



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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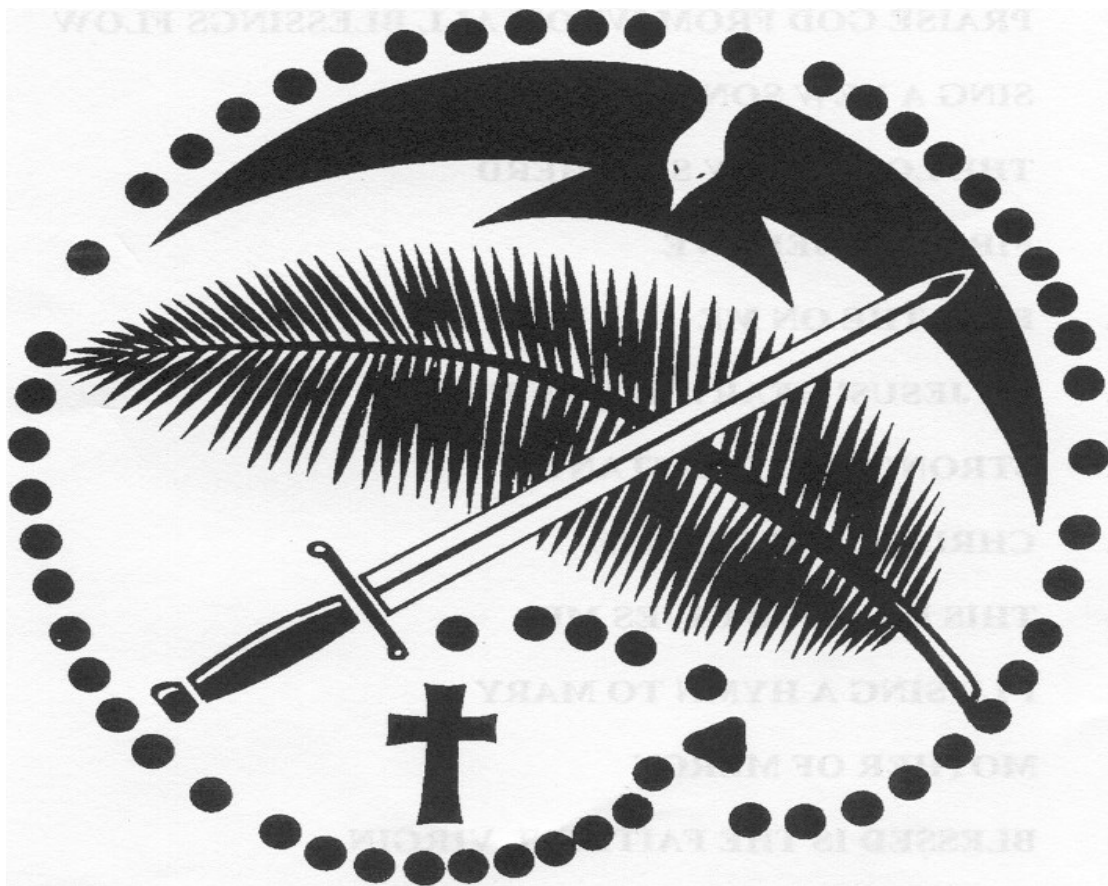
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The Parish of Our Lady and St Dympna

Aspley

Welcomes you...



To participate in the life of our community and enrich your life by sharing your faith with others



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WELCOME.....

We are delighted to welcome you into our Parish family. We hope your time spent with us will be rewarding and enriching as we all walk together on our faith journey.

This booklet contains information which will help you to familiarize yourself with our Parish. All Parish groups are always ready to welcome newcomers so please feel free to contact us about the Ministry/group that you may be interested in becoming involved with.

We are committed to protect the privacy of your information. Any information you provide to your parish will be used for the provision of pastoral services, maintaining and developing our Parish infrastructure and communicating with you.

Should you require personal assistance or guidance at any time, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish office.

God Bless,

Fr. Gabriel Kalu

Parish Priest



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ABOUT US...

The Parish of Our Lady and St Dympna was established in 1930. The first church was built in 1933 and our current church was built in 1974.

The Parish hall is named the John O'Callaghan Centre after the first Parish Priest. Our Parish currently has 500 families actively involved in our community.

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479 Robinson Road Aspley 4034

Fr. Gabriel Kalu - Parish Priest

Parish Office

Office hours: 9am to 1pm, Monday to Friday

Parish Office Telephone – (07) 3862 9402

Email: aspley@bne.catholic.net.au

Ms. Janet Smith – School Principal

School Office Telephone – (07) 3263 6788

Fax – (07) 3263 7551

Email: paspley@bne.catholic.edu.au

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass - Saturday 6pm

Sunday Masses – 7am, 9am and 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday – 6:30am except Wednesday

Saturday and Public Holidays 8am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5pm – 6:30pm or by appointment

BAPTISMS

2nd Sunday During 9am Mass

and

4th Sundays at 10.15am or by appointment



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The Parish of Our Lady and St Dympna Aspley

Our Parish Logo explained...

Our Lady is represented

The dove - for the Holy Spirit of God that came upon Mary at the conception of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Luke 1:35)

The rosary beads – devotional material for the rosary to Our Lady.

St Dympna is represented

The sword – for the martyrdom of Saint Dympna

The palm – a sign of peace and victory
(Revelations 7:9-17)

About Our Lady

Our Lady is the Mother of our Lord and God and Redeemer – Jesus Christ.
(Luke 1:30-36)

About Saint Dympna

Saint Dympna was born in Ireland about 625. Her Father was a Pagan King and her Mother was a catholic. Dympna was 14 when her mother died. Her father could not be consoled and he was advised to marry his daughter because she was so like her Mother. Dympna fled to Geel in Belgium. She refused to return to her Father so he had her put to death.

A hospital and a Church have been built in her honor.

St. Dympna is the patroness of those suffering from mental and nervous disorders.

Her feast day is celebrated on 15 May.





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New Parishioner - Registration Form

(Please complete and return this page at the New Parishioners Welcome Mass and Morning Tea)

(A) Family member 1:

Title: _____ M or F (please circle) Family Name: _____

Name in full: _____

Address: _____

Suburb _____ Postcode: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Marital Status _____

Denomination: _____

Sacraments Received Baptism ____/____/____

Confirmation ____/____/____ Marriage ____/____/____

Occupation: _____

Home Telephone (silent Yes or No): _____

Mobile Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Postal Address: _____

(if different to above)

(B) Family member 2:

Title: _____ M or F (please circle) Family Name: _____

Name in full: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Marital Status _____

Denomination: _____

Sacraments Received Baptism ____/____/____

Confirmation ____/____/____ Marriage ____/____/____

Occupation: _____

Mobile Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

(C) Child/children

Child's name	Male/ Female	Date of birth	School attending	Sacraments received



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(D)

Please list below your name and what you would like to become involved in at Our Lady and St Dympna's.

Please also consider your children's involvement.

You may wish to refer to the Parish Ministries/Groups, one the next page, for some ideas or you may wish to suggest some new ideas for our parish.

Names	Parish Ministry/group we are interested in
Children's Names	

Planned Giving supports your Parish as follows:

<p>1st collection:</p> <p>The priests of the Parish. The Archbishop's needs. The Priests of the Archdiocese.</p>	<p>2nd collection:</p> <p>Meets Parish operating costs. Provides funds for Pastoral Initiatives.</p>
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How do you wish to contribute to Planned Giving?

Weekly envelopes. \$ _____ per week

(The parish will send you a pack)

Direct Debit. (Please contact the Parish Office)

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Privacy Statement: We are committed to protecting the privacy of your information. The information you provide is used for a variety of purposes including the provision of pastoral services, maintaining and developing our Parish infrastructure and communicating with you on what is happening within our Parish community.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.



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St Dympna's Parish Ministries/Groups

Adult Education

Adult Education in the Faith is the on-going religious learning which we choose to enter into following the instruction we received from our parents and the formal religious teaching we received at school. The purpose is to bring us closer to God. If we know Him better we will certainly love Him more.

Altar Servers

Boys and girls, men and women who provide specific assistance to the Priest during Mass and all other Liturgical Celebrations.

Altar Society

Preparation of the Church for liturgical celebration which includes decorating altar with flowers and preparing altar linen.

Aspleycare

Provides care and support for people in need in our community.

Contact – Tom Borger - Phone 3862 7145

Aspleyprayer

Prayer support for our community. Requests may be placed in the petition box in the foyer of the church.

Bethany Group

Offers hospitality to the bereaved and their friends in the John O'Callaghan Centre following Requiem Mass and at other parish events.

Catholic Women's League

The aim is to promote the spiritual, cultural, social and intellectual well-being of women and children to uphold the sanctity of the traditional family unit. Each branch welcomes the opportunity to support its Parish Priest. Membership is open to all Catholic women and non-Catholic wives of Catholic men.

Catechists – State Primary Schools

We share our faith and bring the values of Jesus to students in State Primary Schools. A challenging and rewarding ministry.

Children's Church

Held during 9am Mass in the John O'Callaghan Centre, children are led to an understanding of the Gospel and Liturgy of the day at their level.

Counters

Count money from weekly Mass collections on Sunday morning every 6-7 weeks.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Enables members of the Parish community to participate more fully in the celebration of Mass by becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.



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Family Groups

The Family Group motto is "A Family for all". Belonging to a family group means sharing and supporting one another lovingly. A great way to make new friends.

Liturgy Group

Assists with planning and implementing all aspects of the Sacred Liturgy.

'Living Waters' Prayer Group

We come together to praise and thank the Lord and to intercede for the needs of the Parish. Held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Mondays 7.30pm.

Music Ministry

Enhances the Gospel theme for the Mass through music and encourages all ages, young and old, to deepen their relationship with God and each other through music.

Parents and Friends Association

In accordance with the documents "The Catholic School" (Sacred Congregation for the Catholic Education, Rome 1977) and "The Code of Canon Law" (1983) to the optimum spiritual, intellectual, social and physical development of pupils by

- a. fostering a distinctive Christian environment in the school
- b. developing maximum cooperation between parents and school staff
- c. utilizing those structures which are established to promote the principles of Christian Education
- d. providing a medium for information and participation of parents

identifying services and talents within the school community and making the available to school related spiritual education, social and fund raising activities.

Parish Pastoral Council

Provides pastoral assistance to the Parish Priest and enables active involvement by Parish members.

Property and Finance Committee – (Membership by appointment)

Provides guidance for the development and maintenance of buildings and facilities within the Parish.

Readers

Enables members of the Parish community to take part more fully in the celebration of Mass by participating in the Liturgy of the Word.

R C I A Program

Guides adults on their faith journey to membership of the Catholic Church.

Sacramental Program

Prepares children/candidates for the reception of the Sacraments. Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

St Dympna's School

Educates our children in a catholic environment by developing each child's spiritual, moral, social, emotional, physical and intellectual potential, encouraging all children to do their best, to be responsible and to respect the individuality of all.



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Scripture Study

Helps to bring people to a greater understanding and awareness of God's living presence in the Sacred Scripture and how it can be applied to our daily lives.

St Monica's Guild

To minister to newly widowed women in the Parish and to offer friendship and support to each other.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Members can achieve the goal of practicing Christianity by helping those in need on a personal basis, thereby loving their neighbours in the persons of the poor.

St Dympna's FUN Group

This group creates an atmosphere of community for the youngest members of the Parish. It allows parents time to play with their children and to meet other parents.

Trinity Magazine

A must read magazine produced by Our Lady and St Dympna's Parish to keep our community up to date with the latest news from our Parish, School and community.

Your parish needs you!

Don't be afraid to enquire due to lack of knowledge or experience. We are here to guide you and welcome all volunteers to find out more of how to share your time and talents with your parish.



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Heavenly Father, You have given us a model of life in the Holy family of Nazareth.

Help us to make our Parish a place of welcome where all may experience love, peace and joy.

May we grow in times of joy and adversity through prayer, leading us to greater strength and unity.

Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our Parish Family.

Help us to act with integrity in the image and likeness of Your Son.

May we love one another as You love each one of us, and forgive each other's faults as You forgive ours.

AMEN.



Notes