



# PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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## Parish Newsletter 17 January 2021, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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



<https://www.trybooking.com/BJXIV>

**Mass and Service Times** (face masks mandatory till 22 January)

### 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 Fri (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 resumes February  
All are invited to join this devotion.

### Reconciliation

**By appointment**

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME<sup>1</sup> *Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42*

This Sunday we commence the Ordinary Time readings of Year B, following Mark, except that we read John 1:35-42. John's unique style often perplexes people, but this comes from reading it too much as a standard narrative and too little as poetry. One of the Johannine techniques is to build images by way of layering and weaving variant repetitions. People often find lengthy passages of John tedious, and not a few preachers dread those series of Sundays that steadily present Johannine thought.

But a contemplative reading that allows the readers to be aware of the many threads and layers simultaneously pays off. Episodes in a literary series are not always chronologically sequential; they may be multiple facets of the same episode, reflecting the one story from different aspects or viewpoints. Nor should monologues be read as sequential speech, but rather a single saying or insight being parsed in simultaneous threads. Some episodes have parallels in the preceding or following one, or sometimes it is only elements that are shared across them; the three, or even more, together form a multidimensional narrative. Special phrases, usually varying in form, keep appearing, like threads woven across sections or throughout the gospel. And then there are linguistic subtleties between Aramaic thought and Greek composition that are not always obvious, or may be lost in translation. These take more work to uncover.

Today's episode is the second of three following the Lord's baptism, each opening with "The next day", but our Lectionary has omitted this expression. Does this expression indicate three days in succession, or a threefold telling of the day after the baptism? In the first, John the Baptist exclaims "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" He also mentions seeing the Spirit descend from heaven and remain on Jesus, before declaring "This is the Son of God". In the second (today's reading), John the Baptist *regards* Jesus and in the presence of two disciples declares "Behold the Lamb of God!" They follow Jesus, and after the invitation "Come and see" they *remain* with him that day. One was Andrew, who early the next morning fetched his brother Simon, saying "We have found the Messiah." He leads him to Jesus, who *regards* him and calls him Cephas: Rock, Peter. In the third use of "The next day" Jesus calls Philip to follow, but he goes and fetches Nathaniel, saying "We have found him of whom Moses and the Prophets wrote." Nathaniel scoffs, but Philip says "Come and see." At their meeting Jesus declares Nathaniel guileless, who replies "You are the Son of God, the King of Israel." Jesus concludes: "You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." Thus over the three episodes we see several reappearing threads interweaving, but there are too many to explore fully here.

One thread of particular interest, due to its role in every Eucharist, is "the Lamb of God" and "Son of God". There is a helpful parallel in some synonymous English words: *kid*, a young goat, may also be used of a *child*, which may be a *boy*, which may designate a subordinate co-worker or domestic servant. In other cases, an older man may call an unrelated child or young man "son". Similarly in Aramaic, the word for *lamb* may be used of a *child* or a cherished *servant*. After careful attention to their uses, it appears that John's "Lamb of God" is Isaiah's "Servant of God", the expected anointed one (the Messiah), the Son of David and King of Israel, who is Shepherd of Israel and Light of the Nations, among other titles. One of the titles we use of him too is "Son of God".

Back in the first reading, at the call of God and under the mentorship of Eli, the prophetic ministry awakens in young Samuel, whose name was said to mean, loosely, "God listened". As an aside, note that Eli calls him "my son", though they are unrelated, and teaches Samuel to call himself "your servant" before God, and to listen to God. Samuel spent much of his life listening, and so came to anoint first Saul then David as king of Israel.

The responsorial Psalm echoes this listening, even saying that an attentive ear is better than sacrifice, offerings and holocausts. Thus there is an invitation to attentive contemplation in the first reading and Psalm, and in the Gospel's "Come and see". It is in quiet contemplation of Christ, in regarding him through Scripture and in our liturgical life, that we glimpse his manifold face.

*Excerpt Liturgia.com.au Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*



## Liturgy of the Word

### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 39:2,4,7-10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

**Gospel:** John 1:35-42

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia, alleluia!

#### Acclamation of Faith:

Save us Saviour of the World

for by Your Cross and Resurrection,

You have set us free.

## 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: Josephine Trimarchi

**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: Meuris Gonsalves

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.



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### A VOCATION VIEW:

**Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time - B**

A good Vocation prayer to say every day, from the time we are ten years old till we are ninety years old, is found in today's first Scripture Reading: 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.' Just try it with sincerity starting today.

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Centre: 1300 133 544

[vocationbrisbane.com](http://vocationbrisbane.com)

## HELP YOUR PARISH IN COVID TIME

- ◆ To cancel a booking, please go to the email you received after booking and click on 'process refund'
- ◆ If you make a booking, please ensure that you come to that Mass
- ◆ If you do not come when you have booked, someone else misses out on a seat
- ◆ Please come at least 10 minutes early so that the Marshalls are able to attend the beginning of Mass

### WEEKDAY MASS HAS RESUMED (please see front)



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6.30am

Saturday and Public Holidays at 8.00am

### BENEDICTION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Exposition held after Mass Friday (resumes in February 2021)

All are invited to join this devotion.

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FACE MASK



## Baptism

### Baptism preparation:

3rd Saturday 10.30am

### Infant Baptism:

2nd & 4th Sunday after 9am Mass

Please allow 3 months notice to Parish for Baptism.

Further information and application:

<http://www.ourladyandstymnparish.com/baptism.html>

## Marriage

Please allow 6 month notice to Parish for Marriage.

Further information:

<http://www.ourladyandstymnparish.com/marriage.html>

You are most welcome to please contact the Parish Office for further information. Phone: 3862 9402

## IMPORTANT COVID UPDATE RECEIVED FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Greater Brisbane Region lockdown ended at 6pm on 11 January with some precautions to remain over the next 10 days.

Please note the following restrictions which are in effect **through 1:00AM on 22 January** which apply only to those in the [Greater Brisbane Region](#), which includes the Local Council areas of Brisbane, Moreton Bay, Ipswich, Redlands and Logan. This also applies to those people who have been in the Greater Brisbane Region on or after the 2 January 2021, who have subsequently travelled to an alternative location.

- You **must carry a face mask with you at all times** when you leave home and you must wear a mask in indoor spaces such as shopping centres, supermarkets, retail outlets **churches**, indoor workplaces (where you can't socially distance), public transport, and rideshare.
- It is recommended you **wear a mask when outdoors if you are unable to stay more than 1.5m distance from other people**.
- Children under 12 years and people affected by a medical condition or disability are exempt.
- Read about [face masks: how to use, wear and change](#)

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### IMPACT ON PARISHES WITHIN THE GREATER BRISBANE REGION

This applies only to parishes located in the Greater Brisbane Region (see map below) and to all priests from outside that region who visited, and left, the Greater Brisbane region since the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January:

- The occupancy of Churches has been reduced to 1 person per 4 square metres during this time.
- Churches may open for Masses but face masks must be worn by everyone in attendance.**
- The presider is required to wear a mask upon entering and exiting the Church. You may remove the mask as you begin Mass.
- Parishioners who refuse to wear a mask are not allowed to enter unless they are a child under 12 years old or a person affected by a medical condition or disability.
- Under these directives mask wearing is mandatory whilst singing. If Parishioners wish to sing they are required at all times to continue wearing a mask.
- The Body of Christ should continue to be administered only in the hand and the chalice should be received by the celebrant alone. Avoid direct physical contact where possible and limit contact to hands.
- Funerals and weddings may have a maximum of 100 attendees.
- No visitors are permitted to aged care facilities, disability accommodation services, correctional facilities, or hospitals (with the exception of an end of life visit for a patient) through 22 January.
- In the parish office, masks only need to be worn in the office when a distance of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained.

### FOR PARISHES OUTSIDE THE GREATER BRISBANE REGION

Individuals who have been in Greater Brisbane on or since the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 **must wear a face mask** in the church. It is recommended that this requirement is included as a screening question prior to entry (at registration stage).

For more detailed information please visit the Queensland Health website [here](#).

### ASPLEY CLASSES FOR SENIORS

Enrolment Day for Term 1 Classes

9-11am Wednesday 27 January at the Uniting Church Hall, 748 Robinson Road West, Aspley.

Visit website

[www.aspleyclassesforseniors.com](http://www.aspleyclassesforseniors.com) for class details.

**Position Vacant – Youth Coordinator** Applications are open for the position at the Sunnybank Parish. The position is a part-time 20 hour role. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/and-to-careers>.

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.*

## Rosters

23/24 January	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	G. Cox (B) S. Hughes	<b>First Reading</b> R. Perkins <b>Second Reading</b> M. Vaz <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> A. Manahan	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Savio and Jaden
7.00 a.m Mass	J. Coates (B) A. Lopez	<b>First Reading</b> J. Colebourne <b>Second Reading</b> D. Francis <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> M. Colebourne	Volunteer please	S. Vitaliano	Nancy Rod
9.00 a.m. Mass	C. Heskett (B) R. Heskett	<b>First Reading</b> S. Lopez <b>Second Reading</b> K. Brough <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> J. Ferris	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Judith Karen Emily
5.00 p.m. Mass	H. Boevink (B) K. O'Donnell	<b>First Reading</b> B. Kent <b>Second Reading</b> D. Moldrich <b>Prayers of the Faithful</b> R. Meekoms	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Kelli Suzan and Di
<b>Counters:</b> 17 January B. Donohue, R. Meekoms, T. Gillam, M. Hopewell L. Junker 24 January A. Dunn N. Dunn R. Heskett D. Salvati	<b>Cleaning Church:</b> Volunteers Nigel Hughes 30 January Volunteers 6 February D. Francis 12 February Volunteer 20 February Savio and Jinella 27 February Volunteers Nigel Hughes	<b>COVID19 VOLUNTEERS:</b>  <b>Marshalls:</b> 2 Volunteers for each mass ( <i>Marshalls should be less than 70 years of age. If over 70, you must be prepared to wear a mask.</i> )  <b>Cleaners:</b> Every Mass or event must have at least <b>SEVERAL</b> people who stay behind to sanitise church ( <i>Cleaners are NOT restricted by age but must be in good health. If 70 or over, you must be prepared to wear a mask.</i> )	<b>HYMNS:</b> <b>All Creatures of our God and King</b> <b>The Summons</b> <b>A New Heart for a New World</b>  <b>WEAR FACE MASK</b>  		

Next week's Liturgy	The Catholic Leader	Dympna's Diary
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**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**First Reading:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 24: 4-9 Teach me your ways, O Lord  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
**Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20  
  
**Gospel Acclamation:**  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!

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

- Eileen O'Connor Centenary
- Lebanese priests to be beatified
- Simcha Fisher: An American fairytale
- Monica Doumit: Scandal of the missing 'Vatican billions'
- Movie review: Wonder Woman
- Philippa Martyr: Mass attendance

The Catholic Leader is available from the Piety Stall in the foyer of the church.

<b>Sun</b>	<b>17</b>	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Mon</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>Tues</b>	<b>19</b>	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>20</b>	St Fabian, pope, martyr St Sebastian, martyr
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>21</b>	St Agnes, virgin, martyr
<b>Fri</b>	<b>22</b>	St Vincent, deacon, martyr
<b>Sat</b>	<b>23</b>	Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24</b>	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Date Claimers: FEBRUARY 7TH, 2021 SUNDAY MASS AT 9AM</b> The Installation of Fr Sunny Mathew as Parish Priest. Please book on Trybooking: <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/BJXIV">www.trybooking.com/BJXIV</a> .		