



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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Parish Newsletter 16 December Third 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	6.30am
(NO Thursday Mass)	

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

Within the universal Church the 3rd Sunday in Advent is known as 'Gaudate Sunday' – meaning "to rejoice." Are we rejoicing too soon as we are just mid way in Advent?

Today the Church calls us to rejoice because the birth of our Saviour is now very near.

Listen carefully to the Scriptures proclaimed today. ***"Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!"***

What energy there is in these lines of the First Reading!

"Cry out with joy and gladness, For in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."
Responsorial Psalm

Many of us will remember the charismatic hymn ***"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice."*** These words are echoed in the 2nd Reading for today.

However, rejoicing is not enough.
The people asked John ***"What must we do?"***

John as usual is direct in his response.

Put in today's language we must do what is right, just, loving, compassionate. These qualities are all evident in the life of Jesus our Saviour - the one whom we await with deepening joy and anticipation.



Let us not be overwhelmed by the frenzy and hurly burly of activity which surrounds preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Rather let us move joyfully into the reality that we await the One who gives us freedom and love.

Liturgy of the Word

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. 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: We pray for those who have experienced a death in their family in recent times.

SICKNESS: Our prayers are asked for the sick, the housebound and all those who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes; Especially those people who are housebound at this time and who will be visited by Fr John and Ministers to the Sick.

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.

Final Christmas Carol Practice

All singers are invited to prepare for Christmas carols for 8.30pm Monday 24th December, before Mass at 9.00pm.

The final practice session will be held

At Our Lady and St. Dymphna's Church
7.00pm Thursday 20th December .

Contact Claude Gonsalves (0419 271 910)
Rod Campbell (04023 403 023)
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

NO morning Mass on Christmas Eve 24th December

Vigil Mass of Christmas – Monday 24th December

6.00pm Children's Mass celebrated in the Church

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 3



**“Rejoice in the Lord always
again I say Rejoice!”
Indeed, the Lord is very near.**

**How can I rejoice
in the coming of the Lord
when I feel so swamped by the
organisation for Christmas?**

**What can I let go of, so I don't feel so
pressured at this time?**

Liturgical Ministers

Ministers are still required for Christmas Masses.
If you are able to assist please complete the sign up sheets at the front of the Church.
Would anyone like to volunteer to be a laptop operator for the
9.00pm Mass 24th December and
9.00am Christmas Day?

Christmas Lights

The Lights of Christmas
Cathedral of St Stephen
Gather on the lawn at St Stephen's to celebrate the joy of Christmas.
This is an opportunity to join members of the Archdiocese and be united in faith as we enjoy the Christmas Lights.
7.30pm 12th December until Christmas Eve

Next week liturgy

Fourth 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! Alleluia,, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Catholic Leader

**The Catholic Leader:
Keeping faith with you**

- Brisbane to remember one-year anniversary of the death of Bishop John Gerry.

Refugee chef from Syria sharing his culinary skills and culture at bakery-cafe in Underwood,

Catholic schools look back on a year of commitment to living out Laudato Si'

Dympna's Diary

Sun	16	Third Sunday of Advent
Mon	17	
Tues	18	
Wed	19	
Thurs	20	
Fri	21	
Sat	22	
Sun	23	Fourth Sunday of Advent

Date Claimers:

Monday 24th December:
There will be no morning Mass on Christmas Eve

Sunday Collections Week End : 9 December

1st & 2nd Collections During Mass: \$2895.95 Direct Deposit at Bank: \$408.00 Total Income: \$2895.95

Rosters

22/23 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	M. Cafe (B) B. McGorry L. McGorry S. Stevens G. Cox	First Reading I. Dove Second Reading F. Xavier Prayers of The Faithful T. Hand		Volunteer Please	Judith Suzan
7.00 a.m. Mass	I. Spanevello (B) A. Spanevello D. O'Keefe R. Perkins J. Coates	First Reading G. Bortuzzo Second Reading D. Francis Prayers of the Faithful S. Ferlito		R. Campbell	NANCY David
9.00 a.m. Mass	J. Fernandes (B) C. Fernandes Sr Gabriel A. Ware C. Ware B. Neill T. Hoang	First Reading T. Setafano Second Reading P. Mawaka Prayers of the Faithful J. Mascarenhas		J. Ferris	YVONNE Di
5.00 p.m Mass	S. Sherwood (B) S. Sherwood F. Gowans G. Dias K. O'Donnell	First Reading M. Hopewell Second Reading B. Hopewell Prayers of the Faithful K. Rye		Volunteer Please	Renata Claude

Christmas Rosters

24/25 December	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Christmas – Sunday 24th December 6pm (orientated to children)	G. Cox A. Spanevello I. Spanevello G. Webley K. Buxton D. Salvati	Children Ministers		C. Kingston	Suzan Di
9pm Mass of Christmas (no midnight mass) - preceded by Christmas Carols at 8.30pm	Sr. M. Castell H. Hollamby B. Neill F. Gowans	First Reading M. Campbell Second Reading M. Gonsalves Prayers of the Faithful J. Mascarenhas		Volunteer Please	Choir
7AM Mass Christmas Day Tuesday 25 Dec	D. O'Keefe R. Perkins J. Colebourne M. Colebourne	First Reading Volunteer Please Second Reading S. Ferlito Prayers of the Faithful Volunteer Please		G. March	Volunteer Please
9am Mass Christmas Day Tuesday 25 Dec	T. Hoang B Hopewell M Hopewell	First Reading J Ferris Second Reading S. Tam Prayers of the Faithful B. Kent		Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please
Children Liturgy: 9am Kim O'Rourke	Cleaners: Paul Xavier Nigel Hughes	Counters 22/23: C. Smith D. Kehoe R. Volter R. Campbell	Counters 24/25:		