



SAINT JOHN  
the Evangelist  
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

# St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

## *A Living Community*

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 July 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

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### FIRST READING

**1 Kings 3:5,7-12**

#### **Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom**

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, I love your commands.

### SECOND READING

**Romans 8:28-30**

#### **Those he called, he justified**

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those

he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of

many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

**Matthew 13:44-46**

#### **He sells everything he owns and buys the field**

Jesus said to the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.



## 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*

## RECONCILIATION

Due to the restrictions enforced, there is currently no reconciliation at 4pm on Saturdays. Alternatively Father Francis will be doing reconciliation between 11am - 12pm every Saturday. There is no need to book but you are asked to wait outside in the inspiration garden maintaining social distancing for your turn.

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

Recently deceased: Fr Rheinberger,

Anniversaries: Marie Nunan



## REOPENING OF CHURCH AND RESTRICTIONS

Masses have resumed at St John's. 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 government and the Bishops office, mass numbers has increased to apply to the 4 square meter rule so we are now able to allow more worshippers in for mass. Although this will allow more flexibility for people to attend the mass time they prefer, at St John's we will be limited to 100. This does not include Clergy or essential members (Clergy, sacristan, Altar Servers, musicians, and usher)

You are still required to register for masses each week for weekend masses. You can do this on the diocese website or through the parish office. You are asked to stay home if you are not well.

**Registrations for the weekend must be in by Friday 2pm. If you call or register online after this time your registration will not be seen until the following week.**

**You are unable to attend mass unless you have registered your name and details beforehand unless it is a weekday mass.**

You can also register your interest for mass at <https://www.dow.org.au/registration/>  
If you register online you will need to wait for confirmation by email or phone.

Instead of passing the collection basket around during the mass, 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.

## CATHOLIC WEEKLY AVAILABLE

The Catholic Weekly is now available from the Piety Shop each weekend. If you missed the last two weeks there are still copies available.

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### August 15 Virtual National Catholic Men's Gathering

This free half day gathering, will look to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship four sessions with inputs from Australian Bishops and lay leaders to inspire and renew men in the Church for mission. Participate individually but also in around 30 locations around Australia, 4 in the Diocese of Wollongong. Simply register at [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)

The Diocese will bring men together in four locations on Saturday 15 August from 9.30-2.30pm:

- **Wollongong:** Xavier Centre 38 Harbour Street: Host: Peter Crowe – 0407 913 696
  - **Macarthur:** Venue TBC: Host: Eddie Ferry – 0417 049 418
  - **Nowra:** Venue St Michaels Parish: Host: Nigel Porter – 0430 365 383
- Southern Highlands:** Venue TBC: Host: James Glynn – 0431 636 027
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## MARY MACKILLOP PLACE

### - THE FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP

In light of the COVID outbreak and the unpredictability of the spread, Mary Mackillop place will be closed for the Mary Mackillop's Feast day 8 August.

Mass in the Mary Mackillop Chapel will be livestreamed at 10am on 8th August followed by a time of prayer at the tomb. The details will be posted on the website: [marymackillopplace@mmp.org.au](mailto:marymackillopplace@mmp.org.au)

Prayer Reflections suitable for prayer at home will also be posted on the website for three days, 6 August, 7 August and 8 August.

Mary Mackillop knew what it was like to face unknown and unpredictable times in her life. May she companion us as we live through this pandemic which is affecting all aspects of our family, work and community life.

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## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

It must not be forgotten that the passing of time and the changing of social circumstances will require a constant updating of the reflections on various issues, in order to interpret new signs of the times.

– *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace*

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## 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](http://www.stjohnsdapto.org.au)

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## 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

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## DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG MASS ONLINE

For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website <https://dow.sh/dailymass>

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## A VOCATION VIEW - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (26/07/20)

"Give your servant an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong." True knowledge comes from the Lord and is not to be used for our own gain, but for the building of the Kingdom of Heaven. (1 Kings 3:9) 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) or our new Vocations video at <https://www.dow.org.au/covid-19/sunday-mass-online-with-bishop-brian/>

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## CatholicCare - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer?

We are urgently seeking a forever home in the Shoalhaven area for a sibling group of four children, aged between 6 to 14 years. We need foster carers who provide love, care and support to help these children thrive and reach their full potential. Carers receive comprehensive support from the Fostering Futures team to ensure they have a full range of resources and networks to nurture their forever home. Our team have over 30 years' experience helping carers give vulnerable children a loving home and a brighter future.

**You can find out more by calling 0418 783 956, email [fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au) or go to <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au> more information**



## **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](https://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](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. <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 are available for collection in the foyer of the church. If you are not yet attending mass boxes can be collected from the office during the week.

## **THE ACBC NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING**

For 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or Individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

**Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world.**

**Cost: FREE**

**Registration: Available from Monday 29th June**

**Event Program: Available from Saturday 15th August 2020**

**Go to: [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)**

## **CAtHFAMILY**

CAtHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes for free from their website. Don't miss CathKids <https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/> : A weekly interactive experience with a two-minute animated reflection on the Sunday reading, questions to stimulate discussion, a simple activity and prayer.

Families in the diocese are encouraged to utilise these resources at home to share faith with kids. Visit [www.cathfamily.org](http://www.cathfamily.org) especially during this time of COVID-19 social distancing especially if children are unable to attend school.

## **THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG WEEKLY PODCAST - 'The Journey' –26 July 2020**

This week you will hear all about the upcoming National Men's Conference and new content from Darren McDowell in his segment – leading for mission – asking us why we would bother? The Journey available every Friday for free download – go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

## **Knowing & Following the Holy Spirit**

**Wednesday's, 22nd July - 9th September via Zoom.**

**To Register visit [www.dow.org.au/news-and-events](http://www.dow.org.au/news-and-events)**

The theme of Australia's Plenary Council is Listen to What Spirit is Saying. But how do we do this? How can we as individuals and parish communities truly know, listen and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Entering into these questions is vital as we discern how we will live our faith and mission in the years to come. Join us for this eight part video reflection series, using material from [formed.org](http://formed.org), exploring the role and action of the Holy Spirit. For more info contact Darren McDowell on [darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au) or 4222 2463

## **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.