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**The Parish of Our Lady and St Dymphna**

**Aspley**

**Welcomes you...**



To participate in the life of our community and enrich your life by sharing your faith with others





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## WELCOME.....

Welcome to our Parish family. We hope your time spent with us will be rewarding and enriching as we all walk together on our faith journey.

This booklet contains information which will help you to familiarise yourself with our Parish. All Parish groups are always ready to welcome newcomers so please feel free to contact us about the Ministry/group that you may be interested in becoming involved with.

We are committed to protect the privacy of your information. Any information you provide to your parish will be used for the provision of pastoral services, maintaining and developing our Parish infrastructure and communicating with you.

Should you require personal assistance or guidance at any time, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish office.

God Bless,

**Fr. John Panamthottam**

Parish Priest



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## ABOUT US...

The Parish of Our Lady and St Dympna was established in 1930. The first church was built in 1933 and our current church was built in 1974.

The Parish hall is named the John O'Callaghan Centre after the first Parish Priest. Our Parish currently has 500 families actively involved in our community.

## PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA

479 Robinson Road Aspley 4034

Fr. John Panamthottam - Parish Priest

Parish Office

Office hours: 9am to 1pm, Monday to Friday

Parish Office Telephone – (07) 3862 9402

Email: [aspley@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:aspley@bne.catholic.net.au)

Ms. Janet Smith – School Principal

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Email: [paspley@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:paspley@bne.catholic.edu.au)

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass - Saturday 6pm

Sunday Masses – 7am, 9am and 5pm

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday – 6:30am except Thursdays

Saturday and Public Holidays 8am

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5pm – 5:30pm or by appointment

## BAPTISMS

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays after 9am Mass  
or by appointment



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## The Parish of Our Lady and St Dympna Aspley

### Our Parish Logo explained...

#### Our Lady is represented

**The dove** - for the Holy Spirit of God that came upon Mary at the conception of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Luke 1:35)

**The rosary beads** – devotional material for the rosary to Our Lady.

#### St Dympna is represented

**The sword** – for the martyrdom of Saint Dympna

**The palm** – a sign of peace and victory

(Revelations 7:9-17)

#### About Our Lady

Our Lady is the Mother of our Lord and God and Redeemer – Jesus Christ. (Luke 1:30-36)

#### About Saint Dympna

Saint Dympna was born in Ireland about 625. Her Father was a Pagan King and her Mother was a catholic. Dympna was 14 when her mother died. Her father could not be consoled and he was advised to marry his daughter because she was so like her Mother. Dympna fled to Geel in Belgium. She refused to return to her Father so he had her put to death.

A hospital and a Church have been built in her honor.

St. Dympna is the patroness of those suffering from mental and nervous disorders.

Her feast day is celebrated on 15 May.





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## New Parishioner - Registration Form

(Please complete and return this page at the New Parishioners Welcome Mass and Morning Tea)

### (A) Family member 1:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ M or F (please circle) Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name in full: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Sacraments Received Baptism \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Confirmation \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Marriage \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone (silent Yes or No): \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(if different to above)

### (B) Family member 2:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ M or F (please circle) Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name in full: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Sacraments Received Baptism \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Confirmation \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Marriage \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### (C) Child/children

Child's name	Male/ Female	Date of birth	School attending	Sacraments received



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**(D)**

Please list below your name and what you would like to become involved in at Our Lady and St Dympna's.

Please also consider your children's involvement.

You may wish to refer to the Parish Ministries/Groups, on the next page, for some ideas or you may wish to suggest some new ideas for our parish.

Names	Parish Ministry/group we are interested in
Children's Names	

## Planned Giving supports your Parish as follows:

<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> collection:</b></p> <p>The priests of the Parish. The Archbishop's needs. The Priests of the Archdiocese.</p>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> collection:</b></p> <p>Meets Parish operating costs. Provides funds for Pastoral Initiatives.</p>
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## How do you wish to contribute to Planned Giving?

Weekly envelopes. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week

(The parish will send you a pack)

Direct Debit. (Please contact the Parish Office)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Privacy Statement:** We are committed to protecting the privacy of your information. The information you provide is used for a variety of purposes including the provision of pastoral services, maintaining and developing our Parish infrastructure and communicating with you on what is happening within our Parish community.

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.**



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## St Dympna's Parish Ministries/Groups

### Altar Society

Preparation of the Church for liturgical celebration which includes decorating altar with flowers and preparing altar linen.

### Aspleycare

Provides care and support for people in need in our community.

Contact – Tom Borger - Phone 3862 7145

### Aspleyprayer

Prayer support for our community. Requests may be placed in the petition box in the foyer of the church.

### Catechists – State Primary Schools

We share our faith and bring the values of Jesus to students in State Primary Schools. A challenging and rewarding ministry.

### Counters

Count money from weekly Mass collections on Sunday morning every 6-7 weeks.

### Liturgy Group

The Liturgy Group meets monthly and assists with preparing aspects of the Sacred Liturgy celebrated each week.

### Children's Liturgy

Children take time with their leader to spend some time together as they explore the Sunday Gospel which helps them experience an understanding of the stories of Jesus in the Liturgy of the Word.

### Liturgical Ministers

Members of the Parish community are trained to be **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Community** and minister the Body and Blood of Christ to the community at the time of Communion.

**Ministers of the Word** Members of the Parish community are also trained to proclaim the Scripture Readings at Mass and other liturgical celebrations.

Members of the Parish community also serve the community in their leading the Assembly through their **Music Ministry** to a more full, active and conscious participation in celebrating Eucharist and other Sacraments.

### Altar Servers

Children, men and women who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, are trained to be Altar Servers for all Liturgical Celebrations.





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## **Family Groups**

The Family Group motto is "A Family for all". Belonging to a family group means sharing and supporting one another lovingly. A great way to make new friends.

## **Parents and Friends Association**

In accordance with the documents "The Catholic School" (Sacred Congregation for the Catholic Education, Rome 1977) and "The Code of Canon Law" (1983) to the optimum spiritual, intellectual, social and physical development of pupils by

- a. fostering a distinctive Christian environment in the school
- b. developing maximum cooperation between parents and school staff
- c. utilizing those structures which are established to promote the principles of Christian Education
- d. providing a medium for information and participation of parents

identifying services and talents within the school community and making the available to school related spiritual education, social and fund raising activities.

## **Parish Leadership Team**

The Leadership Team is appointed by the Parish Priest and provides pastoral assistance to the Parish Priest. It also encourages involvement by Parish members.

## **Property and Finance Committee – (Membership by appointment)**

Provides guidance for the development and maintenance of buildings and facilities within the Parish.

## **R C I A Process**

This process prepares and journeys with adults who are not baptized for full initiation into the Catholic Church. The process extends for a period of time through the preparation for reception of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

## **Sacramental Program**

Prepares children/candidates for the reception of the Sacraments. Confirmation, Eucharist and Penance. Children are prepared for Confirmation (usually in the second half of the year) in year three. Preparation and reception for First Communion is offered in the Easter Season in grade 4. In Lent and when in grade five the children are prepared and receive the Sacrament of Penance.

## **St Dympna's School**

Educates our children in a catholic environment by developing each child's spiritual, moral, social, emotional, physical and intellectual potential, encouraging all children to do their best, to be responsible and to respect the individuality of all.

## **Scripture Study**

Helps to bring people to a greater understanding and awareness of God's living presence in the Sacred Scripture and how it can be applied to our daily lives.

## **St Monica's Guild**

To minister to newly widowed women in the Parish and to offer friendship and support to each other.



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## **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Members can achieve the goal of practicing Christianity by helping those in need on a personal basis, thereby loving their neighbor's in the persons of the poor.

## **St Dympna's FUN Group**

This group creates an atmosphere of community for the youngest members of the Parish. It allows parents time to play with their children and to meet other parents.

## **You are welcome!**

If you would like to become involved in any of the ministries, groups or activities within our parish, be assured you are very welcome. Each of us has gifts we have received and you may like to share the gifts you have with our parish!

*The gifts God gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.*

**Ephesians 4:11-13 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**



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# OUR LADY AND ST DYMPNA'S PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You have given us a model of life in the Holy family of Nazareth.

Help us to make our Parish a place of welcome where all may experience love, peace and joy.

May we grow in times of joy and adversity through prayer, leading us to greater strength and unity.

Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our Parish Family.

Help us to act with integrity in the image and likeness of Your Son.

May we love one another as You love each one of us, and forgive each other's faults as You forgive ours.

AMEN.

Notes