



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

The Most Holy Trinity

7 June 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***



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion'

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To you glory and praise for evermore.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 3:16-18

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.



PRAY WITH POPE FRANCIS THROUGHOUT MAY FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC.

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to make a special effort in May to pray the Rosary, knowing that by doing so they would be united with believers around the world asking for Mary's intercession in stopping the coronavirus pandemic. Pope Francis has written two prayers that can be recited at the end of the rosary, prayers he said he would be reciting "in spiritual union with all of you."

Prayer to recite at the end of the rosary

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

*We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin*

NOURISH YOUR FAITH AT HOME— New Section on DoW Website

Visit: www.dow.org.au/covid-19/nourish-your-faith-at-home

During these times of uncertainty, and isolation, nourishing our faith becomes even more important. Through spending time with God and with one another we find the hope, comfort, guidance and certainty that our loving God and Father wants to share with us. Jesus wants to be with us and care for us during these days. On this page you will find resources for:

- Participating in Masses and other Liturgies and Prayer Gatherings
- Sharing Faith with Others in the Community
- Nourishing Your Faith and that of Your Family

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

Recently Deceased: Barry Heffernan

Anniversaries: Thelma Innes, Tony Formosa, Mary Dimech

Sick: Joe Mateo, Josephine Clarke



REOPENING OF CHURCH AND RESTRICTIONS

As of Tuesday 2 June masses will be resuming at St John's starting with weekday masses at the normal times, Tues - 5pm, Wed - Fri 9.30am, Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am and 6pm.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions and following directives from the Bishops office, each mass is limited to 50 worshippers only. This does not include Clergy or essential members (Clergy, sacristan, Altar Servers, musicians, and usher)

To be able to attend mass, you are required to register with the parish office your details. Clergy and parish staff will follow a consistently applied process to ensure a fair and equitable attendance of worshippers.

If you register for a mass but are unwell or unable to attend please call to let us know so that your space can be filled by the next person on the list.

Once you have registered your details you will receive a phone call the day before (or for weekend masses you will be phoned on Friday) to confirm your attendance on that day.

You are unable to attend mass unless you have registered your name and details and have had phone confirmation the day before.

Instead of passing a basket around for the mass collections, there will be two buckets in the foyer of the church clearly marked for 1st Collection and 2nd Collection.

1.5m distancing will apply (unless members are from immediate family). Hand sanitiser will be available in the foyer of the church and parishioners are asked to use it on arrival and departure of the church.

Please see the attached letter from the Bishop and directives from the Bishops office at the end of the bulletin for a more detailed description of how things will be taking place.

FR FRANCIS' 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

The 1 July marks Fr Francis' 25th anniversary of Ordination.

A celebration was to be held to commemorate this milestone with Father but due to covid-19 and the restrictions involved we unfortunately cannot celebrate together just yet.

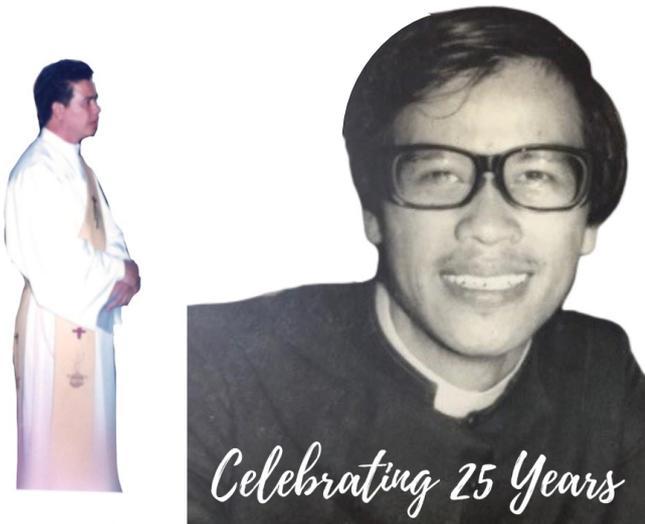
The parish council have organised a google drive folder and is encouraging parishioners to record a 40 second congratulatory video which will be collated and presented to Father Francis. There will be a card and donation box in the foyer of the church during mass times for those who would like to write on his card or make a donation towards a gift for this special occasion. We would like purchase a new 'Ordinary time' (Green) vestment for him, (the one he wears currently he has been wearing since his ordination). If anyone is not sure about how to go about the video message or would like to write on the card or make a donation outside of mass times please contact Jenny in the office. 4261 1315

*Help us celebrate Fr Francis'
25th Anniversary of Ordination*

Record a 40 second congratulatory video
for Fr Francis

Add your video to this folder by 19/6/2020

<https://bit.ly/3c76DcT>



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

At the dawn of this Third Millennium, the Church does not tire of proclaiming the Gospel that brings salvation and genuine freedom also to temporal realities.-Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church -Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

STAYING CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH

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

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

Website: **www.stjohnsdapto.org.au**

PARISH OFFICE OPEN

The parish office is still open, however if you are feeling unwell please do not come in.

If you have any questions you are encouraged to phone or email if convenient. Please be assured that we are still here to help.

If you have an urgent matter you can contact Fr Francis directly on 0413 449 821

WE'RE ALWAYS HERE, IF YOU EVER NEED....

These are challenging times for everyone and CatholicCare are here to support you and your family to navigate the uncertainty. We offer confidential online and phone counselling to support you with the frustration of managing family emotions, relationship pressures and employment changes.

To find out more about CatholicCare's counselling service call us on 4254 9395 or email intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au

A VOCATION VIEW - The Most Holy Trinity (7/06/20)

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." God's love is powerful and all consuming, responding to this Love leads to a life-changing encounter! (John 3:16) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au or our new Vocations video at <https://www.dow.org.au/covid-19/sunday-mass-online-with-bishop-brian/>

ALWAYS CONNECTED

While CatholicCare office is closed due to current restrictions, our dedicated Client Services Officer Marion is still here to take your calls and emails. Marion and the CatholicCare team are working on practical and innovative new ways to support our clients through COVID-19.

Please email or call us if you have any questions – we're here to help. Phone: 4227 1122 or email enquiries@catholiccare.dow.org.au



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 to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.

REGULAR OR ONE OFF PAYMENTS 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 if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you. <https://www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving/> 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.**

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new year of planned giving envelopes will be available for collection in the foyer of the church from next weekend. If you are not yet attending mass boxes can be collected from the office during the week.

ADORATION LIVESTREAMED WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

The NET Team will be hosting a Holy Hour every Wednesday at 6:30pm. This will be a time set aside for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

This will be broadcast via This will be broadcast via:
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cymdow/>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/>

THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG WEEKLY PODCAST - 'The Journey' – 7 June 2020

Listen in this week for as we hear from Fr Mark De Battista there's some great short talks from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters. Uploaded every Friday for free download – go to www.jcr.org.au

THE EUCHARIST - Exploring our Catholic Faith Mondays 1st – 22nd June or Fridays 5th – 26th June all at 4pm via Zoom Video Conferencing

We are all missing the Eucharist - but what does this mean? What are we missing? In this four-part online series, we'll refresh and deepen our understanding of the Eucharist and its relevance for our lives using online video material from Bishop Robert Barron. We will explore Eucharist as Real Presence, as Sacrifice and as Meal and look at how we can prepare and get more out of our participation in this celebration. For more information and registration please email darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

New dates for plenary council have been announced as well as the Discernment Papers on each Plenary Theme. Keep up to date by visiting the Plenary website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> These Papers are the result of each writing group and will ultimately be the Agenda for the Assembly in October 2021 after approval by Rome. The Discernment Papers should be a real source of prayerful discussion and reflection over the next few months in parishes, schools, and Church agencies.

YOUTH MINISTRY ONLINE

Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong launched LIVE Online last week. Check it out at. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdC-Q7_-OVY Joel and Robyn get real in this creative show about faith in the life of young people, inviting them into lives that are full and joyful. This is a great way to build not only your faith but to build lasting friendships. To get in touch with the NET team and be part of this, simply follow the "CYMW" Facebook page or by Instagram at "wollongongnetteam"

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love you more than anything in the world, but since I cannot receive communion at this moment, feed my soul spiritually.

I unite myself to you now as I do when I actually receive you.

Never let me drift away from you. Amen

Online Masses



You can click on link below to be directed to diocese page for direct links to open these masses.

Also available at: <https://www.dow.org.au/covid-19/daily-mass-and-devotions-online/>

PARISH		DAY	TIME
Bowral / Mittagong	St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish / St Michael's Catholic Parish	Sunday (recorded)	Available from 3:00pm Saturday
Bulli	St Joseph's Catholic Parish	Sunday (recorded)	Available from 5:30pm Saturday
Camden	St Paul's Catholic Parish	Sunday (recorded)	Available from 4:00pm Saturday
Campbelltown	St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish	Monday–Saturday	9:00am
		Sunday	9:00am
Eagle Vale	Mary Immaculate Catholic Parish	Monday–Friday	7:00pm
		Saturday	10:00am
		Sunday	10:00am
Macquarie Fields	Mary Mother of the Church Parish	Monday–Friday	8:00am
		Saturday (vigil)	6:00pm
		Sunday	8:00am
Moss Vale	St Paul's Catholic Parish	Monday–Friday	9:30am
		Saturday	6:00pm
		Sunday	8:00am
Oran Park	St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish	Saturday (vigil)	5:00pm
		Sunday	10:00am
Port Kembla	St Patrick's Catholic Parish	Sunday	9:30am
Rosemeadow	Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Parish	Tuesday	6:30pm
		Wednesday–Friday	9:00am
		Saturday (vigil)	6:00pm
		Sunday	10:00am
Shellharbour City	All Saints Catholic Parish	Monday–Friday	7:00am
		Sunday	9:00am
Thirroul	St Michael's Catholic Parish	Monday–Friday	E-mail for link
		Sunday	E-mail for link
West Wollongong / Unanderra	St Therese Catholic Parish / Immaculate Conception Parish	Sunday	5:00pm
Wollongong	Lumen Christi Catholic Parishes	Tuesday–Friday	12:10pm
		Sunday (recorded)	Available from 9:00am Sunday

UPDATED 21 MAY 2020

The Church is the people of God

UPDATED PARISH DIRECTIVES AS A RESULT OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

AS OF 3 JUNE 2020

Parish directives

From Wednesday 3 June 2020, Catholic churches and chapels in the Diocese of Wollongong will be able to open for Masses, Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms, subject to the following directives.

These directives have been revised as a result of the release of the Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (no 3) 2020 under the NSW Public Health Act 2010 and issued by the NSW Minister for Health and Medical Research on 29 May 2020.

The timing of re-opening our church buildings is left to the discretion of the parish priest and local parish leadership but should only take place when the standards required to protect the health and safety of clergy, parish staff and parishioners are met. As always, an abundance of caution and prudence should be exercised when considering the appropriate point when church buildings can or should be reopened for the public celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and the Sacraments.

Overarching directives

- All faithful in the diocese are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Mass on Sundays
- The faithful can continue to keep holy their Sunday by setting aside time for prayer at home, reading the Scriptures of the day, watching Mass on television or online, and asking God for the graces they would normally receive in Holy Communion (canon 87 §1, canon 1248 §2)
- Churches and chapels can be opened to worshippers and the public for the following reasons only: Masses, weddings, funerals, baptisms and reconciliation (**note: at this stage, Diocese of Wollongong church buildings are not open for private prayer**)
- The decision to open a parish church/chapel for these services is the responsibility of the parish priest with his parish council/leadership team
- The number of people inside a building must never exceed the limits detailed in the latest Public Health Order (see the following pages for specific numbers)
- All worshippers and attendees must register in advance through their parish office or online (if offered by your parish). Your Parish Priest is best placed to determine the process for admission and monitoring at each Mass
- When recording details of attendance, there should be no reference to why the person is attending (unless the person has registered online where their preference for the relevant sacrament is recorded) except for essential assistants where their role in the Mass must be recorded.

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Overarching directives

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- People who feel unwell, who have flu/ respiratory symptoms, elevated body temperatures or who have been in contact in the previous 14 days with people suspected to have or who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, are not to enter churches or chapels
- Worshippers classified as vulnerable per [AHPPC guidelines](#) are **encouraged not to attend physically**
- Clergy and parish staff will follow a consistently applied process to ensure a fair and equitable attendance of worshippers
- All Holy Water fonts and stoups will remain empty
- Visible signage will be in place in all church buildings outlining, as a minimum, conditions of entry and the maximum capacity within the building
- High touch surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected regularly (including door handles pews, lectern, computer, vessels, shared musical instruments, taps, toilets, handrails) per [Work Safe Australia guidelines](#)
- Sufficient quantities of hygiene products (soap, hand sanitiser, tissues) will be available and accessible to parish staff, worshippers and attendees at doors of churches and confessionals, back of the church, bathrooms, and in the sacristy and sanctuary
- Parishes may utilise a digital thermometer for use by the Attendance Monitor
- Clergy, worshippers and other participants will adhere to physical distancing requirements, including maintaining 1.5m distance and ensuring four square metres per person in a room.
- Attendance Monitors will be present whenever a church or chapel is opened to the public. The key role of the monitors is to (1) ensure the attendee limit is not exceeded, (2) watch for symptoms in attendees, (3) inform people who are displaying symptoms or attempt to gain unlawful entry that they must leave the premises, and (4) record any incidents that occur while a church building is open.
- Essential assistants who are classified as vulnerable per [AHPPC guidelines](#) must provide medical clearance documentation (signed by a doctor) before serving
- Essential assistants include sacristans, servers, readers, musicians, AV operators, videographers and monitors
- Parishioners are asked not to congregate outside the Church/Chapel Building after each celebration
- The faithful are encouraged to have the 'COVIDsafe' app active on their mobile device where they have the capacity to do so (note: this is not a requirement of attendance)
- Parishes must submit a completed COVID-19 Safety Plan issued by the NSW Government to the Office of the Bishop
- Because of possible risk of aerosol transmission, congregational singing is prohibited at this time
- Only one musician and one cantor is allowed. The Cantor must maintain 3 metres physical distance

Public Masses

All overarching directives as detailed on page 3-4 are to be observed during the conduct of public Masses. The lesser of:

- **50 worshippers or**
- **the total number of persons calculated by allowing 4 square metres of space for each person on the premises**

Note: the space to be measured when calculating the 4m² per person excludes the sanctuary

In addition, the following specific directives apply where the Parish Priest has opted to celebrate public Mass:

PUBLIC MASSES

- Only the maximum registered worshippers as calculated above will be allowed entry (in addition to clergy and essential assistants). At the time of registration the full names and contact phone numbers for all worshippers will be collected.
- Parish-appointed Attendance Monitors will check names against a list to ensure all worshippers attending have registered
- Worshippers must sanitise their hands upon entry using provided sanitiser at doors of the building
- Allocated seating will be marked with stickers to ensure 1.5m distance between worshippers
- Worshippers can seek assistance from the Attendance Monitor if required during the Mass
- Worshippers must not shake hands and instead offer a verbal exchange of peace
- The Attendance Monitors will maintain alertness to identify worshippers presenting with flu-like symptoms (cough, runny nose, etc.) and advise any worshippers with symptoms they must leave the premises
- The Attendance Monitors will ensure worshippers do not congregate in the entrance or any area of the building
- The Attendance Monitors will ensure staggering of worshippers as they enter the building and walk to their seats
- Communion will be received in the hand only (not on the tongue)
- There will be no communion from the chalice for worshippers
- The Attendance Monitors will coordinate a staggered exit of worshippers

Church/Chapels will not be open for Private Prayer under the current directives due to the significant cleaning and sanitising requirements that are involved to protect parishioners, clergy, parish staff and volunteers.

Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms and Reconciliation

All overarching directives and hygiene, cleaning and social distancing requirements detailed above are to be observed during the conduct of weddings, funerals, baptisms and reconciliation. In addition, the following specific directives apply:

WEDDINGS

- Up to 20 persons are permitted (excluding the couple, the celebrant, assisting ministers / essential personnel, and one photographer or one videographer or both)
- 1.5m distance must be maintained between all participants (except the bride and groom)
- 2 Attendance Monitors will ensure staggering of worshippers as they enter the building and walk to their seats
- The 2 Attendance Monitors will coordinate a staggered exit of worshippers

FUNERALS

- Only the maximum registered worshippers as calculated above for Masses are permitted (excluding persons necessary for the conduct of the service) subject to the 4 sq metre rule

BAPTISMS

The Parish priest and Pastoral Council / Local Leadership team will determine when baptisms that were postponed because of COVID-19 will be rescheduled. Rescheduled baptisms should only take place when the standards required to protect the health and safety of clergy, parish staff and participants can be met.

- Baptisms may take place at the discretion of the minister in consultation with the family
- Only the maximum registered attendees as calculated above for Masses are permitted to attend. The celebrant and assisting ministers are permitted above these limits
- There should be no "immersion" baptisms
- All participants to maintain 1.5m except for the parents and child (and only the parents should hold the child)
- A taper to light the baptismal candle when either celebrant or godparent light baptismal candle directly from Paschal candle
- Your Parish Priest will advise you of the maximum number of attendees allowed.

RECONCILIATION

- The Faithful must make an appointment to attend reconciliation
- 1.5m distance is to be maintained between the priest and the penitent

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament for the Anointing of the Sick (for individuals) will continue to be offered to those in need of it, according to Canon 1001: 'Those who have the care of souls and those who are close to the sick are to see to it that the sick are consoled by the sacrament of anointing at the appropriate time.'

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

- Clergy should only visit the sick or infirm with COVID-19 in a hospital or aged care facility if requested by the patient, family or hospital personnel. Clergy are requested to contact hospital personnel to confirm that the appropriate precautions are met prior to administering the sacraments
- Group celebrations of the Anointing of the Sick (two or more people receiving the sacrament consecutively in a single celebration) remains suspended

Enduring directives

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS & CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS

- The Parish Priest and Pastoral Council / Leadership Team will determine when First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion can take place as a result of COVID-19 taking into account the guidelines in this directive.

OTHER MINISTRIES REMAIN SUSPENDED

- Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are not to take Holy Communion to the sick
- All parish meetings continue to be suspended at this time

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND HYGIENE

All parishes and parishioners are required to follow social distancing and hygiene guidelines as provided by the health authorities, including:

- Good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene.
- Distancing of at least one person per four square metres (except in family groups)
- Self isolation if diagnosed with COVID-19 or when exposed to symptomatic or diagnosed COVID-19 persons
- Parishioners must ensure they utilise the hand sanitisers provided as they enter and exit churches and chapels.