



# St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

## *A Living Community*

Palm Sunday

28 March 2021

### 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***



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#### **GOSPEL John 12:12-16**

##### **Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.**

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the king of Israel!

And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written,

'Fear not, daughter of Sion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!'

His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

#### **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 50:4-7**

##### **I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

#### **SECOND READING**

**Philippians 2:6-11**

##### **Christ humbled himself but God raised him high**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST****ACCORDING TO MARK**

**Key: N. Narrator. ☒ Jesus. O. Other single speaker. C. Crowd, or more than one speaker.**

**N.** First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes – in short, the whole Sanhedrin – had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him:

**O.** Are you the king of the Jews?

**N.** He answered,

☒ It is you who say it.

**N.** And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again:

**O.** Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

**N.** But, to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them

**O.** Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

**N.** For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again:

**O.** But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

**N.** They shouted back,

**C.** Crucify him!

**N.** Pilate asked them,

**O.** Why? What harm has he done?

**N.** But they shouted all the louder,

**C.** Crucify him!

**N.** So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

**C.** Hail, king of the Jews!

**N.** They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

**C.** Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

**N.** The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

**C.** He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

**N.** Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

☒ Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

**N.** which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said

**C.** Listen, he is calling on Elijah.

**N.** Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink, saying:

**O.** Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

**N.** But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause for a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

**O.** In truth this man was a son of God.

## EASTER MASS TIMES

- HOLY THURSDAY** - 7pm (in the church)
- GOOD FRIDAY** - 10am Stations of the Cross (outdoors)  
3pm - Veneration of the Cross (outdoors)
- SATURDAY VIGIL** - 7pm (in the church)
- EASTER SUNDAY** - 7.30am (in the church)  
9.30am (outdoors)



### NO MASS—Tuesday 30 March 5pm

Due to the Chrism mass at the Cathedral, there will be no parish mass on Tuesday 30 March at 5pm.



### PROJECT COMPASSION - Sixth Sunday of Lent 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, supporting

vulnerable communities before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

### RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation every Saturday between 11am - 12pm.

### A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus emptied himself and became obedient even unto death. Are you willing to die to selfishness? Let Christ reign in your heart! (Philippians 2:6-11) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

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

**Recently Deceased:** Trinidad Molo,  
Jennifer Grantham, Maria Dolingo

**Anniversaries:** Ted Smith, Kevin Cooper,  
John & Nance McMahon, Florence Coughlan



### 'THE JOURNEY' – 28 March 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast

On the Journey this week: Monsignor Graham Schmitzer says the pierced heart symbolises the stream of the new temple. Mother Hilda asks how often have we called out: my God, why have you abandoned me? And Fr Chris Sarkis says don't run from this week, sit with it, embrace it, know the price at which your life was purchased. The Journey available as a podcast at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)

### SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The inner transformation of the human person, in his being progressively conformed to Christ, is the necessary prerequisite for a real transformation of his relationship with others. – *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace*



### DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong

Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Youth Ministry Coordinator in the Diocese of Wollongong. Applications close on Wednesday 7 April 2021. For more information and a detailed role description, please go to <http://dow.sh/CYMWJob> or for enquiries contact [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au).

### HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual Holy Land Collection will be held on Good Friday, 2 April 2021.

Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Holy Land Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

To find out more, or to make an on-line donation please visit [dow.sh/HolyLand2021](http://dow.sh/HolyLand2021)



**AN INVITATION TO JOIN ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING**

Given that some parishioners are unable to attend Mass in our church, many who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish.

Please visit [www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving](http://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving) to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.

**REGULAR OR ONE OFF PAYMENTTS CAN BE MADE BY FOLLOWING THE ABOVE LINK.**

Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances. Please contact the Parish Office 4261 1315 or [dapto@dow.org.au](mailto:dapto@dow.org.au) if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you. For those who are not able to give electronically but would still like to continue their weekly giving, the office is open from Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 4pm. **There is a locked drop box safe in the foyer that you can safely leave your donation.**

**STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH**



Facebook search: **St John's Catholic Parish Dapto**



Instagram search: **St John's Parish Dapto**

Website: **[www.stjohnsdapto.org.au](http://www.stjohnsdapto.org.au)**

**COVID CHRUCH RESTRICTIONS - ATTENDANCE RECORDING**

Due to COVID-19 we are allowed 224 people in the church and adhering to the 2 square metre rule. This does not include Clergy or essential members (Clergy, sacristan, Altar Servers, and ushers).

Your attendance needs to be recorded when you come to the church. Many people will already be familiar with using your smart phone using QR code to sign in. There will be signs in the foyer with a QR code and instructions on how to sign in. You will need to scan the QR code with your smartphone and show the attendance monitor once you have signed in. If you do not have a smart phone or are unsure how to go about this, the attendance monitor will be at the door to assist you with this process or sign in for you.

Please ensure that you arrive a little early to allow time to sign in.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we get through this challenging time.

**MASS TIMES**

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| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Mass   | 5pm  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Mass   | 9.30am                                     |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Mass</b>                                    | <b>9.30am</b>                              |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Mass   | 9.30am                                     |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Reconciliation</b><br>Rosary<br><b>Mass</b> | <b>11am - 12pm</b><br>4.40pm<br><b>5pm</b> |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | Mass   | 7.30am<br>9.30am<br>6pm                    |

**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*