# PARISH of OUR LADY and ST DYMPNA

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## *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 12/13 September*

**Monday**
6am Adoration
6.30am Holy Mass
7am Confession

**Tuesday**
9.45am Rosary in the chapel

**Wednesday**
6am Adoration
6.30am Holy Mass
7am Confession

**Thursday**
6am Adoration
6.30am Holy Mass
7am Confession

**Friday**
6am Adoration
6.30am Holy Mass
7am Confession
7am-7.00pm Adoration

**Saturday**
7.30am Adoration
8.00am Holy Mass
8.30am Confession and Rosary

**Saturday Vigil Mass**
5.00pm Holy Mass

**Sunday**
7.00am Holy Mass
9.00am Holy Mass
5.00pm Holy Mass

### Counters

**13 September**
D Francis
D McCudden
C Leung

**20 September**
S Sherwood
D jago
T Salvati

### Church Cleaners

19 Sept S & N Jillela
26 Sept Nigel Hughes
03 Oct Pauline Jude
10 Oct P & E Gorogo
17 Oct Anthony Jacob

## *After First Holy Communion – What Comes Next?*

The greatest gift parents can give their children is to help them continue their journey of faith. Bringing them to Sunday Mass teaches them that Jesus is not only part of one special celebration, but part of their everyday lives.

**After children receive their First Holy Communion, parents have a special responsibility to help them continue coming to Mass and receiving Jesus regularly.**

Sunday Mass is our weekly gathering as God's family. We listen to his Word, pray together and are nourished by the Holy Eucharist. The Church asks Catholics to participate in Mass every Sunday and on holy days of obligation, unless a serious reason prevents them.

We should receive Holy Communion when we are properly disposed. If we are conscious of serious sin, the Sacrament of Reconciliation prepares us to return to the Eucharist with a heart open to God's grace.

Our children learn their faith not only from what we tell them, but also from what they see us doing.

When families come to Mass together, we are quietly teaching our children something beautiful: Jesus is important in our family, and we want to remain close to him.

## Come and Serve at the Altar

Boys and girls who have received First Holy Communion are warmly invited to join our Altar Servers.

The boys and girls who serve at the Altar are part of the liturgical team. At the Altar they join the priest together with other liturgical ministers, the choir and the community in the celebration of Holy Eucharist. They serve at the Altar like angels; they are close to Jesus and Jesus loves them as he said **"Let the little children come to me"** (Mark 10:14).

**If your children become Altar servers, help them to feel proud of what they do, and pray for them.** Help them to learn little by little to turn their actions into prayers and to grow in their faith journey.



# Baptismal Joy!

This Sunday, 13 September, we joyfully welcome Harper, Pippa and Noah into our faith community as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism. May God's blessings be upon them and their families, and may they always experience His love and the warm embrace of our Catholic family.

## Liturgy Corner

**By Ian Dove, Parish Lector**

**Scriptural notes: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**

We continue this week with the second part of Jesus' discourse on the Church, the Parable of the Unforgiving Debtor. To understand the full meaning of this parable, it is helpful to have an appreciation of the magnitude of the debts that our Lord uses.

Later in the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 20:2 – the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard), the landowner agrees to pay those who work his vineyard a 'fair wage' of one denarius for a day's work. The second servant in the parable owed the first servant 100 denarii, about three months work. Scripture scholars tell us that a 'talent' (a heavy gold coin) was the equivalent of 6,000 denarii. Jesus states that the first servant in this parable owed his master 10,000 talents - the equivalent of 60 million days wages at one denarii/day. If the servant was still alive today, he'd likely not pay back his debt for around another 150,000 years!

Jesus uses this figure to illustrate the debt we owe for our sins for which he paid on the Cross for us, and for which we are bound to forgive others just as extravagantly as the master forgave the debt of the servant in this parable.

The 14th century mystic and Doctor of the Church, Saint Catherine of Sienna, taught in *The Dialogue of Saint Catherine of Sienna*, that our heavenly Father gives us our neighbours to perfect our love so that we can imitate him and love like he loves. Those neighbours with whom we often struggle to love are hidden gifts whom, through our exercising mercy and forgiveness, draw us ever closer to being able to love like God loves each of us.

## APRE Corner

**By Tania Hurley, School APRE**

Last Monday, the St Dympna's community gathered with joy to celebrate the official opening and blessing of the GEM Garden. The morning included a prayerful blessing led by Father Biju, who helped us give thanks for this special space and all who had contributed to bringing it to life.

The garden was created to encourage students to practise Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness as part of their everyday school life. It also reflected the message of Laudato Si', reminding us of our responsibility to care for our common home and to notice God's presence in creation.

We especially thanked Mr Bower, father of James Bower in Year 5, who generously shared his time, energy, skills and passion to help create this wonderful garden. Because of his efforts, students will have a place to learn, explore, reflect and connect with nature for many years to come. The GEM Garden now stands as a lasting reminder that gratitude, empathy and mindfulness help God's light shine brightly.

## Friday Adoration

Throughout Friday, everyone is welcome to come at any time and spend some quiet time with the Lord in the silence of the church, allowing that silence also to enter our hearts.

Time: 7am to 7pm.

At 6.30 pm we will pray the Rosary and conclude adoration at 7pm. Fr Biju is available for confession at 6pm

## Ministry Parish offering's counting

St Dympna is functioning with a dwindling number of only six bankers. We work for 20-25 minutes between Sunday morning Masses along with a weekly roster of counters. Collections and envelopes are all tallied up to bank at Virginia CBA on Mondays. The six now do two months per year each, whereas eight would mean one month for four of us and two months for the other four, so switching the next year. Immediate inclusion into the roster is not foreseen, but in 2027, yes. Phone the office or Peter on 0419776583 if interested, please.

## In our prayers we remember…

We give thanks and praise for blessings given and prayers answered. We pray for family members, parishioners and benefactors who are facing difficult times and for everyone who is in need of our prayers.

**We pray for the sick, especially:** David Lee

**We pray for those who are recently deceased and for those whose death anniversaries occur around this time:** John Patterson, Mariles Bravo and Shawn Mathias.

If you would like the parish to pray for and have someone's name listed in our prayers each week, intention envelopes can be placed at the foyer of the church.



# What Is an Anointing Mass?

An Anointing Mass is a celebration of the Holy Eucharist during which the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered to those who need the Lord's healing, strength and comfort.

During the sacrament, the priest lays his hands upon the sick person, prays for them, and anoints their forehead and hands with the Oil of the Sick.

In this beautiful sacrament, we pray not only for physical healing. Through the Anointing, Christ gives grace, peace, courage and spiritual strength to those experiencing illness or weakness of mind and body. When it is God's will, the sacrament may also bring physical healing.

"Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord." James 5:14–15

**Anointing Mass at 8am, on Saturday, 26 September**

## The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: 14 September



The feast celebrates the Cross of Jesus Christ as the sign of our salvation and victory. Although the Cross was an instrument of suffering and death, through Jesus it became the place where God's saving love was revealed.

The feast also has a historical connection with the discovery and veneration of the True Cross in Jerusalem, and the dedication of churches built near Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre in the fourth century.

The heart of the feast is expressed beautifully in the Gospel: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" John 3:16.

The message is simple: we do not exalt suffering itself; we exalt the Cross because through the Cross Christ conquered sin and death.

**That is why Christians make the Sign of the Cross. It reminds us that we belong to Christ and that God's love is stronger than suffering, sin and death.**

## The memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows: 15 September

This day we honour the suffering of the Virgin Mary in union with the life and Passion of Jesus Christ.

**The Seven Sorrows traditionally remembered are:**

1. The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34–35)
2. The flight into Egypt
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple
4. Mary's meeting with Jesus on the way to Calvary
5. The Crucifixion and death of Jesus
6. Jesus being taken down from the Cross
7. The burial of Jesus

**Significance:**

- The feast emphasises Mary's faithfulness, compassion and participation in Christ's suffering.
- It encourages believers to reflect on suffering, perseverance and hope.

The devotion is often associated with the **Seven Sorrows Rosary** (also called the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows).

The feast is celebrated the day after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, highlighting the close connection between Christ's Passion and Mary's sorrowful participation in it.

**Children's Church at 9am Mass:** We invite all children upto Year 6 to experience Children's Church held on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Since there is Children's Mass on the 3rd Sunday, there will not be Children's Church.

### Car, Spiritual articles Blessings

Fr Biju is available to bless religious articles, gifts, water, salt, oil, etc., on Sundays after 10 AM or at other requested times.

For car blessings, the preferred time is Saturday after the 5 PM Mass, or by special request.

### Blessing of Benedictine Medals and Crosses

Preferable time for Blessings of Medals, Crosses and Rosaries with Benedictine medals is Saturday at 7.30am.

### Planned Giving

Thank you to everyone who contributes to our Parish financially. Your generosity is important and essential for our parish to carry out its mission. A/C Name: Aspley Catholic Parish, BSB: 064 786, A/C No. 100000129.

### Becoming Catholic as an Adult (RCIA Program)

Guides adults on their faith journey to membership of the Catholic Church. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

### First Friday Observance

The First Friday of each month is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, reminding us of the great love and mercy of Christ.

## New Parishioners

We are delighted to welcome new parishioners into the Aspley Parish family and invite you to the parish Flocknote, a most advanced tool used by our parish to make communication and record keeping easier, safer and transparent.

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Parish Facebook Page ⟹

### Memorial Crosses in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

If you would like to order a custom-made Memorial Cross for a friend or loved one for display in the Chapel, contact the Parish Office.





### Parish Hall Booking

If you are in need of a venue to host an event, business meeting, social activity or class, our Parish Hall is available for hire.

### Columbarium Niche Reservations

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



## Servants of Christ, Builders of Our Community

**PMC Chair:** Jim Frayne

**Finance Council Chair:** Justin Bissell

**PCO Chair:** Iva Spanevello

**Sacristan:** Rosalie Meekoms

**Sacramental Coordinator:** Diane Haub

**Sacraments of Baptism:** Helen Hollamby and Kay Buxton

**Children's church coordinator:** Jenny Bissell

**Ministerial coordinator:** Margaret Campbell

**Piety Stall:** Diana Bince

**Coordinators of caring the sick:** Louise Dutton, Margaret Café, Glenda Bertie and Gay Juffs

**Altar Server Coordinator:** Maria Delbridge

**Adoration Coordinators:** Louise Dutton, Jenny Bissell and Lynette D'Souza

**RCIA Coordinator:** Elvira Arpon

**Health and Safety:** Rod Campbell

### MASS COORDINATORS:

**Saturday 5pm:** Sharon Stevens and Damian Salvati

**Sunday 7am:** Des O'Keefe, James Coates, and David Francis

**Sunday 9am:** Cheryl and Jude Fernandes

**Sunday 5pm:** Rosalie Meekoms, Myrie Hopewell and Jenny Bissell

**Weekdays:** Louise Dutton and David Francis

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