



# PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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## Parish Newsletter 26 January, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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
Or by appointment	

### Baptism

**Infant Baptism:**  
2nd & 4th Sunday after 9am Mass  
**Baptism preparation:**  
3rd Saturday 10.30am

### Readings - Neh 8:2-6,8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

The Lectionary takes us back to the very beginning of Luke's gospel, to the introductory address to "your Excellency" Theophilus – *friend or lover of God, or even beloved of God*. We cannot know whether Theophilus, an actual name, was an actual person or is a polite reference to the reader. It does not hurt for preachers to think of each listener as the friend of God.

This Sunday each year begins a programmatic reading of our Lord's public ministry that lasts until the end of November, with of course a detour for Lent and Easter. Matthew and Mark both testify to Jesus proclaiming at the beginning "The Kingdom of Heaven/God is near". Luke takes us back to Nazareth instead, to the Synagogue where Jesus reads from Isaiah 61:1-2 to announce the year of favour, a passage understood to point to Leviticus 25:10-13 that describes the Jubilee. We must wait until next Sunday to hear of the following reaction to his teaching on it. Matthew and Mark have a similar scene set in "his own country", but much later in the story. Only Luke has it in this precise form and place, and it needs to be understood as an expansive equivalent of Matthew's and Mark's opening proclamation "The Kingdom of Heaven/God is near"; here Jesus says, in effect, this prophesy is even now being fulfilled.

The episode is read annually at the Chrism Mass in conjunction with the Isaiah pericope that otherwise appears only in Advent in Year B. Instead of duplicating that combination today the Lectionary gives us Nehemiah's account of the reaffirmation of the covenant during the post-exilic restoration of Jerusalem – which is actually the subject of the full passage from Isaiah 61. The reaffirmation was conducted by Ezra the priest reading the Law, its contents then being made clear, or translated and interpreted so all could understand. He did as Jesus would do in the synagogue – as we are to do in our liturgies with the homily breaking open the readings it follows.

Jesus declared Isaiah's passage was being fulfilled there and then. He had no legal authority to declare the nationwide Jubilee, so we must interpret it as already indicating another kind, or as pertaining to another realm. The Jubilee practice reset property ownership and debt. Since on entering the Holy Land all were made equal sharers in the land within their tribes, how is it that later some have more land than others, or that some were even dispossessed? No society and economic system is perfect, and complexities in primarily agricultural societies gradually lead to the shift of the originally shared wealth, some losing direct access to land, becoming labourers for others. The Jubilee cancels spiralling debt and restores land distribution. One can imagine just how disagreeable such a proposal may be to those who are wealthy, especially if so not by nefarious means but through the inheritance of wealth accumulated over the generations courtesy of an imperfect economy. But the Jubilee proclaimed by Jesus is not imposed from on high; it emerges with the Kingdom from the grass roots level, freely enacted by the people who seek the Kingdom. **Continued on page 3**

## Liturgy of the Word

### 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

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. 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: Mick Holmes, Brian Kinne Giuseppe Nicotra, Catalina Pajalla, Benedicto Lucena Ronnie and Leonil Tomarong.**

**SICKNESS:** Our prayers are asked for the sick, the housebound, and for all those who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes. **Especially: Mal Shannon.**

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.

## Sacrament of Penance

Children who have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) will now be prepared for the Sacrament of Penance (Confession).

Online enrolment shall be available:

**6.00pm Monday 4th February—  
6.00pm Monday 11th February**

Reception of the Sacrament shall be over two weekends :

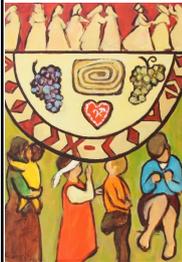
**Saturday 16th March 2.30pm-3.30pm  
Saturday 23rd March 2.30pm-3.30pm**

## 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/>

## 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.ourladyandstympnaparish.com](http://www.ourladyandstympnaparish.com).

**Aspley Parish currently needs:**

- **2 Counters required**

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

Thank you.





**ANNUAL LITTLE KING  
MOVEMENT APPEAL will be  
held in our parish on  
weekend 2—3 February 2019.**

**THE LITTLE KING'S MOVEMENT FOR THE HANDICAPPED** was founded in 1968 under the umbrella of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. It provides an opportunity for persons with a disability to access a social life, gatherings, and activities to help overcome loneliness, and for them to enjoy the advantages of today's world in company, education and acceptance in a friendly atmosphere, all based on Christian values.

A special emphasis is placed on helping parents as well as disabled people with their personal, spiritual and social lives.

Although based on Catholic beliefs, the movement is ecumenical and all members and people with disabilities are welcomed.

The members of the "The Little King's Movement" commit themselves to bringing to people with disabilities a sense of worth, a sense of being valued and a sense of being loved.

There are no Government subsidies or funding, and the movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the call for their services is increasing. **ALL ACTIVITIES FOR OUR DISABLED FRIENDS ARE FREE OF CHARGE.**

The Church Appeal is one of the major fundraisers for the year. In previous years this Parish has been very generous even in the most difficult financial times, for which the Movement is most grateful. The movement also conducts a Door Knock supported by some Catholic schools.

"If at this time you are unable to help financially, you may be able to give your time or talents, if so please contact the Movement.

**The L.K.M. Appeal envelopes will be on church pews from the weekend prior (26-27 January).**



**A VOCATION VIEW:** The word of God becomes the flesh of God when YOU live it in your life. Believe what you read; live what you believe. Be Christ to another.

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Centre: 1300 133 544  
[www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com)

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Each society and economy has its flaws, and produces its own inequalities, so the Jubilee work will never end, even as we strive constantly to redress them. There will always be dispossessed, to whom the active missionary work of mercy must be directed. This does not mean simply giving things in temporary assistance, which maintains the status quo, but striving to improve the situation itself. In this "year of Luke" there will be many reminders of his particular concern for the dispossessed and the fringe-dwellers, and so while a true reset of land ownership will never be achieved, we in Australia need to be particularly attentive to the dispossession of this land's first nations peoples.

A jarring note arises from the use of Nehemiah: the restoration was exclusionary; it cast off those who had impure ancestry and rebuffed the welcoming Samaritans thus setting up centuries of animosity between the two peoples. The Second Temple period it inaugurated was by no means universally exclusivist, and Christianity emerged from or was shaped by inclusivist strands. As our gospels make clear, perhaps Luke most clearly, the mission of Jesus is to all. *Excerpt Rev Dr Barry Craig - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C*

### **St. Monica's Guild Meeting**

St. Monica's Guild members will meet on **Saturday Saturday 2nd February, 2019** after 8a.m. Mass and Rosary. Any widowed women in the parish are welcome to come along.  
Enquiries: Contact Denise PH: 3160 0195 .

### **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.

**Training for Religious Instructors in State Schools Volunteers Needed** - Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

# 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.

2/3 February	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	R. Campbell (B) B. McGorry L. McGorry M. Cafe S. Stevens	<b>First Reading</b> A. Borgeaud <b>Second Reading</b> L. Dutton <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> I. Dove	R. Manahan volunteer	Volunteer	Yvonne Marie
7.00 a.m. Mass	R. Perkins (B) D. O'Keefe J. Coates A. Spanevello I. Spanevello	<b>First Reading</b> S. Ferlito <b>Second Reading</b> G. Bortuzzo <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> D. Francis	Volunteer	M. Blight	Nancy W.Wilmot
9.00 a.m. Mass	B. Neill (B) J. Patterson C. Heskett R. Heskett M. Gonsalves G. Webley Sr Gabriel	<b>First Reading</b> J. Mascarenhas <b>Second Reading</b> T. Setafano <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> C. Goh	J. McGorry A. O'Keefe B. Colebourne L. Spina	Volunteer	Judith Men's Choir
5.00 p.m Mass	S. Sherwood (B) S. Sherwood M. Hopewell B. Hopewell F. Gowans	<b>First Reading</b> S. Lopez <b>Second Reading</b> K. Rye <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> B. Kent	Royce Matthew Ria Matthew	Soo Choon Family	Ike Soo Choon Family
<b>Children Liturgy: 9am</b> Kim O'Rourke	<b>Cleaners 2 February:</b> Harry Boevink and David Francis <b>Cleaners 8 February:</b> Barry Long <b>Cleaners 26 February:</b> Salvio and Jinella	<b>Counters : 3 Feb</b> J. Bissell M. Aitkin B. McGorry D. Chiavaro	<b>Counters: 10 Feb</b> G. Cox D. Francis D. McCudden J. Goh	<b>TBA</b>	

Next week liturgy	Catholic Leader	Dympna's Diary																								
<p><b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>First Reading:</b> Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19 <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalm 70:1-6,15,17 I will sing of your salvation. <b>Second Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 4:21-30</p> <p><b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!</p>	<p><b>The Catholic Leader:</b> <b>Keeping faith with you</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aussie flags lead the way for Australian pilgrims into Panama for World Youth Day 2019</li> <li>Christian Brothers gather at St Joseph's Gregory Terrace to give thanks for their time in East Timor as they withdraw from the country</li> <li>Parents start charity following the death of their son from drugs at a music festival</li> <li>The next generation of Edmund Rice leaders meet at St Joseph's Nudgee College for a three-day workshop</li> <li>Drama and intrigue on the way to Panama for one pilgrim group</li> </ul>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>27</td> <td><b>2rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mon</td> <td>28</td> <td>St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues</td> <td>29</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed</td> <td>30</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thurs</td> <td>31</td> <td>St John Bosco, priest</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri</td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sat</td> <td>2</td> <td>The Presentation of the Lord</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>3</td> <td><b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Date Claimers:</b> <b>1 March 2019 - World Day of Prayer Mass and Mtea 10am</b></p>	Sun	27	<b>2rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Mon	28	St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor	Tues	29		Wed	30		Thurs	31	St John Bosco, priest	Fri	1		Sat	2	The Presentation of the Lord	Sun	3	<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
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### Sunday Collections 20/01/19

**1st & 2nd Collections During Mass : \$3562.00    Direct Deposit at Bank: \$515.00    Total : \$4077.00**