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Parish Newsletter 18 July The 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time , Year B

Holy days of Obligation: In Australia we have the Feast of the Assumption (15 August) and Christmas Day (25 December).

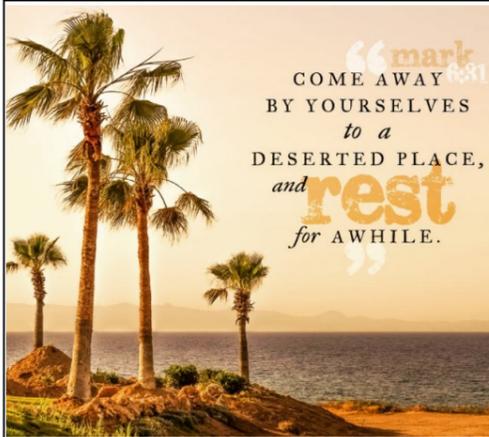


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Mass and Service Times	
Weekend Mass	
Saturday	8.00am 6.00pm
Sunday	7.00am, 9.00am & 5.00pm
Weekday Mass	
PLEASE NOTE Cancelled until further notice from 1 July 2021.	
8am Saturday only	
Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:	
Cancelled until further notice from 1 July 2021	
Reconciliation	
By appointment	



The Gospel is from St. Mark 6:30-34. In these few verses St. Mark very strongly brings out the compassion, the human understanding of Jesus for man. He first planned to give his Apostles a well-earned rest. They had evidently worked hard while out on their mission and a few days rest would restore their lost energy. He himself, too, must have been hard pressed, preaching and dealing with the crowds. In the absence of the Apostles he had no one to help him he too needed a rest. He, therefore, planned that he and they should go to a quiet corner of the Sea of Galilee where there was no village and where, therefore, they would not be disturbed.

The desire of the crowds, however, to see him and to hear him speak upset these plans. The people got to the quiet spot first. There they were waiting when the boat pulled to shore. He could have sent them away, but again his human compassion took over. Seeing these simple people of Galilee so anxious to hear about God and his mercy, he let them stay and began to preach the good news of forgiveness and hope to them. For the most part they were simple, unlettered villagers, shepherds and fishermen. They knew a little about the Law of Moses but only a little. There was no one but the local rabbi to teach them and the local rabbis were not very educated at the time. The doctors of the law, the great theologians were all in Jerusalem where they got the respect and the financial reward which they felt they merited. Hence the people of the country were more or less forgotten and neglected. They were, as our Lord described them, "like sheep without a shepherd," wandering about half-lost.

They were certainly fortunate, however, in finding the true shepherd who would lead them to the eternal pastures. Not only would he now sacrifice his rest to come to their aid but he would, later on, lay down his life for them and for all of us. We, like those poor people of Galilee, have so much to be grateful for. The compassionate Christ has had pity on us too, and has brought us into his fold. He knows all our infirmities and all our human weaknesses, and he is ever-ready to have pity on us and pardon us. Those people of Galilee were not saints, they were ordinary, run-of-the mill, not over religious people. They cheated one another; they were often uncharitable to one another; they were not always chaste and pure; they prayed very little and perhaps only when they wanted some material benefit. Yet our Lord had compassion on them.

This should give us great confidence, great encouragement. Christ has not changed: he is the same yesterday, today and forever. He has the same compassion for us that he had for those Galileans; we too are often like sheep without a shepherd wandering half-lost through life. He is ever calling us to come to himself so that he will lead us to safe pastures. If only we would listen to his merciful call! Today's Gospel is one such call it goes out to every member of this congregation who has been lax in his or her religious life up to now. Christ wants us back on the high-road to heaven. All we have to do is to break with the past, with the earthly things that kept us from God. We can set out as freemen to follow Christ. He has left to his Church the holy sacrament of penance in which he guarantees us complete and entire remission of all past sins if we confess them with true sorrow. Let us not think that our sins are too big to be forgiven, that Christ could not have compassion on us because of our dreadful past. We can remember those Galileans; many of them were sinners as we are and he had compassion on them. He came to call sinners, he tells us. Let us answer his call today—tomorrow might be too late. Excerpt from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Liturgy of the Word

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 22 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 13-18

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Acclamation of Faith:

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

Holy Communion Program Enrolment 5 July



A year 4 child (turning 9) who is Baptised and has made their Confirmation is able to be welcomed to the Lord's table and receive Holy Communion for the first time. 'Archdiocese of Brisbane Sacramental Policy'.

The program runs over a period of six weeks and concludes with the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on 4th/5th September and 11th/12th September at a Mass of choice. (Saturday 6pm, Sunday 7am, 9pm, Sunday 5pm)

If you feel your child is ready to begin preparation for Holy Communion, please note the following dates and times posted so that families are able to plan ahead.

It is not necessary to supply a Baptismal Certificate if your child has been baptised at Our Lady and St Dymphna's Parish and has already been part of Confirmation at this parish.

Enrolments for the 2021 program:

⇒ **OPENED** on Monday 5TH July at 5pm

⇒ **CLOSES** on Tuesday 20th July at 5pm

Enrolment for the Sacrament of Eucharist 2021:

1. Enrolment for Eucharist (Complete online): [Eucharist Enrolment Form](https://fs30.formsite.com/OLSDPARISH/Euch2017/index.html)

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2. **Sacramental Parental Permission form** -

<https://fs30.formsite.com/OLSDPARISH/form16/index.html> (please complete, print and bring to the Information Night).

1. Parent/Carer Information evening (mandatory)

Covid19 restrictions are in place and information sessions are limited to ONE parent only attending.

Wednesday 21st July 7.00pm - 8.00pm

2. Attendance at One Workshop (mandatory) Covid19

restrictions require number limits to be applied to workshop venues. We ask that parents/carers please sign in and leave their child/children for the duration of the workshop. **Either Sunday 29th August 10:15am - 12:15pm or Sunday 29th August 2:30pm - 4:30pm**

3. Attendance at ONE practice session Covid19

restrictions require number limits to be applied to the church space. Only ONE adult may attend the practice session with each child.

Either Friday 3rd September 3:30pm

or Friday 3rd September 5:00pm

4. Celebration of Eucharist Covid19 restrictions

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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: Brian Griffin, Josephine Trimarchi, Lucia Gullotta, Graham McLerie .

SICKNESS: Our prayers are asked for people who are sick or housebound, and for all those who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes.

Especially: Nola Griffin and Mary Mennis

If you would like the parish to pray for and have someone's name listed in our prayers each week, Intention envelopes can be delivered to the Parish office

PLEASE COLLECT THIS FINANCIAL YEARS PLANNED



We would like to thank all parishioners who join the Planned Giving Program and also those who have registered for the parish [online giving](#) for their continued generosity and commitment to our Parish.

This financial years envelopes are now in use please collect your new Planned Giving envelopes in the foyer of the church.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

18 July 18, 2021 16th Sunday in Ordinary

Time "He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."
MARK 6:31 Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some "alone" time with God. (Accessed on June 29, 2021 from <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>)



CARER GATEWAY

AUSTRALIAN CONNECTING CARERS TO SUPPORT SERVICES

Emotional help and support available for carers
Getting help early can make a big difference to a carer's life by helping to reduce emotional and

physical strain and improving their overall health and wellbeing. Supports and services are free for carers through Carer Gateway and are designed to help if you are:

- feeling stressed
- experiencing anxiety
- have low moods
- find it difficult to manage feelings.

Services such as counselling, peer support, and skills courses are available to help you in your caring role.

Find out more at carergateway.gov.au or call 1800 422 737, Mon-Fri between 8am and 5pm local time.

PALMS AUSTRALIA—REACH BEYOND Enquire Now!

Share your skills to help develop the capacity of overseas organisations and the abilities of their people. Low-income communities seek sustainable solutions to poverty, not through money or gifts, but by building self-reliance. All trades and professions are called to assist this mission.

Enquire now to properly prepare for a placement in 2022. Visit palms.org.au or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333

Scan the QR Code for more info on Palms Australia .



GUIDED RETREAT

Would you or your leadership team benefit from a weekend-long guided retreat? Experience spiritual renewal and growth at the tranquil Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre where you'll be accompanied by spiritual director and Evangelisation Brisbane's Associate Director of Adult Formation, Shane Dwyer.

Details: 7pm Friday 27 August – 12pm Sunday 29 August
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington St, Ormiston)

Cost: Live in attendees - \$350 (includes all meals and accommodation) Live out attendees - \$180 (includes morning tea, lunch and dinners) RSVP: 13 August Register:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/GuidedRetreat2021> NB: spaces are limited. Please register early to avoid disappointment.



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

From Monday 5 July 2021, Queensland introduced new laws targeting sexual offences against children. These changes should be noted by all Queenslanders, including those within our parishes and schools and similar institutions. The new laws focus on two areas, as described by the State Government:

1. "Adults in an institutional setting must protect children from the risk of a sexual offence being committed against those children."
2. "All adults must report sexual offending against children to police unless they have a reasonable excuse."

There is further reading available on these legislative changes:

- ◇ The legislation can be found at this link: <https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/whole/html/asmade/act-2020-032>
- ◇ A summary of the changes, as published by the State Government, can be found here: <https://www.qld.gov.au/law/crime-and-police/types-of-crime/sexual-offences-against-children/failure-to-report>
- ◇ Further information on what constitutes child sexual offences can be found on this State Government website: <https://www.qld.gov.au/law/crime-and-police/types-of-crime/sexual-offences-against-children/laws#child-sexual-offence>

The protocol for reporting child sex offences within the Archdiocese is to notify any and all incidents to the Legal, Governance and Risk office via the childabusealert@bne.catholic.net.au email address and/or the phone (07) 3324 3575. The Legal Governance and Risk Office will make the police report on behalf of the Archdiocese.

Social Justice Statement 2021–2022: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on the 29th of August. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or (02) 6201 9845.

Rosters					
24/25 July	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	I.Dove (B) D.Salvati	First Reading L. Dutton Second Reading L. McGorry Prayer of the Faithful J. Pillai		B. McGorry	Judith Savio and Jaden Claude
7.00 a.m Mass	A.Spanevello	First Reading G. Bortuzzo Second Reading J. Colebourne Prayer of the Faithful M. Colebourne		I.Spanevello	Nancy Sylvester/ David C
9.00 a.m. Mass	J. Ferris (B) C. Gonsalves	First Reading P. Mawaka Second Reading C. Fernandes Prayer of the Faithful J. Fernandes		Volunteer please	Yvonne Karen/Emily
5.00 p.m. Mass	K. O'Donnell(B) E. Lebajo	First Reading J. Bissell Second Reading E. Lebajo Prayer of the Faithful B. Kent		Volunteer please	Kelli Suzan/Di
Counters: 25 July G. Juffs H. Juffs I. Spanevello A.Spanevello 1 August M. Stack. N. Hughes L. Johnson	Cleaning Church: 17 July Savio and Jinella 24 July Volunteers Nigel Hughes 31 July Volunteer 7 August David Francis	COVID19 VOLUNTEERS: Marshalls: 2 Volunteers for each Mass. (Marshalls should be less than 70 years of age. If over 70, you must be prepared to wear a mask. Marshalls assist with Check-in and ensure operation under the parish Covidsafe Plan. CovidSafe Government venue number restrictions of 175 still in place.) Cleaners: Every Mass or event must have at least SEVERAL people who stay behind to sanitise church. (Cleaners are NOT restricted by age but must be in good health. If 70 or over, you must be prepared to wear a mask.)	HYMNS TBA   PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK		

Next week liturgy	The Catholic Leader	Dympna's Diary																								
<p>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144: 10-11, 15-18 The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6 Gospel: John 6: 1-15 Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!</p>	<p>KEEPING FAITH WITH YOU</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pope leads Angelus from hospital balcony. 2. Experts fear Cuba is preparing a harsh response to recent protests. 3. Sunnybank priest says celebrating different cultures is being pro-life 4. Lives of the Saints – St Maria Goretti, forgiveness in the face of terror. 5. Fewer than two dozen priests are deaf and one is helping deaf Catholics to first confession in 20 years. 	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>18</td> <td>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mon</td> <td>19</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues</td> <td>20</td> <td>St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed</td> <td>21</td> <td>St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thurs</td> <td>22</td> <td>St Mary Magdalene</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri</td> <td>23</td> <td>St Bridget, religious</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sat</td> <td>24</td> <td>St Sharbel Makluf, priest</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sun</td> <td>25</td> <td>17th Sunday of Ordinary Time</td> </tr> </table> <p>Date Claimers: ASPLEY PARISH MULTICULTURAL MASS 2021 - Sunday 22nd August 2021 at the 9.00am Mass.</p>	Sun	18	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mon	19		Tues	20	St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr	Wed	21	St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor	Thurs	22	St Mary Magdalene	Fri	23	St Bridget, religious	Sat	24	St Sharbel Makluf, priest	Sun	25	17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
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