



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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Parish Newsletter 6 May 2018 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 to Friday	6.30am
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Exceptions

Thursday	6.30am Liturgy of the Hours
Saturday & Public Holidays	8.00am

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 and 4th Sunday after 9am Mass
Baptism preparation:
 3rd Saturday 10.30am

The Gospel is from St. John 15:9-17. It is only a few weeks since Good Friday when we commemorated the agonizing death of Christ on Mount Calvary. This was an excruciating, shameful death even for hardened criminals who deserved it. But for our loving Savior, the innocent lamb of God, one who had never offended God or neighbor, it was something of which the whole human race should be ashamed forever. What caused Christ that torment and death on the cross was our sins, the sins of all mankind and not the spite and hatred of his Jewish opponents, who were only instruments in the tragedy. Atonement had to be made to God for the sins of the world, so that men could reach the eternal inheritance which the incarnation made available to them. However, not all the acts of the entire human race could make a sufficient atonement to God. A sacrifice, an expiation of infinite value was needed. The death of the Son of God in his human nature was alone capable of making such an expiation.

That Christ willingly accepted crucifixion for our sakes, that he gave the greatest proof of love which the world has ever known, by laying down his life for his friends, did not make his sufferings any less, did not ease any of the pains of Calvary. His agony in the Garden before his arrest shows this: he foresaw all the tortures and pains which he was to undergo and sweated blood at the thought of what awaited him. But he was to keep his Father's commandment "not my will but thine be done." We Christians must have hearts of stone, hearts devoid of all sense of gratitude, when we forget what Christ has done for us and deliberately offend him! Alas, this is what all of us do sometimes, and many of us do all the time. Christ died to bring us to heaven but we tell him, by our sins, that he was wasting his time. We do not want to go to heaven, we are making our happiness here!

How far can human ingratitude and thanklessness go? Christ told us, through the disciples on Holy Thursday night, that he had made us his friends, his intimates. We are no longer servants in the household, who merely earn their daily wage and have no intimacy with the family and no hope of ever sharing in the family possessions. Instead, we have been adopted into the family by Christ becoming man, we have been guaranteed all the rights of children intimacy with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the future sharing in the eternal happiness of that divine household. Christ's incarnation made us God's children; Christ's death on the cross removed sin. Sin is the one obstacle that could prevent us reaching our eternal inheritance.

Because God gave us a free will we can in a moment of folly, a moment of madness really, deprive ourselves of the privileges and possessions which Christ has made available to us. We can choose to exchange an eternity of happiness for a few fleeting years of self-indulgence on earth. We can fling Christ's gift of love back in his face and tell him we don't want it. God forbid that we should ever act like this, that we should ever forget God's purpose in creating us. It is a marvelous thing to be alive, if we have hope in a future life. If nothing awaited us but the grave, then to live on this earth, which is a valley of sorrow and tears for the vast majority, would be the cruelest of jests. But of this we need have no fear. Life on earth is but a short prelude to our real existence. If we use this brief period as Christ has told us how to use it, death for us will be the passage into the eternal mansions. Be grateful to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; love the Blessed Trinity; prove your love by loving your fellowmen. By doing this you are fulfilling the whole law and the prophets; and you are assuring yourself of the place in heaven which Christ has won for you.

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



**Monday 7 May,
 Labour Day Public Holiday
 Mass at 8.00am**

Liturgy of the Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

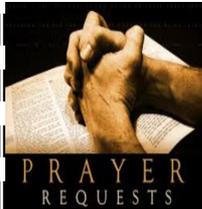
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to Them. 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:

- Bardini and Spanevello Families, Clem Poli and Alice Strong,

SICKNESS: Please keep all of or sick and their caregivers in your prayers:

- Kelli Moore

Recent deaths and anniversary Mass intentions are prayed and mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful. Mass Intention envelopes can be collected at the Church or from the Parish office. If you would like the parish to pray for and have someone's name listed in our prayers each week, then please let the office know.

MAY DEVOTIONS—ROSARY

For the month of May, the Rosary will be said 25 mins before the start of Mass. That is 6.05am weekdays, 7.35am Saturdays, and 6.35am on Sundays.

"In my generation's experience, the evenings of the MONTH OF MAY evoke sweet memories linked to the vespertine gatherings to honour the Blessed Mother....Especially in these days that prepare us for the Solemnity of Pentecost, let us remain united with Mary, invoking for the Church a renewed effusion of the Holy Spirit." (Benedict XVI, 3rd May 2008)

Volunteer Ministries Aspleycare

CAN YOU SPARE JUST 4 HOURS A WEEK TO HELP THOSE LESS FORTUNATE IN OUR PARISH?

Aspleycare is in need of volunteers one day per week between 10am and 2pm, Monday to Friday.

Duties may include reception and/or interviewing clients. Training is provided, so no previous experience is needed.

Please contact Aspleycare

3862 7145 as soon as possible.



Liturgy Brisbane Musician Workshop

Liturgy Brisbane is once again hosting their annual [Musicians' Workshop](#) on **Saturday 2nd June at Australian Catholic University, Banyo.**

This year we will focus on extraordinary music for ordinary time. Presented by Sr Ursula O'Rourke, James Robinson and the music ministry team from Maroochydore Parish, it will be a day filled with laughter, insight and new music. We encourage all involved in Music Ministry to apply.

Please sign up on the sheet in the church foyer within the next two weeks.

The parish will pay the registration for the day.

Thank you.

Family Group Date Claimer

Passionist Family Groups - A FAMILY for ALL
The Passionist Family Group are active within the Parish and are organising:

**CELEBRATION of 25 Years of FAMILY GROUPS
SATURDAY 12th May**

starting with a blessing at 6pm mass followed by dinner, lucky door, prizes and fun in the O'Callaghan Centre.

Fr Ray Sanchez will be celebrating the Mass and attending the function, as will Fr Peter Luton.

**Tickets on sale-Adults \$10 & children \$6
Kate and Kevin 3353 1007**

Recent Appeal Collections

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support :

- Holy Land Commissariat Collection (Good Friday): \$910.20
- Project Compassion: \$3,458.00
- The Little Kings Movement: \$2,290.75

Thank you!

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Sacrament of Holy Communion Update



Over the past two weeks the children and families preparing for First Holy Communion have focussed on the Introductory Rites of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Word.

The Sprinkling Rite reminds them (and us!) of our Baptism. The time when each of us was welcomed into the Family of God. The children have also been listening for a message from the Scripture and from the homily that they may take throughout the week. Last weekend they were given little Missals which has the structure and responses used in the Mass. You might like to ask them to have a look at these Missals and also their workbooks which they are asked to bring to Mass each week too.

Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League will hold their General Meeting on **Wednesday, 8th May at 9.30am** in the John O'Callaghan Centre Hall.

Young Adults Bible Study

All are welcome to join young adults from the deanery for a night of prayer, scripture reading, reflection, fellowship and food.

We meet every Wednesday night at Nolan Hall, 16 Leslie St Nundah @ 7pm - 8:30pm.

What to bring: bible, paper and pen. For any enquiries please call Jesse on 0404 731 662.

Centenary of Our Lady of the Assumption School, Enoggera

The Foundation Stone of the school was laid in August 1918, and the Sisters of the Good Samaritan began teaching in January 1919. Both events are to be celebrated in 2018 and 2019.

All past students and teachers are invited to attend the ceremonies and celebrations that will be held at the school. Please contact the school at 33552388, or rodcampbell57@hotmail.com or phone 0402403023.

AUSTRALIA PRAYS - Nationwide Rosary May 13th - MOTHERS' DAY 2018

On this day Catholics in Australia and all over the world will gather to pray the Rosary to the MOTHER OF ALL MOTHERS, for the future and welfare of our country. It will be an opportunity for us all to pray and consecrate our great land to our God and the immaculate heart of Mary. This day is also the 101st apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. To celebrate this and Mothers Day we will join the rest of Australia by praying the Rosary on

Sunday 13th May at Our Lady and St Dymphna's after the 9am Mass (approx. 10am).

Please join us to make this a VERY SPECIAL DAY FOR ALL MOTHERS !

Safeguarding Children And Vulnerable Adults Prevention & Protection Policy Changes



...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all. The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Policy stipulates that all church workers (clergy, religious, employees and volunteers) undertake safeguarding training every two years. This applies to **ALL** parishes, ministries, ethnic/faith communities and services. The training is delivered by the Safeguarding & Professional Standards Service.

The Safeguarding & Professional Standards Service has recently revised the policies in line with Royal Commission recommendations.

Please Note: the requirements have changed and the degree of working with children and vulnerable adults is now not the only criterion. For example, those in positions of trust, such as many other volunteer ministries are now required to obtain a Police Check.

For a full copy of this new policy please go to the [Archdiocese of Brisbane website https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/](https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/) or contact the Parish office.

Further information on how Aspley Parish will implement these changes is coming soon.

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.

12/13 May 2018	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. McGorry (B) B. McGorry D. Griffiths Sr M. Costello R. Campbell	First Reading J. Bissell Second Reading T. Hand Prayers of the Faithful L. Dutton	A. Wang D. Matthew	Volunteer	Judith Pat
7.00 a.m. Mass	G. Bortuzzo (B) R. Volter D. Volter J. Vitaliano A. Lopez	First Reading J. Colebourne Second Reading Sr. Gabriel Prayers of the Faithful D. Francis	J. Colebourne	M. Blight	Nancy Sylvester
9.00 a.m. Mass	R. Heskett (B) C. Heskett B. Neill M. Gonsalves C. Gonsalves C. Fernandes J. Fernandes	First Reading J. Mascarenhas Second Reading J. Frayne Prayers of the Faithful L. George	A. O'Keefe B. Colebourne L. Spina	Volunteer	Yvonne Claude
5.00 p.m Mass	K. O'Donnell (B) H. Boevink F. Gowans S. Tam N. Lord	First Reading B. Kent Second Reading K. Rye Prayers of the Faithful S. Lopez	Royce Matthew Ria Matthew	B. Hopewell	Suzan
Children Liturgy: 9am Kim O'Rourke	Cleaners 11 May Barry Long 12 May Savio and Jinella 19 May Volunteer	Counters: 13 May A. Spanevello I. Spanevello I. Dennison B. Dennison	Counters: 20 May E. Slade T. Smith B. Smith J. Patterson	Bring Forth the Kingdom One Bread One Body Go Now You Are Sent Forth	

Next week liturgy

The Ascension Of The Lord

First Reading: Acts 1 :1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 46: 2-3, 6-9

God mounts his throne to show out of joy:

A blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13

Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

The Catholic Leader

Keeping faith with you

* * Pope Francis and people around the world mourn the death of British toddler Alfie Evans

* 'Before all else', survivors of abuse and their families need a better deal from the Church, former Truth, Justice and Healing Council executive says

* Dioceses, congregations and parishioners invited to have a say on Church's draft standards to safeguard children and vulnerable adults

* In the wake of the killing of two priests and 19 lay people in Nigerian church, nun says she's determined to return to the region despite being warned not to

* Church response to latest Gonski report

Dympna's Diary

Sun	6	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mon	7	
Tues	8	
Wed	9	
Thurs	10	
Fri	11	
Sat	12	Sts Nereus, Achilleus and Pancras, martyrs,
Sun	13	The Ascension of The Lord

Date Claimers:

14 May - Parish Council meeting 7.30pm

25 April - Anzac Day - CWL Morning Tea after 8am Mass

29 April - School Mass

12 May - DATE CLAIMER 6pm "Celebrating 25 years of Family Groups in the Parish"

17 May - Aspleycare Thursday Outing

Sunday Collections Week End: 29/04/18

1st & 2nd Collections During Mass : \$ 3701.00 Direct Deposit at Bank: \$ 290.00 Total Income : \$ 3991.00