



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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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.

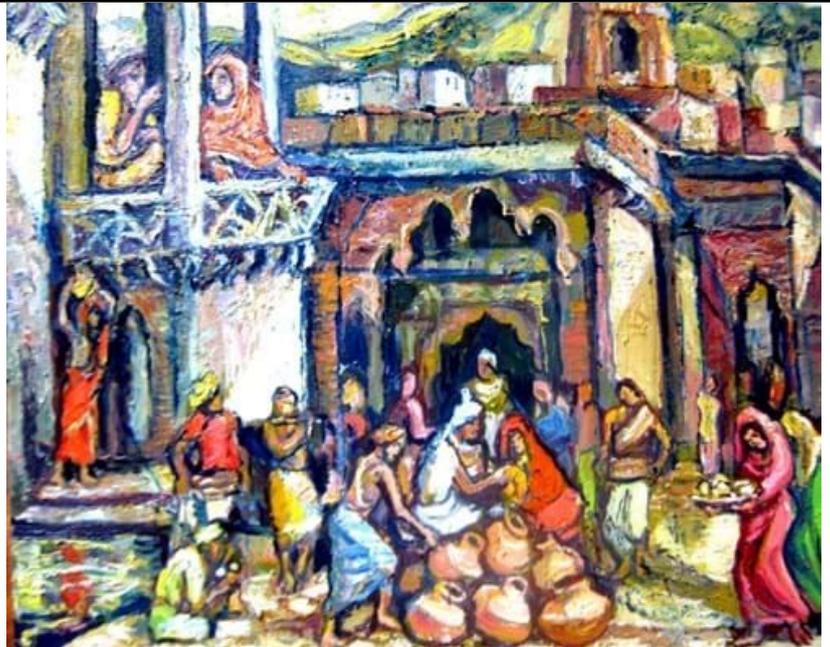
Reconciliation

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



Readings : Isa 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; John 2:1-11 - From ancient times the gospel readings at Epiphany, for the Baptism of the Lord, and today, along with most weekdays in between, formed a thematically coherent series of manifestations – they form the Epiphany cycle or season that we could call Epiphanytide. Today's gospel reading, the wedding at Cana, is unique to John; he calls it the "first sign given by Jesus" and observes that Jesus "manifested his glory" (clearly labelling it an epiphany) and "his disciples believed in him."

Many years ago, while attending school camps on the shore of a lake in our district, almost invariably students would ask me to turn the lake's water into wine. Then, upon my failure even to attempt inflicting so unkind a thing upon all the creatures therein, they would suggest I walk on it. The young cynics were inventively and indirectly expressing their incredulity at the gospel stories, but at the same time they betrayed a literalist approach to reading Scripture which actually does it violence. Many people nowadays seem incapable of accepting that truth and fact are not coterminous in literature, in other words, that something is not untrue, or is false, simply because it is not historically factual. Fiction does convey truth, or else storytelling is pointless. Not all events presented in biblical stories occurred exactly as told, but their reason for being told not about historicity. They often draw richly from other texts in a way that enters into conversation with the past, and casts new light on current concerns. A modern term for this process is *intertextuality*, but this also needs to consider elements current at the time of the first telling even though those elements never became texts. John the evangelist, in his peculiar style, draws heavily from the Hebrew Scriptures, but he appears to have done so via Targumim, interpretively elaborated translations from the Hebrew. Not all the Targumim survived or were even written. In addition, John threads material through his narrative units to weave a seamless whole. **Continued on page 3.**

Liturgy of the Word

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-3,7-10 Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Acclamation of Faith:

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



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: Josephine Trimarchi**

SICKNESS: Our prayers are asked for the sick, the housebound and all those who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes; **Especially: Paolo Umlas**

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.

Our Lady and St Dympna'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.'

Please come and support this major event in the life of the Christian faith traditions in our local area.

Aspley Parish will prepare the Liturgy and host a Morning tea which will be attended by four other churches from the area. Letters will be sent to the participating churches and a meeting prior to the day will be held to have co-operation from the other churches to take some part of the liturgy. It is always an ecumenical service, reminding us that God's Community is one. Please help Aspley Parish to make the day as one to benefit the people of Slovenia.



Further information on how you can volunteer or provide support will be available in the coming weeks newsletters.

To volunteer to be a part of this wonderful day contact Aspley Parish Office on 3862 9402.

For further information on World Day of Prayer:

<https://www.facebook.com/WDPAustralia/>

or

<http://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/>

Training for Religious Instructors in State Schools

Saturday, February 2nd, 9am-1pm
Nolan Hall, Leslie St, Nundah

Children in State schools are entitled to received Religious Instruction each week. More suitable **volunteers are needed** to provide this much needed service. It is very rewarding and the children look forward to RI lessons where they explore what Christians believe about God, Jesus and the bible.

If you think you may be able to help, for as little as half an hour a week (or be an assistant or relief teacher), please join us to find out how you can share the knowledge and joy of Christ.

Please bring some food to share for morning tea and lunch. Quiet, supervised activities will be provided for any children you need to bring with you. Call Genevieve 3256 7493; 0434 284 251 for further information.

General Notices

Aspley Classes for Seniors Enrolment Day for Term 1, 2019 - 9 – 11 am Wednesday 30 January
Uniting Church Hall, 748 Robinson Road, Aspley
Class Programs are available in the Church foyer.

CATHEDRAL GUIDES AND WELCOMERS - Cathedral Guides and Welcomers invite you to an information session on Thursday 7 February 2019 at 10.30am to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers. If you enjoy meeting people, love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered. If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or email deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au, by Friday 25 January 2019.



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 and 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/> or Phone 0432 968 892

Volunteers Needed

There are always openings in the many volunteer ministries. For example: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministers of the Word, Laptop Operators, Church cleaners, etc.

A full list of all the Parish Ministries and Groups is available on the Parish website, www.ourladyandstydymneparish.com.

Aspley Parish currently needs:
• **2 x Counters required**

To volunteer speak to Father John after Mass today or contact the Parish office on 3862 9402.

Thank you.



Our Lady and St Dymrna Australia Day 26th January Mass and Morning Tea

**Please join us for Australia Day Mass
on 26 January at 8.00am.**

Followed by morning tea in the John Paul II Room.

Please Bring A Plate to share for morning tea.



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Today's gospel is an excellent example of all this, with far more going on than a simplistic reading admits. Since space is short, presentation of the peculiarities of the story and their links elsewhere will be condensed. Firstly, this is the only wedding mentioned in John (the other gospels have several in parables) but in Revelation we are told "the wedding of the Lamb has come... Blessed are those called to the wedding supper of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:7,9). Secondly, when the observation of "the mother of Jesus" (who, as with "the beloved disciple", John never names) that "they have no wine" prompts the seemingly blunt "What is that to you and me? My hour has not yet come" we are in fact being told that he is not (yet) the bridegroom. The bridegroom was to provide the feast's wine, but as this groom fails to do so Jesus then fulfils that role—a point made clear in the unwitting steward's comment to the bridegroom on the superiority of this newly drawn wine. But scholars also note connections to the next appearance of John the Baptist who in 3:29 likens Jesus to the bridegroom. Thirdly, the only other instances in the Greek of the noun for *water-jar* and the verb *draw* are found in the encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well (4:5-28, itself connected to Genesis 24 where Rebecca appears at a well as potential bride for prospective bridegroom Isaac); there Jesus does declare "the hour is coming, and is now here", and at the end of the episode a direct reference is made back to Cana and the first sign. There are in fact several verbal threads through these three units, but they also share in a promise of superabundance, of wine at Cana, of water at the Samaritan well, and in between is the Baptist's testimony to the Spirit given "without measure" (3:34). When the scenes of the wedding and the well, and the Baptist's interlude, are read in conjunction we find a typically creative Johannine exposition of Jesus as the eschatological bridegroom, the promised of the ages, and none other than God himself who weds the newly redeemed bride. *Excerpt from Liturgy Brisbane, Rev Dr Barry Craig - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C*

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.

26/27 January	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	J. Lawrence (B) S. Lawrence I. Dove L. Dutton S. Hughes	First Reading L. McGorry Second Reading J. Pillai Prayers of the Faithful F. Xavier	R. Manahan Volunteer	Light of Jesus Family	Light of Jesus Family
7.00 a.m. Mass	M. Colebourne (B) J. Colebourne G. Bortuzzo S. Vaz H. Hollamby	First Reading D. Chiavaro Second Reading M. Campbell Prayers of the Faithful R. Campbell	J. Colebourne	S. Vitaliano	Nancy Sylvester
9.00 a.m. Mass	A. Ware (B) C. Ware J. Ferris C. Fernandes J. Fernandes B. Neill T. Hoang	First Reading R. Fernando Second Reading L. George Prayers of the Faithful J. Frayne	N. Gardiner H. Espares K. Green C. George	Volunteer	Yvonne Renata
5.00 p.m Mass	J. Bissell (B) K. Rye K. O'Donnell G. Dias S. Tam	First Reading E. Lebajo Second Reading B. Hopewell Prayers of the Faithful M. Hopewell	A. McSweeney J. Jameson	Volunteer	Suzan
Children Liturgy: 9am Kim O'Rourke	Cleaners: 26 Jan Volunteers Nigel Hughes Cleaners 2 February: Harry Boevink and David Francis	Counters : 27 Jan D. O'Keefe P. Skehan M. Skehan M. Lalor M. Stack	Counters: 3 Feb J. Bissell M. Aitkin B. McGorry D. Chiavaro	Deep in the Spirit One Bread One Body Our Supper Invitation We Are Called	

Next week liturgy	Catholic Leader	Dympna's Diary																								
<p>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18:8-10, 15 Your words, Lord, are spirit and life. Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 Gospel: Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!</p>	<p>The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal Commission into the quality and safety of aged care opens on Friday (January 18), with aged care providers sending thousands of incident reports on abuse, neglect and poor care One group of Brisbane Catholics show off the richness of Samoan culture at Panama World Youth Day 2019 Next generation of youth leaders had a chance to test their mettle at this year's Summer Camp, run by Ignite Youth Mater Group chooses veteran doctor Peter Steer as their next CEO 1 in 9 Christians around the world are persecuted for their faith, Open Doors reports 	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>20</td> <td>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mon</td> <td>21</td> <td>St Agnes, virgin, martyr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues</td> <td>22</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed</td> <td>23</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thurs</td> <td>24</td> <td>St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri</td> <td>25</td> <td>The Conversion of St Paul, apostle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sat</td> <td>26</td> <td>Australia Day 8am Mass and Mtea</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>27</td> <td>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</td> </tr> </table> <p>Date Claimers: 26 Jan Australia Day Mass 8am and Morning Tea 28 Jan Australia Day Public Holiday  1 March 2019 - World Day of Prayer Mass and Mtea 10am</p>	Sun	20	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mon	21	St Agnes, virgin, martyr	Tues	22		Wed	23		Thurs	24	St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor	Fri	25	The Conversion of St Paul, apostle	Sat	26	Australia Day 8am Mass and Mtea	Sun	27	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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