



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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Parish Newsletter 9 December Second Sunday of Advent

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

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tue, Wed and Friday (NO Thursday Mass)	6.30am
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Exceptions

Saturday and	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



“...since the name
God gives you for ever will be
‘Peace’ through integrity,
and **‘honour’** through devotedness.”
Baruch 5:1-4 (1st Reading)

May we be people of **Peace** this week.
Let us pray for areas of
unrest and brokenness in our world.

As the second week of Advent begins, let us turn our attention to these words of the First Reading from the prophet Baruch. We are well aware there are many areas of our world where division and hatred are prevalent, where injustice rules over justice, where people live in fear and flee their homes. We may well become disillusioned and disheartened regarding our world, nation and individual situations.

Our **Advent** liturgies encourage us to remain hopeful. Today's Gospel tells us of John the Baptist...the struggling one in the wilderness. Yet John is a model of hopefulness that the rough roads will become smooth in spite of the difficulties.

As we live through these days of Advent, let us consciously try to be people engaged in peacemaking - a 'peace the world cannot give.' May we prepare the way of the Lord, making straight his paths by the manner in which we promote peace.

Liturgy of the Word

Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 125

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6,8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

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: **Elinor Mary Lyn Evans, Evans and Martyn Families, Benedicto, Lucena, Ronnie, Leonill Tomarang, Catalina Pajalla**

SICKNESS: Our prayers are asked for the sick, the housebound and 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.

PRACTICE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

All singers are invited to prepare for Christmas carols for 8.30 p.m. Monday 24 December, before Mass at 9.00 p.m. Practice sessions will be held

at the Church at 7.00 p.m.
on Thursday 13th December and
Thursday 20th December.

Contact Claude Gonsalves (0419271910)
or Rod Campbell (0402403023) for
further information.



Christmas Visitation and Mass Times 2018

CHRISTMAS VISITATION TO THE HOUSE-BOUND

Fr John will visit -

1st group **Monday 17th December**

2nd group on **Tuesday 18th December.**

If you know of a parishioner who would like Fr John to visit, please call the Parish office on 3862 9402 to make an appointment.

RECONCILIATION

First Rite of Reconciliation:

Saturday 15th December - 5pm – 5:30pm

Wednesday 19th December - 7am – 7:30am

Saturday 22nd December - 5pm – 5:30pm

No Reconciliation at 5:30pm on the 23rd



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve – Monday 24th December
Morning Mass 8am

Vigil Mass of Christmas – Monday 24th December
6pm Children's Mass

9pm Mass of Christmas
(preceded by Christmas Carols at 8.30pm)
(NO midnight mass)

Christmas Day Mass - Tuesday 25th December
7am and 9am.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**School Holidays - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday 9am - 1pm**

Christmas and New Year -

Closed from 24 December 2018 to 1 January 2019.

Advent Week 2

Thank you!

To those **parishioners** who responded so quickly and generously to our request after the 9.00am Mass last Sunday to take the remaining

tags from the Christmas Tree requesting gifts for children of various ages.

Our thanks and appreciation also go to **St Dympna's Youth Group** who organised the fun morning food and activities celebrating their 1st birthday. In spite of 35 degree heat soccer was played, face painting took place, and a sausage sizzle was enjoyed by all. The hard work and thorough organisation ensured 'a good time was had by all!'

We are also very grateful to the sixty five (65) **Liturgical Ministers** who generously participated in the Liturgical education sessions provided last week. We were left in no doubt that our call to ministry is a call to build up the reign of God!

Thank you!

A reminder to all Ministers of the Word

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

Special Price \$10

2019 THE BOOK FOR READERS

We ask that all Ministers of the Word purchase a copy of

Break Open the Word

This resource is most helpful for preparation of your proclamation of the Word. Having the Scripture available to you each week enables you to take time to reflect on the riches of the

Scriptures you will proclaim.

The parish is subsidising the purchase of **Break Open the Word** and is requesting you contribute \$10 for a copy of the book. Books are available at the entrance to the Church.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Will you be here for our Christmas Celebrations?

Please Note: Clipboards to nominate for Ministry for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of the Word for Christmas Masses have been placed in the foyer.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS (cont.)

Volunteers Availability December and January

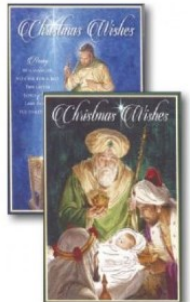
Rosters for all ministries for the masses in December and January are being prepared. Would all volunteers who will be unavailable please notify the parish office on 3862 9402 or aspley@bne.catholic.net.au

St Vincent De Paul Piety Stall



2019 Columban Art Calendar

The 2019 Columban Catholic Calendar, Christmas Cards and other gifts are now available in the St Vincent De Paul Piety Stall in the front of the Church.



Are you able to assist?

A Parishioner is urgently in need of rental accommodation for two (2) adults and two (2) children. If anyone has a house which would be available before 10th January, would you kindly phone Jimmy 0481 753 280. Thank you.

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CHRISTMAS
CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

Wednesday 12
December until
Christmas Eve.

Join us on the lawn at St Stephen's to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary light and sound show.

An enchanting show from the creators of Sydney's Vivid Lightwalk will illuminate the cathedral from 7:30pm until midnight every night.

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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 December	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	L. Dutton (B) S. Lawrence J. Lawrence Sr M. Costello I. Dove	First Reading L. McGorry Second Reading A. Borgeaud Prayers of the Faithful M. Cafe	D Matthews	B. McGorry	Yvonne Women's Choir
7.00 a.m. Mass	S. Vaz (B) M. Colebourne J. Colebourne G. Bortuzzo H. Hollamby	First Reading R. Campbell Second Reading D. Chiavaro Prayers of the Faithful M. Campbell	F Hollamby	G. March	Nancy Sylvester
9.00 a.m. Mass	C. Heskett (B) R. Heskett M. Gonsalves C. Gonsalves B. Neill T. Hoang J. Patterson	First Reading C. Goh Second Reading L. George Prayers of the Faithful L. Bedford	K Green C George A O'Keefe	Volunteer	Judith Renata
5.00 p.m Mass	K. Rye (B) M. Hopewell B. Hopewell K. O'Donnell H. Boevink	First Reading J. Bissell Second Reading S. Tam Prayers of the Faithful B. Kent	F Paul J Paul	Volunteer	Edmond and friends
Children Liturgy: 9am	Cleaning Volunteers: 15 Dec - Savio and Jinella 22 Dec - Paul Xavier Nigel Hughes	Counters: 16 Dec A. Dunn N. Dunn R. Heskett D. Salvati	Counters:	Sing to the Mountains Advent Litany I have Loved you with an Everlasting Love Bread of Life Wait for the Lord	
Next week liturgy		Catholic Leader			

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18
Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6
Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.
Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

The Catholic Leader:
Keeping faith with you

Mackay region priest pays tribute to the courage of firefighters who battled extreme bushfires in Central Queensland

Catholic education leader calls parents to take responsibility for young people using their smartphones, including cracking down on rampant teen sexting

Australian bishops to engage in important discussion around protections for religious schools

Brisbane parishioners contribute a total of \$1.5 million towards a community devel-

Dympna's Diary		
Sun	9	Second Sunday of Advent
Mon	10	
Tues	11	St Damasus I, pope
Wed	12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thurs	13	St Lucy, virgin, martyr
Fri	14	St John of the Cross, priest, doctor
Sat	15	
Sun	16	Third Sunday of Advent
Date Claimers:		

Sunday Collections Week

End : 2 December

1st & 2nd Collections During Mass: \$2897.00 Direct Deposit at Bank: \$340.00 Total Income: \$3237.00