



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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The Epiphany of the Lord 3 January 2021



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

Mass and Service Times	
Weekend Mass	
Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	7.00am, 9.00am & 5.00pm
Weekday Mass	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	6.30AM Mass
Saturday	8AM
Reconciliation	
By appointment	
Baptism	
Infant Baptism: 2nd & 4th Sunday after 9am Mass	
Baptism preparation: 3rd Saturday 10.30am	
You are welcome to contact the Parish Office for applications for Baptism preparation and celebration. http://www.ourladyandstdympneparish.com/baptism.html	

Dear Parishioners

We welcome Father Sunny Mathew for his first weekend of ministering in the Parish as Seventh Parish Priest. Father will be celebrating each of the four Masses this weekend. Welcome, Father.

After some months winding down his ministry in Childers, Fr Sunny Mathew takes up his new commission here in Saint Dympna's Parish as the seventh Parish Priest. Father has served in Australia for 14 years. Apart from Childers, which is one of this Archdiocese's more remote parishes, Fr Sunny's first assignment in Australia was to the even more remote outback town of Bourke in NSW. He knows what it is to be an Australian.

Fr Sunny belongs to the same religious congregation as Fr John and also Fr Paul of Chermiside/Wavell Parish: Carmelites of Mary Immaculate. They are a 19th century branch of the wider Carmelite Order now found on all continents and which has origins on Mount Carmel, near Haifa in Israel, around the end of the 12th and into the early 13th century. The early Carmelites were wholly dedicated to prayer and manual work and the Carmelite charism (gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church) is to be always before the Living God, interceding for God's People, in the spirit of the prophet Elijah who had lived on Mount Carmel long before. Over the centuries, some branches of the Order began to serve as priests and teachers and indeed, that's how Brisbane has come to meet them.

As we have done now for a few months, let's continue to keep Father in our prayers in these early days and weeks in his new field of the Lord's Vineyard in which all are privileged to labour. Fr Sunny, here is our prayer for you as you set out with the People of St Dympna's.

Fr Robert

**Gracious and loving God,
we thank you for the gift of our Parish Priest, Father Sunny.
Help him to be strong in his vocation in our midst.**

Set his soul on fire with love for your people and ours for him.

**Grant him the wisdom, understanding, and strength he needs to follow
in the footsteps of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.**

**Inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom already present among us.
Give him the words he will need to spread the Gospel.**

May Fr Sunny experience joy in his ministry in our Parish.

Help him to become an instrument of your divine grace among Your People here.



The Gate of the Year of 2021

You might recall hearing about, or perhaps you personally heard it, that as the darkness of WWII was about to descend in 1939, King George spoke via radio to a frightened Empire with some words to inspire and encourage his listeners. At one point, he quoted from a poem entitled *God Knows*, written in 1908 by a young woman named Minnie Haskins. These words are the preamble of the longer poem:

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown"; and he replied, "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light, and safer than a known way."

That is my New Year prayer for the People of Aspley as I take my leave now. *Fr Robert*

Liturgy of the Word

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

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: Cole Miller

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.

CHRISTMAS BOOKINGS AND NO-SHOWS

At the Christmas Masses last week, there were dozens and dozens of people who booked seats but did not show up at the Church.

This is particularly disappointing and I think that if they had known the amount of work the Parish Council and volunteers did in order to allow as many as possible to attend, they surely would not have stayed away. Please spread the word among your friends of the importance of keeping commitments at this trying time in Parish history. *Fr Robert*

FILIPINO MASS SANTO NINO Filipino Mass on **10 January at 12 Midday** at Our Lady and St Dymphna, Aspley Parish. It's a very special day for Filipinos, being the Feast of the *Santo Nino* (the Holy Child Jesus) which is a big celebration in the Philippines called "*Sinulog*". There will be a procession of Images of The Holy Child Jesus during the Entrance procession with joyful songs/hymns to honour the child Jesus. Filipino priest, Father Saldie Resolado, OSA, from St. James Coorparoo, will be celebrating the mass. **All Welcome! Mass Bookings Essential:** www.trybooking.com/BJXIV

SEEKING PARISH AMBASSADORS FOR CARITAS and ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

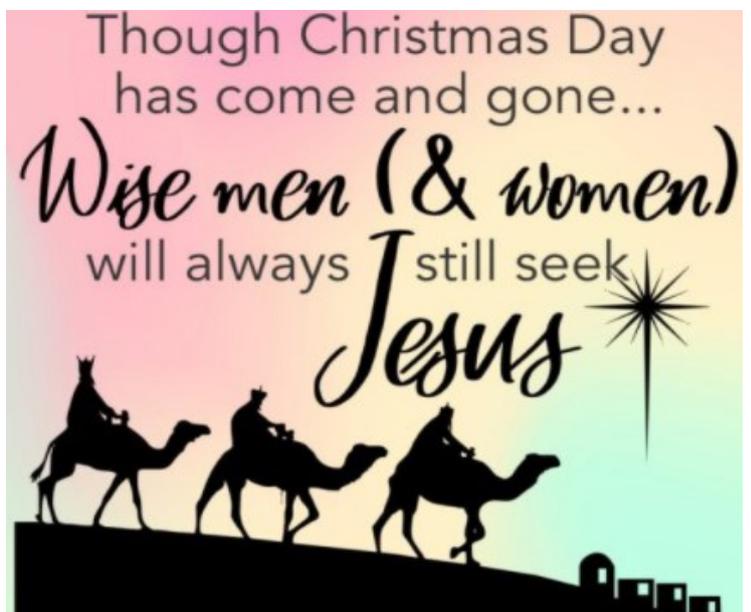
The Annual Catholic Campaign and Caritas Australia need your help! It is our shared hope to have ambassadors in every parish in the Archdiocese. We know that our appeals are close to the hearts of faithful people everywhere and that many people are already involved in supporting us, and so we would like to extend a warm invitation to anyone interested in volunteering to help raise awareness and funds. We will be hosting information sessions on this opportunity via ZOOM in January, and warmly invite you to participate. Please contact Andrew Knife at Caritas Australia in Brisbane for more information.

The Work of Christmas Begins

When the carols have been stilled,
When the star-topped tree is taken down,
When family and friends are gone home,
When we are back to our schedules
The work of Christmas begins:

To welcome the refugee,
To heal the broken,
To seek justice and peace for all people,
To bring Christ's light to the world.

M. Dougherty (a variation on Howard Thurman's 'When the Song of the Angels is Stilled')



St Vincent De Paul Piety Stall

2021 COLUMBAN CATHOLIC ART CALENDAR available now!



BREAK OPEN THE WORD book is a resource produced by Liturgy Brisbane and contains all the readings, psalms and valuable reflections for the Liturgical Year. As we are about to begin a New Liturgical Year (Year B-First Sunday of Advent) and would like a copy of this book? It is available at a discounted price of **\$10.00** each.

This resource is most helpful as you prepare your reading for the Sundays on which you are rostered and we strongly recommend you purchase a copy.

GODS WORD 2021– SOLD OUT Please let the Piety Stall know if you are still interested in a copy.

AVAILABLE NOW IN THE PIETY STALL IN THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH!

Thank you

Throughout the Advent Season many people were involved in preparing for our Christmas celebrations:

- To the Liturgical Ministers: Musicians, Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, thank you for your continued dedication.
- To those who worked behind the scenes in providing our Liturgical environment, organising that all was in place: School staff members, crib and flower artists, cleaners, marshals, ushers, sacristans, and roster coordinators. Thank you.
- Your generosity in providing food and beautiful gifts for those whom you will never know is very much appreciated.

To those who assisted in organising, packing and ensuring hampers were collected we are grateful.

God bless each of you for your generosity.

A Faithful Person looks ahead ...

Aside from the more common resolutions that people set out with into a new year, such as the ultimate weight loss or more exercise, people of faith will want to consider things which run even deeper in their lives of faith, hope and love. Why not take some meditative time over these more peaceful days to chart the year ahead with the Lord as your Help and Guide ? Read 'I am the New Year' reflection underneath for inspiration before mulling over these suggestions to prompt reflection on your life. Fr Robert

YOU IN 2021 ...

1. What is one thing you could do this year to find more joy in being Catholic ?
2. What is one thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life ?
3. Which spiritual discipline do you want to begin or improve this year ? : Scripture reading• prayer• Sunday worship• meditation• sharing the faith with others• serving• godly use of my time and money• study and reading about the Faith• fasting• keeping Sunday Holy*silence and solitude
4. What could be one thing that wastes your precious time that you could manage better or even eliminate ?
5. What is one way you can bring your work and faith closer together this year ?
6. What is one new way you can be a blessing to your Parish this year ?
7. Which aspect of your life would you most like to change this year ?
8. What personal fault could you finally accept about yourself and work on ?
9. Which teaching of the Church could you understand better and in what way will you do that ?
10. What is the unhealthiest thing in your daily life that you could gain freedom from and how will you do that or from whom will you ask advice ?

I Am the New Year

I am the New Year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living.

I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search for it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have ... these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new." **Author Unknown**

Rosters

9/10 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	M. Cafe (B) L. Dutton	First Reading J. Pillai Second Reading A. Borgeaud Prayers of the Faithful F. Xavier	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Judith Suzan Di
7.00 a.m Mass	I. Spanevello (B) A. Spanevello	First Reading J. Colebourne Second Reading M. Colebourne Prayers of the Faithful G. Bortuzzo	Volunteer please	D. Francis	Nancy Rod Sylvester
9.00 a.m. Mass	C. Gonsalves (B) S. Lopez	First Reading S. Soo Choon Second Reading K. Brough Prayers of the Faithful B. Buwu	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Ike Soo Choon and Family
5.00 p.m. Mass	M. Hopewell (B) B. Hopewell	First Reading J. Bissell Second Reading S. Tam Prayers of the Faithful B. Kent	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Kelli Claude
Counters: 3 January 2021 G. Cox, D. Francis D. McCudden, C. Leung. 10 January S. Sherwood, D. Jago T. Salvati M. Scott 17 January B. Donohue, R. Meekcoms, T. Gillam, M. Hopewell	Cleaning Church: 2 January D. Francis 8 January Volunteer 16 January Savio and Jinella 23 January Volunteers Nigel Hughes 30 January Volunteers	COVID19 VOLUNTEERS: Marshalls: 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> Cleaners: Every Mass or event must have at least SEVERAL 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>		HYMNS: To Be Advised	

Next week's Liturgy

The Baptism of the Lord
First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6
 You will draw water joyfully from the spring of salvation.
Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-9
Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

Gospel Acclamation:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:
 this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

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 booking, please ensure that you come to that Mass
- ◆ If you do not come when you have booked, that means someone else misses out on a seat
- ◆ Please come at least 10 minutes early so that the Marshalls are able to be ready for Mass

Dympna's Diary

Sun	3	The Epiphany of the Lord
Mon	4	Fr Sunny's First Week here !
Tues	5	
Wed	6	
Thurs	7	St Raymond of Penyafort, priest
Fri	8	
Sat	9	
Sun	10	The Baptism of the Lord

Date Claimers:

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2021
SUNDAY MASS AT 9AM
 The Installation of Fr Sunny Mathew as Parish Priest.
 More details will be shared later.