



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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Parish Newsletter - Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A - 3 May 2020

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

MASS TIMES AND SERVICES

SUNDAY 3RD MAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Liturgy of the Word

Video [https://
www.facebook.com/
OurLadyandStDympna/](https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStDympna/)

Father John celebrates Holy Mass in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel regularly. If you have any Prayer Requests or Intentions please contact the Parish Office or Father John directly.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 2:14,36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

Have you noticed how some of our Scripture readings throughout the weeks of this Easter season are set on the day of Easter? And how some, like today's first reading from Acts of the Apostles, are set on the day of Pentecost? This is a powerful reminder to us that what we celebrate during this season is not the chronological unfolding of a story but various reflections upon the one mystery: Easter and Pentecost are interwoven realities and we celebrate both together each day of our fifty-day season. The first letter of Peter sums up this Easter mystery, saying that Christ died 'so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness'. Easter is about living the new life of conversion. It echoes Peter's address in Acts of the Apostles about repentance: baptism is for the forgiveness of sins and receiving the Spirit. It is not a one-off event, but something that is lived out day by day. Just as Easter is the victory of life over death in the person of Jesus, it is the victory of belonging and purpose over being lost and alone. The first letter of Peter describes this new reality with a metaphor: 'You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd'.

The shepherd image is, of course, the constant and powerful image for this Sunday in Easter. I remember reading somewhere once that in the first half of the twentieth century, Psalm (129)130, the De profundis, 'Out of the depths', was the psalm with which most Christians identified. It is one of the psalms of lamentation that emphasises human helplessness and longing. Perhaps the experiences of the two world wars during those decades make this an understandable choice. In the second half of the twentieth century, the same account continued, Psalm (22)23, 'The Lord is my shepherd', became more popular. It speaks of care and protection, of richness and fullness. Chapter 10 of John's Gospel, which we read over the three-year period of the lectionary cycle for this Sunday in Easter, takes up this pastoral image.

Today's particular extract from chapter 10 of John speaks more about the pen or enclosure, and Jesus speaks of himself as the gate of the pen. The proper way in or out is through him.

In early Christian catacomb art in Rome, the image of the shepherd with a sheep slung over his neck was a popular one. It was probably even a pre-Christian image that Christians adopted. Its use in funerary art is easy to explain. The last lines of the psalm say: 'In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever'. The idea of the shepherd leading us into eternity is clear. In chapter 10 of John the idea of eternal life was also found by early Christians. In one of his homilies on this gospel, St Augustine of Hippo noted some sixteen hundred years ago that the gospel says that Jesus leads the sheep in and out through the gate and that he has come to say that people may have life and have it to the full. Augustine could see two realities here. Coming into the gate was baptism and the pen was life in the church. Coming out of the gate was death and entry to the pastures of eternity, and the fullness of life. This is what Augustine said: 'For he seems to me to have meant that they may have life going in, and have it more abundantly going out. For no one can go out through the gate—that is by Christ—to that eternal life which shall be face to face, unless by the same gate—that is, by the same Christ—he has entered his church, which is his fold, to the temporal life, which is lived in faith' (*In Euangelium Iohannis Tractatus 45*).

So today we are thankful that God has called us to join this flock; we are thankful that, through baptism and the gift of the Spirit, we belong. We are thankful that Jesus is our shepherd who comforts us with crook and staff. We are thankful that the shepherd will one day lead us out into the eternity of the Lord's house. We are thankful to share in this meal of bread and wine, which is a foretaste of the banquet prepared for us in the sight of our foes. We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song.

Excerpt from by Geoffrey D Dunn Liturgia.com

Liturgy of the Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Responsorial Psalm: 22:1-6 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

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. **Especially: Hazel May Coates, Bill Crowley, Monica Thorpe, Ernie Dunglinson, Kathleen Patricia Gordon and Gilbert Edward Gordon.**

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, Intention envelopes can be delivered to the Parish



A VOCATION VIEW Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A

This is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. "The harvest is great but the labourers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the Harvest." The Church needs labourers. International Sunday of Vocations.

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

vocationbrisbane.com



First and foremost, we wish our parishioners God's blessings and care as we all navigate these unprecedented times. Practising the behaviours required to keep us safe provides a tremendous opportunity for members of the Aspley Parish Community to assist each other, as well as assist others in the wider community. Please follow the medical advice and social distancing guidelines for the good of our whole community.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The requirements and directions of the Government and Archdiocese will impact on office hours. Therefore, the parish office may be unattended for periods of time in the foreseeable future. If you need to contact the office:

- Phone 3862 9402, and if the office is unattended, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.
- Email aspley@bne.catholic.net.au
- Call Father John (Parish Priest) at 0432155 970 (after hours contact)

PLEASE NOTE: During those times when the parish office is open, strict adherence to social distancing, as required by government, will be observed and is expected.

Thank you for your understanding.

ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER FOR END OF THE PANDEMIC

Almighty and all-merciful God, lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds, in whom there is no shadow of death, save us in this time of crisis; grant wisdom and courage to our leaders; watch over all medical people as they tend the sick and work for a cure; stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation; if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open. By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear, that hope may never die and the light of Easter, the triumph of life, may shine upon us and the whole world. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen. Infant Saviour Pray with us; Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us. St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us. St Stephen and St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, pray for us.



MASS COLLECTIONS PLEASE . . . Our Parish continues to function while public Masses are suspended. Father John continues to celebrate Mass and perform his parish ministry, and Katrina remains working in the Parish Office. If you are in a position to do so, please continue to make a weekly giving. As our parish is unable to assemble to celebrate Mass together as a community, we have also lost our ability to take up collections for the support of our parish and clergy. We are truly thankful to the parishioners who have contacted us over the past weeks asking for ways in which they can continue to financially support the works of the parish. In response to this, to follow are some ways that you can continue to send your offerings should you wish to do so:

Are you a Planned giving program contributor (using weekly envelopes)?

YES

NO

Please consider making a direct debit transfer to the Parish bank account via your bank; When making the transfer you can use your Giving Envelope # as the reference and include the word "giving". Or envelopes can be dropped into the parish office letter box.

If you normally give via cash in the collection plates at mass: Please consider making a direct debit transfer to the Parish bank account via your bank; When making the transfer you can use your Surname as the reference and include the word "giving".

ASPLEY PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS: BSB: 064 786 Account: 005921100

Other ways you can contribute.

DIRECT DEBIT: Become a Direct Debit or Credit Card giver with our parish and set up your preferred payment frequency (e.g. weekly, fortnightly, two monthly, quarterly, half yearly or annually). You can cancel or change this arrangement and amounts at any time. **Visit:**

<http://www.ourladyandstydmpnparish.com/uploads/3/4/4/7/34477223/>

[adf_direct_debit_request_application.pdf](#) to print and complete the Direct Debit form, sign, and either post to the Parish Office or email: <mailto:aspley@bne.catholic.net.au>.

We are truly grateful to everyone, particularly in these very difficult times, who are still wanting to be able to support the parish. Thank you for your consideration and ongoing support. Please be assured of our continued prayers.

ENCOUNTER SONGWRITING MASTERCLASS (ONLINE) A four-part songwriting masterclass series facilitated by Emma Fradd (Music Director, Encounter Youth)

The Encounter Songwriting Masterclass aims to develop the songwriting talents in Catholic musicians aged 16-40 in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, in hopes of creating new music that is good and beautiful for the purpose of accompanying: Liturgy Upbeat pump up songs for youth group/rallies Reflective worship songs for prayer/ adoration Mass Setting

It's a four week series in May on Tuesday nights: May 5th Tuesday 6-7pm Lesson one: Jingles May 12th Tuesday 6-7pm Lesson two: 6 tips for solo songwriting May 19th Tuesday 6-7pm Lesson three: Lyrics May 26th Tuesday 6-7pm Lesson four: Writing with others

Time: 6pm – 7pm Location: Online via Zoom (register to receive the link) RSVP: via Eventbrite here

YOUTH LEADERSHIP MASTERCLASS (ONLINE) Youth Leader Masterclass is all about inspiring and empowering you, drawing you into a network of leaders who are building youth ministries across the Archdiocese, and creating space to renew your encounter with Jesus.

We're talking keynote speakers, praise, preaching, and adoration.

Date: 16 May 2020 Time: 4pm – 5:30pm Location: Online via Zoom (register to receive the link) RSVP: Before 14 May via Eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/youth-leader-masterclass-online-may2020-registration-101266683376>

Initiative of Evangelisation Brisbane.

Websites

Thank you for watching the Aspley Parish Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday last weekend on the parish [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) pages. We really appreciate your feedback and please keep it coming. Father John will continue to video Sunday Holy Mass when possible. To follow are other online resources:



THE CATHOLIC LEADER ONLINE The Catholic Leader are making their digital edition free for anyone to view online while Sunday Mass is suspended in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Visit www.catholicleader.com.au.

MASS ONLINE -



Join us online for Mass broadcast live from St Stephen's Cathedral at 8.00am weekdays, and 8am or 10am on Sundays at www.archbne.org/bzw. You can also watch an earlier Mass recorded on the same website.



For Masses in languages other than English visit: <http://multiculturalcare.org.au/diversity/faith-online/>

DAILY REFLECTIONS -



To assist in these times of change Evangelisation Brisbane is developing an online daily reflection for Mondays through to Fridays. Visit:

<http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

Receive inspiration in your inbox or sign up to receive regular emails, including two-minute homilies, daily readings and updates from the Archdiocese by visiting www.archbne.org/dwjk

CORONAVIRUS (COVID19) LATEST -

Australian Government: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

Queensland Government: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19>

The Archdiocese of Brisbane provides the latest updates and advice from the Queensland Government on the Coronavirus at :

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-updates/>

Bible Stewardship Reflection May 3, 2020 4th Sunday of Easter



“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’ (Acts 2:38)

The word “repent” means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

(Accessed on April 23, 2020 from <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 13:44-52 **Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:4-9 **Gospel Reading:** John 14:1-12