



PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

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The Perfume of Holiness

I visited my mother quite often in the last years of her life and sometimes when she kissed me and gave me a big hug, I came away with the scent of 'Tea Rose' perfume lingering all over me. Mum loved that perfume and sometimes doused herself quite extravagantly. And some of it would rub off on me.

That is how we become 'holy'.

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of ordinary people who aren't quite up to the mark in doing the right thing. It certainly doesn't mean an unattractive superiority: 'holier than thou'!

It means being so close to God, so much of an intimate with God, so much one of the close family of God, that God's holiness rubs off.

In today's Gospel, John says of Jesus that He will baptise people with the Holy Spirit. At our baptisms, we were given an extravagant dousing of the Holy Spirit, we were plunged and immersed into Holy Spirit, we emerged smelling of Holy Spirit, we were made holy.

Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'you are my beloved son' or 'you are my beloved daughter'. We are family. We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, he would use the same terms he used in writing to the Corinthians. This is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

Isn't that a beautiful understanding of who we are?

We are not a branch office of a multinational religious organisation with the Archbishop as the local manager. We have our own dignity. We are the church of God that is in this town made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.

But, we are not alone. There are many people gathering in a multitude of places around the world, people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. As St Paul would put it, we are *who* we are 'together with all who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every meeting place'.

St Paul recognises the bonds which link us. But, how is the 'togetherness' held together?

What quickly emerged in the early church was the need for strong bonds to develop between the leaders of those 'who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ' in Jerusalem and the leaders of those who did the same out on the missions in the pagan world. With the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70, it was natural that the linchpin, the strongest link, should be the successor of St Peter martyred in Rome.

Yes, we are 'Catholic', i.e. worldwide, and 'Roman Catholic' because we are in communion with the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Francis. So, at the base level, recall how St Paul describes us:

'Members of the Church of God that is in [this town], made up of those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'
That is who we are. We are those to whom St Paul sends his greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

HOMILY by Fr Michael Tate

Holy Mass on Wednesdays.

This week onwards we celebrate Holy Mass only on four week days, as Fr Biju is celebrating Holy Mass for Centacare at St Patrick every Wednesdays.

The weekday Masses sanctify the day and remind us that we belong to God and not to the world. Many of us come to the church on weekdays because we love frequent participation in Mass, to grow in greater love for Jesus, and to have a closer friendship with Him.

Many people say that frequent attendance at Mass and frequent reception of the Blessed Sacrament has given them an increase in the virtue of charity, a greater desire to serve Jesus through service to others in works of mercy. It is beautiful to begin our day with Mass in the morning; spending time with Jesus gives us the strength to fulfill our duties the rest of the day.

Before Holy Communion, we all hear the invitation, “Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.” Everyday we are called and invited to the altar to partake of the supper of the Lamb; that is, to receive Communion. After that invitation, we receive Christ truly present in the Eucharist in Holy Communion. We are invited to receive Holy Communion every day.

Aspley Care

Aspley Care would like to thank the parishioners of St. Dympna’s parish and the staff, parents and students of St. Dympna’s primary school for their wonderful contribution to the 2022 Aspleycare Christmas Hamper Appeal. Over 175 Christmas Hampers and presents were given to needy families from Brisbane’s north.

Welcome

Last weekend we were discussing how many of our parishioners stand at the entrance of the church to welcome us, even helping us to get the newsletter. Sometimes our altar servers also stand at the entrance of the church to welcome everybody to see Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. It was explained that when the three wise men came to see the child Jesus, Mary and Joseph welcomed them.

We welcome everybody to our church as Mary and Joseph did; that is the spirit and beauty of our parish. To continue this spirit of welcoming, please help the community voluntarily at the entrance of the church. For more details, please contact Fr Biju or Kay Buxton.



Under the guidance of Pope Francis, the church is now involved in a synodal process. The word ‘synodal’ comes from Greek word *synodos* (broadly meaning ‘on the way together’). So, a synodal process calls for the participation of all the baptised ‘walking together’, beginning with a diocesan phase before moving through national and then continental phases until the final phase involving the coming together of the universal Church. As the preparatory information notes:

The main subjects of this synodal experience are all the baptised because all are the subject of the **sensus fidelium**, the living voice of the **People of God**. At the same time, in order to participate fully in the act of discerning, it is important for the baptised to hear the voice of other people in their local context, including people who have left the practice of the faith, people of other faith tradition, people of no religious belief.

Special care should be taken to involve those persons who may risk being excluded: women, the handicapped refugees, migrants, the elderly, people who live in poverty, Catholics who rarely or never practise their faith etc.

There will be No Holy Mass on Wednesdays

ROSTERS

21-22 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	D. Salvati (B) L. McGorry B. McGorry	First Reading L. Dutton Second Reading J. Pillai Prayer of the Faithful J. Mascarenhas	J. Mascarenhas J. Mascarenhas	Volunteer please	Yvonne Sylester
7.00 a.m. Mass	J. Coates (B) G. Bortuzzo M. Campbell	First Reading J. Frayne Second Reading I. Spanevello Prayer of the Faithful D. Chiavaro	M. Delbridge T. Delbridge	M. Blight	Nancy Geraldine, Di
9.00 a.m. Mass	C. Gonsalves (B) T. Hoang J. Ferris	First Reading P. Mawaka Second Reading C. Fernandes Prayer of the Faithful J. Fernandes	K. Lara K. Lara J. Hauga J. Hauga	Volunteer please	Judith Volunteer
5.00 p.m. Mass	F. Gowans (B) J. Bissell H. Boevink	First Reading B. Kent Second Reading K. O'Donnell Prayer of the Faithful E. Lebajo	J. Alderton D. Edmonds C. Edmonds	B. Hopewell	Leon Rod, Rose

<p>Counters JAN 15 G. Juffs H. Juffs I. Spanevello A. Spanevello</p> <p>JAN 22 M. Stack N. Hughes I. Johnson</p>	<p>Church Cleaning</p> <p>21 Jan Nigel Hughes</p> <p>28 Jan Volunteers</p> <p>04 Feb Savio & Jinella</p> <p>11 Feb David Francis</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Preparing for Sunday 22 January</p> <p>First Reading: Is 8:23-9:3, Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13,17 Gospel: Mt 4:12-23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY HYMNS 21 & 22 January</p> <p>Entrance : Will you come and follow me Preparation of Gifts : love is his word Communion : we walk by faith Thanksgiving : Song for the journey-revise hymn Recessional : Christ, be our light</p>
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Liturgy corner

When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal (#29)

The words of Sacred Scripture fulfil a variety of purposes through the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. Specifically, they:

- give us information
- they are the vehicle God uses to reveal himself to us
- they are the means by which we come to know the depth of God's love for us and
- they set before us the responsibilities entailed by being Christ's followers and members of his Body.

The Word of God then, calls for us to listen attentively and to respond in silent reflection, word, and song. God's Word, which is alive and active, calls to us (both individually and together as part of our faith community) to respond beyond our Sunday liturgy and to affect our whole lives, leading us to commit ourselves to making Christ known to the world around us by all that we do and say.

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.

Those who are unwell: Mary Crowley, Catherine McNee, and Fr Peter Luton

Those who are deceased: Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal George Pell, Geraldine Strathdee, Wilfred D'Souza, Catalina Pajalla, Lorraine Grills, Neil Desmond Howard, Molly Shaw, Charline Pinote, Lucia and Claudia Galvezo and all those for whom we have been asked to pray.

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.

Tap and Go eftpos facilities and feedback from the community

The feedback for the tap and go facilities is very positive. We received a sum of \$1,002.00 after installing it. We thank the community for your continued support. The Tap and Go eftpos facility helps people who may wish to offer money and help the parish, but who find that they don't have ready access to cash when they arrive at Church. We have the other option of donating via direct debit and many are using the planned envelopes. Your financial help and support also helps the parish to continue its mission of celebrating the Holy Mass on weekdays.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to our Parish financially. Your generosity is important and essential for our parish to carry out its mission.

Details for electronic banking: BSB: 064 786 Account No. 100000129

Sunday Collections: Broadly speaking the two Collections go toward the support of the priest and the support of the parish.

Weekend Mass

Saturday	6:00 pm
Sunday	7:00 am 9:00 am and 5:00 pm

Weekday Mass

Monday,
Thursday & Friday
6:30 am
Public Holidays
8:00 am
**Saturday Mass of
Blessed Virgin
Mary
8:00 am**

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Exposition held after Mass
Friday 7:00 am –
Saturday 7.30 am

Reconciliation

After Mass
Monday, Thursday,
Friday and
Saturday (8.30 am)

ASPLEY PARISH HALL FOR HIRE

If you are in need of a venue to host an event, business meeting, a social activity or an exercise class, Our Lady and St Dymphna's parish hall (John O'Callaghan Parish Hall) is available for hire. The parish hall provides a flexible space which can be divided into two different sized areas, depending on your requirements.

The Aspley parish hall has a large fully equipped industrial kitchen (with NEW stove and NEW fridge), round and trestle tables, a stage, chairs, disabled access and plenty of parking. Please note: we can not hire for loud events or DJ Functions. To make further enquiries or enquire about availability, please contact our Parish Office 3862 9402.



St Dymphna's Columbarium:

If you, or someone you know, is interested in placing their ashes in our columbarium, they are welcome to contact the parish office on Ph 3862 9402.



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