Order founder and author. Don't miss this unique opportunity to deepen your faith and be inspired by Fr Ken's infectious love of God. **St Thomas' Catholic Church Camp Hill**, car park entrance Stephen St. BYO lunch, drinks provided. Info Paul 0417 104 460, Frank 0405 514 929

Christian Healing Ministries

Level 1 Prayer Training 2019

CCR Brisbane Healing Prayer Centre will be offering training on Healing Prayer **Level 1 at CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Road, Northgate (in the grounds of St. John's Catholic Church).**

This level 1 course will be completed over 3 full Saturdays and participants are expected to attend all 3 days -

Saturday 23 March 9.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday 27 April 9.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday 25 May 9.30am - 5.00pm

This Level 1 Course is **open** to all.

For more details, fees and registration, please go to :

http://www.ccrbrisbane.org.au/News/PrayerTrainingLevel1_2019Notice.pdf or

Sunday Collections

1st & 2nd Collections During Mass :	\$2682.00
Direct Deposit at Bank:	\$ 350.00
Total Income :	\$3032.00

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.

	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	G. Cox (B) T. Borger T. Borger D. Salvati Sr M. Costello	First Reading F. Xavier Second Reading M. Cafe Prayers of the Faithful T. Hand	A. Wang D. Matthew	Volunteer	Judith Di
7.00 a.m. Mass	A. Lopez (B) J. Vitaliano D. Volter J. Bissell D. Francis	First Reading J. Colebourne Second Reading M. Colebourne Prayers of the Faithful A. Spanevello	F. Hollamby	I. Spanevello	Nancy Rod
9.00 a.m. Mass	J. Fernandes (B) C. Fernandes A. Ware C. Ware B. Neill T. Hoang C. Gonsalves	First Reading L. George Second Reading M. Gonsalves Prayers of the Faithful P. Mawaka	G. Cook G. George J. Veza M. Veza	Volunteer	Yvonne Claude
5.00 p.m. Mass	Sr Gabriel (B) H. Boevink S. Lopez E. Lebajo K. Rye	First Reading S. Tam Second Reading J. Bissell Prayers of the Faithful K. O'Donnell	J. Tomsey O. Joshy	B. Hopewell	Ike Soo Choon & Family
Children Liturgy: 9am Kim O'Rourke	Cleaners 23 Feb Nigel Hughes Cleaners 26 February: Salvio and Jinella Cleaners 2 March Harry Boevink & David Francis	Counters: 10 Feb G. Cox D. Francis D. McCudden J. Goh	Counters 17 Feb S. Sherwood D. Jago T. Salvati M. Scott	To Be Advised	

Next week liturgy	Catholic Leader	Dympna's Diary																								
<p>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137:1-5,7-8 In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. Second Reading: Corinthians 15:3-8,11 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make your fisher of my people. Alleluia!</p>	<p>The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you</p> <p>* Pope Francis makes his mark on Panama meeting with young locals and pilgrims around Panama * Seminarian reflects on how the Panama Canal shows the ingenuity of nations coming together for a common cause * Australia Day honours showcase the work prominent and quiet-achieving Catholics undertake around the country * World Youth Day encourages thousands to take up their vocations * Venezuelans on the verge of democratic breakdown as desperate people scramble for food amid a deepening economic crisis * Explosions in a cathedral in southern Philippines has fingers of blame pointing to Islamic extremism</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>3</td> <td>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mon</td> <td>4</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues</td> <td>5</td> <td>St Agatha, virgin, martyr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed</td> <td>6</td> <td>St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thurs</td> <td>7</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri</td> <td>8</td> <td>St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita, virgin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sat</td> <td>9</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>10</td> <td>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</td> </tr> </table>	Sun	3	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mon	4		Tues	5	St Agatha, virgin, martyr	Wed	6	St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs	Thurs	7		Fri	8	St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita, virgin	Sat	9		Sun	10	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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