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



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Mass and Service Times	
Weekend Mass	
Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	7.00am, 9.00am & 5.00pm
Weekday Mass	
Mon, Tue, Wed and Fri (NO Thursday Mass)	6.30am
Exceptions	
Saturday and Public Holidays	8.00am
Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:	
Exposition after Friday Mass until 9.00am	
Reconciliation	
By appointment	

PENTECOST SUNDAY Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The first reading of last night's Vigil (Gen 11:1-9) is the literary backdrop to the Pentecost narrative in today's first reading (Acts 2:1-11), which is used each year. The standard second reading and gospel may be changed to the *ad libitum* sets in years B and C. Parishes and preachers therefore need to choose between these sets. Since the standard gospel (John 20:19-23) formed part of that read on the Second Sunday of Easter this year, this reflection follows Year B's *ad libitum* set.



The word *Advocate* in the first verse of the gospel (John 15:26-27; 16:12-15) is found as *Paraclete* in Communion antiphons around this time (Sixth Sunday, and Wednesday and Thursday of the Seventh week) as well as in today's optional solemn blessing, so a lexical mismatch may be experienced today. Both are loan words in English: *advocate*, from Latin, entering English first, then *paraclete* a century later from Greek. Later evidence in early Jewish Aramaic sources, specifically Targumim (free translations from the Hebrew, mostly into Aramaic) and the Talmud, confirms that it became a loan word due to its being a technical term in legal contexts for one who defended another, or pleaded or interceded for another. In broader use it may apply to one who testifies on one's behalf, and to teaching, both features of John's text as it unfolds. In this case the Spirit is Christ's witness to us, hence also teacher of his teachings, but as recipients of the Spirit Christians too are witnesses for Christ before the world.

The word also functions as a minor thread in John, where all four instances apply to the Holy Spirit (14:16,26, 15:26 and 16:7). However, in 1 John 2:1 (in the second reading on the Third Sunday of Easter this year) it applies to Christ, whence it was borrowed in texts such as the *Gloria* and both creeds when Christ is seated at the Father's right hand, though his role as intercessor on our behalf is not stated there; two related texts in the Missal do specify his interceding there, the prayer over the offerings in the Vigil of the Ascension, and the third invocation in the third form of the introductory penitential act (Order of Mass, n.6). A verbal form, *parakaleō*, indicates *consoling* or *comforting*, and its Hebrew equivalent is found in Isaiah 61:2 in the commission that as a whole fittingly describes Christ the Advocate, empowered by the Spirit of God for his mission in the world (v.1-3). Thus both Christ and the Spirit may be called Advocate or Paraclete, or even Comforter, such that they appear to work together. This finds support in the image given by St Irenaeus in *Adversus Haereses* 4.20.1, of the Son and the Spirit, Word and Wisdom, as the two hands of God working in creation both to create and to save humankind.

The same gospel verse (Jon 15:26) has another link, for the verb referring to the Spirit of truth *coming forth* (or *issuing* or *proceeding*) from the Father in the Greek form of the Creed is used in other gospels and the Septuagint concerning the word from the mouth of God; most notable is the passage reminding us that we do not live by bread alone but by God's every word (Deuteronomy 8:3 and Matthew 4:4). The same Hebrew verb is found for the living water that flows from God in Zechariah 14:8 and Joel 3(4):18, mentioned in the Vigil's reflection.

Much of this language is clearly trinitarian. Paul's teaching in the second reading (Gal 5:16-25) is simpler, but remarkably akin to John's persistent message, though very different in style of delivery: to be truly a follower of Christ and a recipient of divine life, one into whom the life-giving Spirit has been breathed, one must live in accord with the divine life; it manifests in good personal attributes and behaviours. *Excerpt Liturgia.com Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Pentecost - Year B*

Liturgy of the Word

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103: 1-2, 24, 27-30, 35
Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 22-27

Gospel: John 7: 37-39

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Acclamation of Faith:

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free



**Check in to Aspley Parish and you're good to go!
NO Mass bookings required!**

To download the Check In Qld app :
www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld

Or use the touch screens tablets installed in the foyer of the church.

Please Note: Aspley Parish is operation under a Covidsafe Plan. CovidSafe Government venue number restrictions of 175 still in place. Thank you.

ST DYMUNA FEAST DAY THANK YOU

Thank you to all who celebrated St Dymunas Feast Day last weekend. A very special thank you to Kay Buxton and Iva Spanevello for organizing, setting up and donating your time and energy to serve refreshments following all masses. Thank you also to all other volunteers, your assistance was very much appreciated.



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: Gail Davies, Lino Fernandes, June Hunter, Yeung Tam and Josephine Trimarchi.

SICKNESS: Our prayers are asked for people who are sick or housebound, and for all those who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes.

Especially: Noel and Lorelle Brigg

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 office.

ST DYMUNA'S WOMEN'S SOCIAL AND FRIENDSHIP GROUP MEETING

Our Lady and St. Dympna's Social and Friendship Group will be starting to meet again from June. Meeting in the John O'Callaghan Centre (Parish Hall) **at 9:30a.m. on every second Wednesday of the month starting 9 June.**

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!

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP BRISBANE

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future – Jeremiah 29:11

Holy Spirit Prayer Group Brisbane, conducts prayer and bible study sessions **every Friday** from 5:30pm to 8:30pm AEST.

Join us at Our Lady and St Dympna Parish Aspley on Friday 4th June 2021 5:30pm to 8:30pm

You can also join us on Zoom every Friday:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9554278817>
(and use PIN 7777)

Or on YouTube live (subscribe for notifications):

[https://www.youtube.com/c/](https://www.youtube.com/c/HolySpiritPrayerGroupBrisbane)

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Come experience His presence.

Contact: Russel Correa (04 1035 3009) or Savio Mascarenhas (04 1134 0086)

POSITION VACANT Acacia Ridge Parish -

Applications are open for Parish Secretary. The position is a casual role with the possibility of it becoming full time and will begin ASAP.

POSITION VACANT St Benedict's Parish - A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of Administration Assistant for 6 hours per week, 3 hours on a Thursday, and 3 hours on a Friday.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. *The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.*



As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect Australians' lives, including their worship, the Catholic bishops will entrust the country to the care of Mary Help of Christians on her feast day this week.

The bishops recently approved the entrustment of the country to Mary Help of Christians during the latest Australian Catholic Bishops Conference plenary meeting.

Mary Help of Christians has been the official patroness of Australia since 1844. Her feast day is celebrated on May 24, which this year coincides with the Feast of the Ascension. Therefore the entrustment of Australia to Mary Help of Christians can take place on the 24th or the 25th, as agreed by the bishops.

PRAYER FOR ENTRUSTMENT OF AUSTRALIA TO MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

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NEW PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Just a reminder that the Archdiocese Development Fund has some weeks ago changed banking details for those who have been direct depositing periodically:-

The New Bank Account details are:-

Our Lady and St Dymphna Parish

BSB: 064 786

ACCOUNT: 100000129

If you haven't already done so, could you please ensure that your bank is contacted to update the details. We still have a few that haven't been changed. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Thank you.

WAYS TO GIVE

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

All donations to planned giving support the running of the Our Lady and St Dymphna Parish, Aspley. We are truly thankful to the parishioners who continue to give for the support of our parish and clergy. Please see to the following ways you can financially support the works of the parish:

1. **Electronic Funds Transfer – Regular Contribution** through Direct Debit. Please complete Direct Debit Form: http://www.ourladyandstdympnaparish.com/uploads/3/4/4/7/34477223/adf_direct_debit_request_application.pdf
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer – One-Off Donation :**
BSB Number: 064 786
Account Number: 100000129
Account Name: Our Lady and St Dymphna
Reference: Your Name and Ministry (e.g. write your name and the reason for donation)
3. **Giving App:**
<https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>
4. **Giving Envelopes:** If you wish to apply or change your planned giving arrangement using the envelopes, please contact the parish office.
5. **Via the Collection Box:** with cash or cheque during our Masses
6. **Mail:** cheques only please

We are truly grateful to everyone, particularly in the difficult times over the past year. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or require assistance. Thank you for your consideration and ongoing support.

Rosters					
29-30 May	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	B. McGorry (B) L. McGorry	First Reading A. Borgaeud Second Reading M. Cafe Prayer of the Faithful I. Dove		Volunteer please	Yvonne Savio or Suzan
7.00 a.m Mass	D. Volter	First Reading I. Spanevello Second Reading G. Bortuzzo Prayer of the Faithful A. Spanevello		M. Blight	Nancy Sylvester
9.00 a.m. Mass	C. Ware (B) A. Ware	First Reading K. Taatu Second Reading P. Mawaka Prayer of the Faithful E. Taatu		Volunteer please	Judith Claude
5.00 p.m. Mass	K. O'Donnell (B) S. Tam	First Reading B. Kent Second Reading E. Lebajo Prayer of the Faithful J. Bissell		B. Hopewell	Kelli Rod or Di
Counters: 23 May D. O'Keefe P. Skehan M. Skehan M. Lalor 30 May J. Bissell M. Aitkin B. McGorry	Cleaning Church: 22 May Volunteers Nigel Hughes 29 May Volunteer Please 5 June David Francis 11 June Volunteer Please	COVID19 VOLUNTEERS: Marshalls: 2 Volunteers for each Mass. (<i>Marshalls should be less than 70 years of age. If over 70, you must be prepared to wear a mask.</i>) Cleaners: Every Mass or event must have at least SEVERAL people who stay behind to sanitise church. (<i>Cleaners are NOT restricted by age but must be in good health. If 70 or over, you must be prepared to wear a mask.</i>)	HYMNS TBA		



Next week's Liturgy

The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32:4-6,9,18-20,22
 Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Gospel Acclamation:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
 to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
 Alleluia!

Dympna's Diary

Sun	23	Pentecost Sunday
Mon	24	Our Lady Help of Christians
Tues	25	St Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor, St Gregory VII, pope, St Mary Magdalene de Pacci, virgin
Wed	26	St Philip Neri, priest
Thurs	27	St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
Fri	28	
Sat	29	St Paul VI, pope
Sun	30	The Most Holy Trinity

Date Claimer: St Dympna's Women's Social and Friendship Group Meeting - 2nd Wednesday of the month restarts 9 June 2021.

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal - 6 June.

All Masses 13/14 June - will be held in School Multipurpose Hall due to church internal painting. Church Closed 7 to 18 June.



Keep your distance



Smile and wave!



Wash your hands regularly



Cover coughs and sneezes