



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C - 27 March 2022

HOLY MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am,
9:00 am
and
5:00 pm

Weekday Mass

**Monday,
Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday**
6:30 am
**Saturday & Public
Holidays** 8:00 am

Benediction and Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On every Friday
7:00 am
to Saturday
7:30 am

RECONCILIATION

After Mass
**Mon, Wed, Thurs,
Fri and Sat (am)**
or by appointment

*"I like
the silence of a church,
before the service
begins better than any
preaching".*
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Easter

on
**Monday 11 April
at 7.00pm**

A joyful time...

It is a great joy to be here in our parish. Our parish is so rich in unity, love and cooperation. I am going to complete three months of life in our parish, and I have been experiencing the wonderful friendship of our community.

Now I know many of our parishioners personally. Every day during the Holy Mass, as well as during my prayer times, I remember to pray for you all. I pray to God every day and humbly request you to make this joy stronger and stronger.

Your great support in different church activities is so appreciated, particularly in liturgical and economic matters and for all the other different areas, too. Our wonderful cantors, choir groups and the people who prepare the church for the celebration of Holy Eucharist are doing a great service for us.

Always some of parishioners are there at the entrance of the church on every weekend and welcome everybody. It gives us great joy and spirit in love and helps to develop our church as a welcoming and sharing community.

The great efforts made by the Principal and staff of our School in the faith formation of the students is also very much appreciated.

At present we don't have a particular sacristan, but I found our parishioners are taking this responsibility together. I especially appreciate everybody who helps the community as coordinators of the Holy Mass on weekends and weekday celebrations of Holy Mass.

The Holy Mass coordinators are -

6.00 pm Vigil Mass: Ian Dove
**7.00 am Mass: Des O'Keefe, Jim Coates together
with a couple of people.**
9.00 am Mass: Jude and Cheryl Fernandes
5.00 pm Mass: Brian and Myrie Hopewell

All our Parishioners help to open the windows before the Mass and close them after the Mass and keep the church clean and beautiful, a blessing to the community.

The great Choir Groups are so important in our liturgies as they help us so much to sing and worship our Lord. We have our general choir groups led by Claude Gonsalves and Di Carr. And also, there are five choir groups helping us every month.

- 1. Men's Choir: 1st Sunday of the month at 9am**
- 2. Ike and family: 2nd Sunday of month at 9am**
- 3. Emily, Karen and team: 4th Sunday of the month at 9 am**
- 4. Light of Jesus Family: 3rd Saturday of the month at 6 pm**
- 5. Savio and Jaden: 4th Saturday of the month at 6 pm**

How important it is to have our generous cooperation and help for our church! I'm sure our community is moving forward together, looking towards a glorious future.

Fr Biju

Easter Vigil with children

At the Easter Vigil this year, we will have the blessing of the fire outside the church as we did pre-COVID time, also, all the children will be lighting the lamps proclaiming the victory of light. We are looking for children for the Easter Vigil Mass. The presence of children with young families during the Vigil Mass will be a blessing for the community as well as they will be specially blessed by our prayers.

There will be blessing of water and the Holy Water blessed on Easter night will be available for those who would like to take to their homes.

ADORATION – Every Friday 7:30 am – Saturday 7:30 am

Will you not watch one hour with me? This Lent, adore in Peace and Quiet.
Adoration hours required – Friday – 8 - 10 am; 1 - 3 pm; 5 pm and midnight.

The new Parish Safeguarding Rep

Frances Xavier joined the Parish Safeguarding Rep. team. Thank you to Frances Xavier for her willingness to help the community. She will be taking charge as Parish Safeguarding Rep immediately.

Singers/Musicians

If you love to sing or can play an instrument, why not join our Choir? We are always looking for new members. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office or Claude or Di and we can get you started.

Rehearsals are held before the Easter and Christmas Masses and any other major Church event.

Three days with the Community

Immediately after the Easter celebrations and the 9 am Holy Mass, Fr Biju will be joining with his religious community and will return on Friday. Fr Joe McKay will be helping the parish during these days.

Pope to consecrate Russia, Ukraine to Blessed Virgin Mary

Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during a penitential prayer service in St Peter's Basilica on March 25.

Easter altar servers

If anyone wants to help as an altar server with the Easter Vigil, please contact Fr Biju or the Parish Office.

Sacrament of reconciliation for children

We congratulate all our children who have received the sacrament of reconciliation on Saturday, 26 March. I have noticed that many of our children have not received their sacrament of reconciliation this year. I suggest the parents help the children to do their sacrament of reconciliation, otherwise they may miss this sacrament.

Some of the concerns of perpetual adoration in our church.

It is a blessing for our parish that many people join the adoration on every Fridays. Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ, who is present in body, blood, soul, and divinity, in the blessed sacrament. I thank the coordinators and all who are part of the adoration because the adoration is a blessing for our parish family.

But we have some concerns for the ongoing perpetual adoration regarding the security and safety matters in view of vandalism that has happened in the church and school premises.

[Only if we are able to follow the following guidelines, we may continue to have the perpetual adoration in our church.](#)

1. Three people at night, one person must be the Marshal.
2. The doors must be locked at night, if somebody knocks at the door, the Marshal may take care of it.
3. The roster must be kept in the office.
4. Take care of the safety and security of the people who come for the adoration.

Only with the full cooperation of all parishioners we can continue the perpetual adoration in our church.

*As you enter the church would you please come forward to sit closer to the altar.
Those who arrive late can sit behind, keeping the social distance.*

LITURGY CORNER

Holy Week Part 1

In only two short weeks' time, we will enter Holy Week, beginning with our celebration of *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*. With the relaxation of some COVID restrictions, we will return this year to the Procession for the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem at the Saturday 6:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am Masses.

Taking place from the new covered area in the carpark adjacent to the church, Fr Biju will bless the palms and then we'll process into the church. It is important to understand that the procession is not a re-enactment of the event of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem. Rather, it is 'a living encounter with the whole mystery of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, death and resurrection to glory.'

The proclamation of the story of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, waving branches and processing together as a pilgrim people are ritual actions that help us call to mind this important event in our salvation history.

HOLY WEEK TIMES

PALM SUNDAY

9 April 6:00 pm Saturday
Mass in anticipation of Passion Sunday / Palm Sunday

10 April 9:00 am Procession Mass
7:00 am and 5:00 pm Mass

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

11 April 7:00 pm Monday
Reconciliation (Second Rite)

HOLY THURSDAY

14 April 7:00 pm Mass the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY

15 April 10:00 am Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lords Passion

HOLY SATURDAY

16 April 6:00 pm
Easter Liturgy of Light and Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

17 April 7:00 am and 9:00am Holy Mass

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future for all.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish.

In our prayers we remember

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.

And those who are unwell: Kate Clayton, Rosslyn and Michelle O'Brien, Father Peter Luton (former Parish Priest).

Those who have died recently: Our prayers and thoughts are with those who are mourning the death of loved ones or whose anniversary occurs at this time, **especially:** Mary Heffernan, Dorothy, Greg and Charles Lennon, Carmelo Bucolo, Nunzio Perricelli, Elliott Fletcher and William (Bill) Crowley.

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.

Prayer for the sick

Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Commissioning of New Extra Ordinary Communion Ministers

There will be a commissioning for the new Extraordinary Ministers for Holy Communion on Sunday, 24 April. If anyone would like to be an extraordinary minister to serve our Lord and community, please see Fr Biju.

Assistance Needed

I have a 90 year old mother who lives with my family at Bridgeman Downs. She is a gracious lady who uses a walker and needs assistance with all tasks.

I am seeking a quiet, capable, mature and kind person who lives locally and can be called upon as needed for a couple of hours during the week to oversee mum when I go out. This position could evolve into a more permanent role with light house duties.

Remuneration negotiable. If you may be interested, please contact Sandra Poteri 0438 654418

*** ROSTERS ***

2—3 APRIL	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6:00 pm Mass in anticipation of Sunday	Sr M Costello (B) B Neill	First Reading M Cafe Second Reading F Xavier Prayer of the Faithful I Dove	K Lara K Lara Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Yvonne Suzan/Di/Marie
7:00 am Mass	I Spanevello (B) A Spanevello	First Reading D Chiavaro Second Reading G Bortuzzo Prayer of the Faithful J Frayne	J Brough M Delbridge T Delbridge	M Blight	Nancy David
9:00 am Mass	C Fernandes (B) J Fernandes	First Reading P Mawaka Second Reading J Ferris Prayer of the Faithful B Simmons	J Mascarenhas J Mascarenhas J Jillela K Lara K Lara	Volunteer please	Judith Men's Choir
5:00 pm Mass	H Boevink (B) E Lebajo	First Reading M Hopewell Second Reading B Hopewell Prayer of the Faithful B Kent	M Orcullo M Orcullo	Volunteer please	Kelli Claude

COUNTERS

3 April
J Bissell
R Meekoms
B McGorry
10 April
D Francis
D McCudden
C Leung
17 April
S Sherwood
D Jago
T Salvati
M Scott

CHURCH CLEANING

26 March
Nigel Hughes and Volunteers
2 and 8 April
Volunteers please
16 April
Savio and Jinella
23 April Nigel Hughes and
Volunteers please
1 May Volunteers please

HYMNS 3 APRIL 2022

Entrance - Glory in the Cross
Preparation of Gifts - Ashes
Communion - Glory in the Cross
Thanksgiving - Jesus remember me

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 3 APRIL 2022

Isaiah 43:16-21 / Philippians 3:8-14 / John 8:1-11

BAPTISM Baptism Preparation Sessions are held on the third Sunday of the month at 10:00 am. Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. For further information, please phone the parish office on 3862 9402.

Prayer of the week:

We pray that God's mercy will change hearts, so that Ukraine is delivered from its present distress, guns and missiles fall silent, the wounded be healed, the homeless receive shelter and refugees return to safe homes.

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