



SAINT JOHN  
the Evangelist  
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

# St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

## *A Living Community*

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 February 2020

### Welcome to St John's

*Come in and sit down, relax, don't stress. I welcome you to our beautiful parish & church. Please feel welcome and tell me if you need anything. Keep Smiling, Francis Tran PP*



#### Parish Office Hours

Mon - Closed | Tues - Fri 9am - 4pm

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#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:  
Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and do not turn from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.  
Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'  
If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

#### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I

gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me  
will have the light of life.

#### GOSPEL

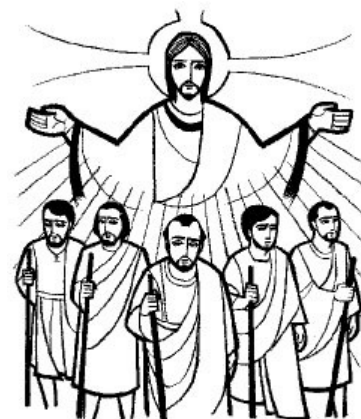
Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord  
for his mercy,  
his wonders for the  
children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty  
soul,  
and the hungry he fills  
with good things.





## ***Please Pray For the Repose of the Souls of the Faithful Departed -***

**Recently Deceased:** Kathleen Crowley, Tony and Isobel Fitzgerald, Patricia & Eric Eve, Stan Fienberg.

**Anniversaries:** Joe and Tony Formosa, Spiteri Family, Formosa Family, Clarke and Wicks Family, Patrick Irwing, Bruno & Angela Bisa, Doris Farrugia.

**Sick:** Fr Ray Farrell

## **ENROLMENT FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION**

Enrolment for the sacrament of Reconciliation starts this weekend. This sacrament is for students in year 3 and above who have been baptised Catholic. Enrolment forms are available for collection in the foyer of the church. Please write your child's name down on the list and take an enrolment form to be completed and returned at the parent information night.



## **CWL MEETING**

Catholic Women's League, Dapto Branch, meeting will be on Monday 10th February 2020, commencing at 10.00 am in the Parish Presbytery. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

## **ST JOHN'S DAPTO LENTEN PROGRAM: ASHES TO EASTER BY PETER KEARNEY - SATURDAY 7 MARCH AT 7PM**

Dear Parishioners

A decision has been made to invite acclaimed singer/songwriter Peter Kearney to our parish on the above date as part of our Lenten Program for this year.

Peter has a concert/reflection involving a prayerful sequence of hymns, songs, reflections and stories to assist us in our Lenten journey. The duration will be about 1 hour.

As many of you would know Peter's hymns such as 'Fill My House' and 'The Beatitudes' are well known in Australian Parishes and internationally. Several of his titles are included in the 'As One Voice' hymnal. Fifteen CDs have been published.

*COMMENT on ASHES TO EASTER:*

*"Thank you for the beautiful Lenten reflection 'Ashes to Easter' that you presented to our Parish community. Feedback from those who attended expressed appreciation at the prayerful and spiritual atmosphere you helped to create and found it to be a very worthwhile part of their Lenten journey".*

*(Christ the King Parish Pastoral Council, North Rocks. Following a concert. March 27, 2015. Quoted with permission.*

The format for the evening will be as follows:

5pm – Saturday Vigil mass as usual

6pm – Barbecue and social get together in the inspiration garden in front of the church. There will be a small cost for the barbecue to cover expenses for the food and evening

7pm – Peter Kearney concert in the church (a gold coin donation only for admission)

Due to the success of our end of mass barbecues and other recent parish initiatives we anticipate considerable interest and support for this evening. Please extend this invitation to any friends or family whether they be parishioners or not.

The Parish Council

## **CORONA VIRUS PRECAUTIONS**

Until further notice, we will be temporarily stopping certain practices within the Church and Mass.

- Holy Water has been removed from entrances to the church.
- No hand shaking in the mass at the sign of peace.
- Holy Communion - Will be the Body of Christ only.
- Those who receive the Body of Christ by tongue are asked to receive with hands only. If you continue to receive by tongue, you are asked to stand still until you have received the Body of Christ.
- If you have cold or flu symptoms please be conscious of the people around you.

Although the risks may be low, we feel precaution is the best method. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Father Francis**

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## Project Compassion 2020

As we approach the end of January, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion material is arriving at our Parishes. As the Australian catholic agency for international humanitarian relief and development, Caritas has a unique understanding and appreciation of the impact the recent bushfires, and ongoing drought has had on our Australian communities.

Caritas Australia has been touched to receive many messages and offers of support from our international partners, through our Caritas Internationalis network. Caritas Australia, and our international partners, stand in solidarity with those affected by these events. We send our ongoing love, support and prayers to all who have been impacted in any way. We encourage people to work with the relevant catholic agencies such as St Vinnies and CatholicCare to provide the necessary support to the Australian communities affected.

Project Compassion will again offer stories of hope throughout Lent. I invite Parishes to engage with these stories as they see fit, in light of recent circumstances. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to chat about Project Compassion 2020, please do not hesitate to contact me via email on [monica.ward-mccann@caritas.org.au](mailto:monica.ward-mccann@caritas.org.au) or by mobile on 0419 553 171.

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## DONATION POINT TAP

When you visit our Church look out for the new device we are trialling - called a Donation Point Tap and this will enable us to accept cashless donations. The devices are aimed at enabling people, especially those who may be visiting, passing by or don't attend and give regularly to donate easily without cash -as many people nowadays don't always carry cash.

The Donation Point Tap device processes a set donation of **\$10.00** and donors simply tap their MasterCard or Visa Card to make a donation. It is fully secure and the screen will show if the donation has been accepted and will also make a loud beep sound to confirm the donation has been successful.

Your card must be held on the screen of the Donation Point Tap device to make a donation – it cannot read card details from your wallet or bag as you walk past.

The Donation Point Tap device is being trialled to ensure that people who visit our church can donate if they would like to by using their card and we have taken advice from other churches using these devices – St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney has 7 devices in use for many types of donations.

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## LAURA NEEDS YOU

CatholicCare's Fostering Futures program is urgently looking for a forever home for an 11-year-old girl. Laura is a friendly and engaging girl who enjoys cooking, bike, riding, reading and loves animals. She needs foster carers who are, patient, kind and stable to help her thrive and reach her potential. If you think you or someone you might know has the right qualities to be her carers, please call 0418 783 956 or [fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au) more information.

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## GRACE - LENTEN PROGRAM BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

Grace is a 76 page full colour book containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual or group devotional reading. We also have small supply of the triple CD resource. If you would like a copy of the CD set please contact the parish office. Books are \$5 each and available in the foyer of the church. Digital download also available to purchase on request.



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## THE RELICS OF CARMELITE SAINT, ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

Plus her recently canonised parents, Ss Louis and Zélie Martin are coming to the diocese as part of a national pilgrimage in January—April 2020 organised by Catholic Mission in partnership with funeral provider, InvoCare.

The pilgrimage will also be raising funds for the NSW Vinnies Bushfire Appeal. You can view the diocesan itinerary for the pilgrimage (which will continue to be updated as more details are confirmed) at [dow.sh/TheresePilgrimage](http://dow.sh/TheresePilgrimage)

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## LEVEL 1 TRAINING COURSE FOR CATECHISTS

**INCLUDING Level 1 Training Course for Catechists (including Child Protection and Classroom Management and Mission and Ministry of the Catechist)**

There is no cost involved with these courses. Morning tea is provided. Please bring your own lunch.

**Illawarra – Shoalhaven:**

Venue: Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong

Start date: Friday, 7 February (6-week course on consecutive Fridays)

Time: 9.30a.m. — 1.30p.m.

Updates available for Child Protection and Classroom Management on Friday 10 February.

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## *Those offering their time - Thank you*

Feb 15/16	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Projector	Counters	Cleaning (wk 10-14)
Sat 5pm	G Daniels	J Higgins	D Kadmon, P Portelli, T Kadmon			
Sun 7.30am	L Burns	D Clegg	S Wilson, F Tonini, B Brennan	St J G Fox	D Croft E French E Caruana	G2
Sun 9.30am	L Negro	J Negro	M Fleming, G Teixeira, R Gilmore			
Sun 6pm	L Connelly	E Burns	S Joseph, C Bridge, L McNamara			

### MASS TIMES

<b>Tuesday</b>	Mass	5pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mass <b>Healing Mass</b> Divine Mercy	9.30am <b>9.30am(1st Wed of Month)</b> 3pm (Chapel)
<b>Thursday</b>	Mass Exposition <b>Christian Meditation</b>	<b>9.30am</b> After mass <b>4-5pm (Chapel)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Mass	9.30am
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b> Rosary <b>Mass</b>	<b>4pm</b> 4.40pm <b>5pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	Mass	7.30am 9.30am 6pm

## *Prayer for Rain*

*God our Father, You created our earth to nourish us and  
give us life  
And Jesus told us to ask and it will be given to us.  
We ask now in Faith, Hope and Love that you look with  
favour  
on our drought stricken land.  
Our starving animals and failing produce.  
Sustain, strengthen and give new heart to our farmers and  
all  
those affected by this drought.  
In your loving providence send abundant rain soon  
and renew the faith of your people and the face of our land.  
We make this prayer with many, through Jesus Christ who  
gives new life to all living things.  
Amen*

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Pray for us  
St Mary of the Cross Mackillop - Pray for us*

### Welcome to St John's!

Are you new to our Parish? Have you registered at the office that you attend our church?

Please feel free to inform us of your arrival in our Parish as we would love to know that you are here and get to know you.

Please feel free to complete this form and return it to the office or place it in one of the collections at mass.

NAME/S:.....

CHILDREN:.....

ADDRESS: .....

TELEPHONE:.....MOBILE:.....

EMAIL:.....

Would you like to join in planned giving to support our Parish? **Yes / Not now**

Please see Fr Francis or contact the office on 4261 1315

*Thank you for making a difference to our Parish*