



# PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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## Parish Newsletter 5 May, Third Sunday of Easter, 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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7.00am, 9.00am &amp; 5.00pm</b>

#### Weekday Mass

<b>Mon, Tue, Wed and Friday (NO Thursday Mass)</b>	<b>6.30am</b>
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#### Exceptions

<b>Saturday and Public Holidays</b>	<b>8.00am</b>
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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

<b>Saturday (excluding Holy Saturday)</b>	<b>5pm-5.30pm</b>
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Or by appointment

#### Baptism

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

## May Day Meanings



### MAY DAY MEANS MANY THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE

For some in Europe it is a time for dancing the maypole and other rituals that go back to ancient times. The first of May was the first day of summer that marked the break for farmers between the end of planting and the growth of the crop. It was a time to celebrate the fertility of the land and to pray for this year's harvest.

#### CHRISTIAN MAY

When societies became Christian May was dedicated to Mary, Jesus' mother. Sixty years ago it was still a month of devotion to Mary when the Rosary was commonly recited. Devotion to Mary as mother picked up the older theme of fertility, expressing it in spiritual terms through images of nature. Particularly in convent schools it was celebrated in procession to a statue of Our Lady during which children sang and strew flowers along the way. It culminated in the crowning of Mary as Queen.

Long before that time 1 May had also become established as the International Workers Day and a symbol of the struggle for just wages and conditions. It commemorated a strike called in Chicago to secure an eight-hour day. During it a bomb was thrown at a workers' rally and many police were among those killed and injured. It was followed by a kangaroo court in which three workers' advocates were condemned to death and executed.

#### WORKERS' STRUGGLE

Each year since, 1 May has marked the workers' struggle, and was supported particularly strongly by Communist Trade Unions. In the Soviet Union it was an occasion to display the latest bombs and rockets. As Communist Governments spread after the Second World War and persecuted religious believers, the Catholic Church gave the day another twist, naming it the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. It never really took off – Workers' Day had a more dramatic story and more stirring songs.

The tension between gratitude for the God's spiritual gifts embodied in Mary and the commitment to make the world a more just place can be seen in a May Day celebration at a Convent school in the 1960s. The students were freed to make it an expression of commitment. The procession was held as usual, with the students and Sisters from the Community taking part.

Instead of flowers the girls bore groceries to be distributed to the poor; They walked exuberantly rather than prayerfully, and at the climax of the celebration let loose balloons in the school colours with such captions as 'Make peace, not war', while singing 'We shall overcome'. Some older Sisters looked on unamused as the balloons lifted high towards the Harbour Bridge. **Continued on Page 2**

**Please Note:** The Parish Office  
will be opening late on Thursday 9  
May at 11.00am.

Thank you.



## Liturgy of the Word

### Third Sunday of Easter

**First reading:** Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 29:2, 4-6, 11-13  
I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

**Second reading:** Revelation 5: 11-14

**Gospel:** John 21: 1-19

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

### Acclamation of Faith:

We proclaim your Death O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
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: Hazel Coates, Kevin Dilley, Sr Ruth Wyatte**

**SICKNESS:** Our prayers are asked for the sick, the housebound, and for 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.

### Third Sunday of Easter

*"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'"*

*(John 21:17)*

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus and others. Discern how God is calling you to use your time in prayer, your talent in charitable works and your treasure to assist those who in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church. *(Accessed on 30 April 2019 from <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>)*

## First Holy Communion

We have begun preparation for First Holy Communion this week with eighty ?? from the parish. Following Evangelisation Brisbane's workbook, which states **"Celebrations are about joining together and sharing with others. We do this when we go to Mass."**

The first activity for the families is a focus on sharing food. Families have made a damper and will share a piece of damper with you after Mass.



At the Parent evenings this week we concentrated on our connectedness with each other when we gather to celebrate at Mass. Part of this connecting and communicating is asking the Assembly to pray for the children and families during this time. Together with your damper the children will hand you a card asking you to pray for them. If you are able would you kindly give your name to them, too, and follow up with them each Sunday?



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### TENSION REMAINS

That is a story of a past church and a past world. But the tension symbolised in May Day remains, and indeed is sharpened by the major issue of our day: climate change. That was evident in the recent Children's Strike for the future of the world. The tension lies between seeing the world as a gift to be celebrated joyfully and contemplatively, and as a battle field to be fought for against the forces that would exploit and destroy it: particularly the inequality that degrades both the environment and the human beings who are part of it. This tension is part of all Christian organisations concerned for social justice, especially those which look to build communities of justice.

### COME HELP ME

And then there is Mayday – the call sign of planes and ships in distress. It has nothing to do with months or seasons. It is an abbreviation of the French phrase *Venez m'aider*

(Come to help me). It may suggest that we shall appreciate the world as a gift and join the struggle to save it from ruin only if we pray to God for help.

*Excerpt from Australian Catholics.com.au Image: Mayday dance – depositphotos.com*

## St Dymphna's Women's Social Group Meeting

The St. Dymphna's Women's Social Group meeting will be held on **9:30a.m. on Wednesday the 8th May** in the John O'Callaghan Centre (Parish Hall).

All interested women are invited to attend.

### General Notices

**Marist College, Rosalie 90<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary** - On **8<sup>th</sup> June 2019** the College will be celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary since its foundation. This event is being celebrated by a School Visit and Walk through: 3.30pm, Mass: 4.30pm and Drinks and Finger Food at Wests Rugby Union, Toowong at 6.00pm. Bookings at [www.trybooking.com/489606](http://www.trybooking.com/489606) or Telephone Peter Mitchell on 0415 574 177.



### Attention Aspley Parish Music Ministers Liturgy Brisbane Music Workshop

Liturgy Brisbane's annual one-day Liturgical Musicians Formation and Development Day will be held on **Saturday 11th May from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo.**

Join us for an enjoyable day of liturgical music, formation and resourcing. We welcome and invite all Aspley Parish ministering and serving the assembly as liturgical musicians: cantors, psalmists, singers, musicians, presiders, composers . . . For further information <https://liturgybrisbanemusic.weebly.com/sing-psalms.html>

Aspley Parish is hoping to get a group together to attend and the parish will subsidise the groups registration. **Please contact the parish office to register your interest to attend.**

## Volunteer Safeguarding Training 2019



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE  
Office for Safeguarding Services

### Safeguarding Training

#### Safeguarding Essentials Presentation (level 1)

- Short presentation providing information on the Archdiocesan safeguarding strategy, safeguarding policy, types of abuse, grooming behaviours, personal boundaries & how to respond to safeguarding concerns & disclosures.
- All Archdiocesan personnel are required to view the presentation as part of their induction/refresher training every two years.
- For clergy, religious and employees the presentation is available on LearnConnect.
- Volunteers can view the presentation at [www.safeguardingaob.com.au](http://www.safeguardingaob.com.au)
- After viewing the presentation, volunteers are to complete a Confirmation of Completion form & return it to their parish, ministry or service.
- The completed form is to be submitted to the People & Culture (HR) office to have the training recorded.

#### Applied Safeguarding Training (level 2)

- Provides a deeper understanding of key safeguarding content & the skills to identify safeguarding risks, implement safeguards for church ministries, services & activities & effectively respond to safeguarding concerns and incidents.
- Only applies to Archdiocesan personnel whose usual role regularly involves delivering ministries, services or activities with children & vulnerable adults on behalf of the Archdiocese.
- The Safeguarding Essentials Presentation is a pre-requisite for this training.
- Those who are not confirmed as having viewed the presentation cannot register for this training.
- The training will be delivered by the Office for Safeguarding Services.

**ALL Volunteers** now need to ensure that they have completed Safeguarding Training. The Archdiocese of Brisbane has launched a new simpler 2019 Safeguarding Training Plan. Safeguarding Training is now structured into:

#### All Volunteers To Complete - Level 1 -

Online Safeguarding Essentials Presentation (level 1) video which can be viewed at the following: [www.safeguardingaob.com.au/safeguarding-training](http://www.safeguardingaob.com.au/safeguarding-training) . Once viewed please complete the [Confirmation of Completion Form](#) and submit to Father John or the Parish Office.

For those who are unable to view the Level 1 training video online it is also intended to be played following masses soon.

#### Applied Safeguarding Training - Level 2 -

Please note, the following training **ONLY** applies to personnel (clergy, employees & volunteers) who:

- provide services mainly for children/vulnerable adults; or
- engage in activities mainly with children/vulnerable adults.

Please note Level 1 Video needs to be viewed prior to attending Level 2 Training.

#### Coming Registration details for May 2019 Applied Safeguarding Training (level 2):

**Time, Date & Location:** 7pm-9pm, May 7<sup>th</sup>, **Bulimba Parish** Hall – 25 Main Avenue, Bulimba QLD 4171

**Website Link:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BBMEC>

**Invitation Code:** eastbrisbane

**Time, Date & Location:** 10am-12pm, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of the **Rosary Church Caloundra Parish** – 61 Edmund St, Moffat Beach QLD 4551

**Website Link:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BBFAA>

**Invitation Code:** logandeanery

# 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.

11/12 May	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	T. Borger (B) T. Borger G. Cox I. Dove L. Dutton	<b>First Reading</b> J. Pillai <b>Second Reading</b> T. Hand <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> L. McGorry	S.D'Souza J.McLune	B. McGorry	Judith Di
7.00 a.m. Mass	H. Hollamby (B) S. Vaz A. Lopez M. Colebourne J. Colebourne	<b>First Reading</b> G. Bortuzzo <b>Second Reading</b> M. Campbell <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> R. Campbell	J.Colebourne	M. Blight	Nancy Rod
9.00 a.m. Mass	C. Heskett (B) R. Heskett G. Webley B. Neill J. Ferris C. Fernandes J. Fernandes	<b>First Reading</b> C. Goh <b>Second Reading</b> P. Mawaka <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> B. Buwu	C.O'Bryan B.Rye G.Cook G.George	Volunteer	Yvonne Claude
5.00 p.m Mass	H. Boevink (B) F. Gowans M. Hopewell B. Hopewell E. Lebajo	<b>First Reading</b> S. Tam <b>Second Reading</b> J. Bissell <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> S. Lopez	F.Paul J.Paul	Ike Soo Choon & Family	Ike Soo Choon & Family
<b>Children Liturgy: 9am</b> Kim O'Rourke	<b>Cleaners 10 May</b> Barry Long <b>18 May</b> Savio & Jinella <b>25 May</b> Volunteers & Nigel Hughes	<b>Counters 12 May</b> B. Donohue L. Junker T. Gillam M. Hopewell	<b>Counters 19 May</b> A. Dunn N. Dunn R. Heskett D. Salvati	<b>All Creatures of our God and King Shepherd me O God Crimond The Lord is my Shepherd Christ Be our Light</b>	

Next week liturgy	Catholic Leader	Dympna's Diary																											
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b></p> <p><b>First reading:</b> Acts 13:14, 43-52 <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> Psalm 99: 1-3, 5 We ar his people, the sheep of his flock. <b>Second reading:</b> Revelation 7:9, 14-17 <b>Gospel:</b> John 10: 27-30 <b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Keeping faith with you</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sri Lanka terror attack unites Brisbane Catholic communities in prayer at St Stephen's Cathedral</li> <li>• Brisbane Archdiocese domestic violence workers urge a closer focus on strangulation to lower fatalities in Queensland homes</li> <li>• East Timorese veterans join Anzac Day parade in Brisbane</li> <li>• Marist College Ashgrove old boy found the faith and set himself on a mission to help those in need</li> <li>• The joy of Easter fills the hearts of all the new Catholics joining the faith</li> <li>• The Catholic Leader prepares for a new distribution model – changes to affect regional dioceses</li> </ul>	<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;">12</td> <td>Fourth Sunday of Easter</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Mon</td> <td style="text-align: center;">13</td> <td>Our Lady of Fatima</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Tues</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14</td> <td>St Matthias</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Wed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Thurs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">16</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Fri</td> <td style="text-align: center;">17</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Sat</td> <td style="text-align: center;">18</td> <td>St John I, pope, martyr</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Sun</td> <td style="text-align: center;">19</td> <td>Fifth Sunday of Easter</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><b>Date Claimers:</b></td> </tr> </table>	Sun	12	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Mon	13	Our Lady of Fatima	Tues	14	St Matthias	Wed	15		Thurs	16		Fri	17		Sat	18	St John I, pope, martyr	Sun	19	Fifth Sunday of Easter	<b>Date Claimers:</b>		
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