



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYPNA

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Parish Newsletter 13 January, The Baptism of the Lord

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

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord

This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.



In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

Excerpt from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas



Customs on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

In the Ukraine the faithful gather in the front of the church where a cross of ice is placed. Since there are no rivers near churches, a tub is filled with water and is placed in front of the ice cross. During special and very unique services the water is blessed and brought home. This is taken in before breakfast is eaten. The remains are kept during the year to keep the home safe from fire, lightning and sickness.

The priest visits his parishioners to bless their homes with the holy water that the New Year may be one of cooperation with the gift of God; His Son and the participation in the Life He has come to lead us in toward Salvation. The evening meal is very much a repeat of the Holy Supper except that there are no restrictions on meat and dairy products. It starts with *Kutia*, which has been saved from Christmas Eve.

Liturgy of the Word

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5,9-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,24-25,27-30

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

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:** Neil Howard and Alice Magalene Strong.

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.

Happy Golden
50 Years Anniversary

Congratulations to Cedric and Betty who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at our parish on 4 January 2019.

May God shower his blessings on them for many years to come.....



Our Lady and St Dympna's to Host World Day of Prayer 1 March 2019

This year is Aspley Parish's turn to host the World Day of Prayer for Slovenia. The theme is "Come, everything is Ready" and the money raised will be sent to Slovenia. Aspley Parish has to 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.



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
(A WOMEN LED,
GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL
MOVEMENT)
Press Release
Come – Everything is
Ready!**

For further information on
World Day of Prayer:

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

or

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

Thank you to Father Garry, Father Jack, Father Peter and Father Thomas for celebrating our parish masses whilst Father John has been on leave.



Thank you for all you do at Aspley parish. May God continue to bless you for your faithful ministry.

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.ourladyandstydymnaparish.com,

The 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.

General Notices

GRIEF TO GRACE RETREAT - Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26th – 31st 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

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.

Aspley Classes for Seniors Enrolment Day for Term 1, 2019 - 9 – 11 am Wednesday 30 January Uniting Church Hall, 748 Robinson Road, Aspley

Positions Vacant

Position Vacant – Administration Officer -

Applications are open for a position at Liturgy Brisbane. A person with excellent administration and finance skills is required for a part time position of Administration Officer for 15 hours per week, 2 days a week initially and then increasing.

Position Vacant – Parish Secretary -

Applications are open for a position at the Goodna Parish. A person with excellent administration and financial skills is required for a part time fixed term contract for 12 months for the position of Parish Secretary working 24 hours a week working 4 or 5 days per week. Position closes 31 January 2019

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 employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

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.

19/20 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	D. Salvati (B) T. Borger T. Borger I. Dove Sr M. Costello	First Reading L. Dutton Second Reading F. Xavier Prayers of the Faithful L. McGorry	J. McLune L. Powell	B. McGorry	Yvonne Women's Choir
7.00 a.m. Mass	J. Bissell (B) J. Vitaliano D. Volter D. Francis S. Vaz	First Reading M. Colebourne Second Reading A. Spanevello Prayers of the Faithful J. Colebourne	F. Hollamby	S. Vitaliano	Nancy Rod
9.00 a.m. Mass	C. Ware (B) A. Ware J. Ferris B. Neill T. Hoang C. Fernandes J. Fernandes	First Reading T. Setafano Second Reading P. Mawaka Prayers of the Faithful J. Mascarenhas	E. Santos A. Tsongorera G. Cook	Volunteer	Judith Claude
5.00 p.m. Mass	S. Lopez (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	Edmund and Friends
Children Liturgy: 9am Kim O'Rourke	Cleaners: 26 Jan Volunteers Nigel Hughes Cleaners 2 February: Harry Boevink and David Francis	Counters : 20 Jan G. Dias G. Strathdee A. Hill J. Vitaliano S. Vitaliano	Counters: 27 Jan D. O'Keefe P. Skehan M. Skehan M. Lalor M. Stack	Sing a New Song Living Water Gift of Finest Wheat We Walk By Faith	

Next week liturgy	Catholic Leader	Dympna's Diary																								
<p>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-3,7-10 Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.</p> <p>Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 Gospel: John 2: 1-11</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pope Francis urges Catholics to reflect the true light of the Lord as the Church enters a year of significant challenges for leadership • Photo journalist Alan Edgecomb shares his inspiring visit to the Basilica of Santa Cecilia in Rome • ACU theology expert calling Christians and atheists to greater dialogue • Paul Kelly sings for a fundraising evening at St Joseph's Nudgee College for a student who suffered a spinal injury playing rugby union • More than 1200 Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation scholarship recipients graduate Year 12 	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">Sun</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">13</td> <td style="text-align: center;">The Baptism of the Lord</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Mon</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Tues</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Wed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">16</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Thurs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">17</td> <td style="text-align: center;">St Anthony, abbot</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Fri</td> <td style="text-align: center;">18</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Sat</td> <td style="text-align: center;">19</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Sun</td> <td style="text-align: center;">20</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</td> </tr> </table> <p>Date Claimers:</p>	Sun	13	The Baptism of the Lord	Mon	14		Tues	15		Wed	16		Thurs	17	St Anthony, abbot	Fri	18		Sat	19		Sun	20	2rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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