



SAINT JOHN  
the Evangelist  
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

# St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

## *A Living Community*

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
16 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

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

#### FIRST READING

**Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21**

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power.  
He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer.  
Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.  
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing.  
His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man.  
He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

#### SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: *the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.*

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

#### 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 5:17-37**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not kill*; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: *You must not commit adultery*. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal*. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord*. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.



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

**Recently Deceased:** Joe & Liza Micallef

**Anniversaries:** Noel & Ursula Riley, Ernest and Angela Curtis, Angela Woodhouse

### **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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any families that took an enrolment form last weekend, the date on the bottom of the form stated that the parent information night was 5 March, this was an error, the parent information night is on **THUR 27 FEB AT 6PM**



### **COMMISSIONING SUNDAY**

This Sunday 16 February is commissioning Sunday for our Catechists and teachers. Mass will be shared with students from St John's and music with Andrew Chinn. All Catechists and teachers are invited to

### **CATCHIST MEETING**

The next Catechist meeting will be at 10am Monday 17 Feb in the parish meeting room. All catechists encouraged to attend.

#### **SPECIAL EVENT:**

Ashes to Easter by Peter Kearney,  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm**

Dear Parishioners,

We are having a Lenten concert/reflection and you're invited!

Acclaimed singer/songwriter Peter Kearney will be in our parish 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.

This evening will be a special way to continue your Easter preparation and he comes highly recommended by other parishes.

The format for this affordable 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.

7pm – Peter Kearney concert in the church (Gold coin donation per person, for admission)

A Ticket for food, drink and admission will be \$5. A family ticket will cost \$10. Those only coming for the concert can make a gold coin donation at the door.

We anticipate considerable interest and support for this evening and hope that you will be able to join us. Please extend this invitation to any friends or family, whether they be parishioners or not.

Let's fill the church!

God Bless,

### **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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## A VOCATION VIEW - Young Men's Gathering

Any young men (18+) who are open to discerning God's call in their lives are most welcome to come along to a relaxed evening of dinner, drinks and conversation, with the Vocations Director (Fr Duane Fernandez), Bishop Brian Mascord and our two current seminarians (James Arblaster and Sinh Le), on **Friday 28 February, 6:30pm at the Rigney Room** (next to the Cathedral Presbytery, Harbour Street Wollongong). The first of these dinners in late 2019 saw 8 young men come along who all said they wanted more such gatherings. Please invite anyone who you think may be interested, and anyone attending please RSVP to Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au) for catering purposes.

## CATHOLIC CARE SUPPORT

The Black Summer of 2019/20 has been defined by significant trauma and devastation from bushfires burning in many areas of the country. Fires have significantly impacted large tracts of the Shoalhaven, Southern Highlands and Macarthur regions of our diocese. As part of the diocese's local inter-agency emergency response, our social services arm, CatholicCare, is on the ground helping people as they deal with the immediate aftershock of the fires and will continue to be there as they rebuild their lives in the medium and long term.

Further to its regular services, CatholicCare are offering:

- Specialised trauma-informed counsellors providing *free* face-to-face and phone counselling to meet the needs of people impacted by bushfires.
- Additional *Community Connect* morning teas, providing a safe place to debrief in a supportive environment with trained staff who can help navigate a way forward.

Extra community and pastoral support programs and group work assisting with trauma recovery.

If you need help, contact CatholicCare's client services staff on (02) 4254 9395 (lines are open Monday to Friday 9am–5pm) or email [intakeservices@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:intakeservices@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

Bishop Brian Mascord has launched a local bushfire appeal to assist CatholicCare in this important work. Your practical support will help ensure that their additional bushfire recovery programs in our region will remain in place for as long as our community members need them. You can make a tax-deductible donation at <https://www.dow.org.au/catholiccare-bushfire-appeal/>

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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.



## Reach Beyond: Become Simply Rich....

All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money or gifts that contribute to degrading dependence. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. [Palms Australia](http://www.palms.org.au) will provide you with thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine.

Look at [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) and talk to Roger on 0422472567, or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

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## CALLING ALL BUSINESS PEOPLE

Catholic Business Connections (CBC) is an opportunity for business women and men in our diocese (active and retired) who share common values, to network and engage with each other and leaders representing the diocese. CBC gathers four times a year for lunch and to listen to guest speakers chosen to inspire with their unique story and share how they relate their work and spiritual life experience to the context of living in a modern world. **The first luncheon for 2020 will be held on Friday 28 February at Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown (11.45am-2pm).**

As part of the diocese's local inter-agency emergency response to the recent bushfires in our region, our social services arm, CatholicCare, has been on the ground helping people as they deal with the immediate aftershock of the fires and will continue to be there as these people rebuild their lives in the medium and long term. Bishop Brian has invited CatholicCare's Director Michael Austin and Executive Manager Rosanne Plunkett to be the guest speakers. They will speak on a "A heart that sees ... and responds. For more information on CBC and how to join, visit [www.cbc.dow.org.au](http://www.cbc.dow.org.au) or contact Debbie Gates, Diocesan Director of Development and Community Engagement (02) 4222 2446.

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*Those offering their time - Thank you*

Feb 22/23	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Projector	Counters	Cleaning (wk 17-21)
Sat 5/pm	T Kadmon	D Kadmon	A Johnston, G Daniels, D Kadmon			
Sun 7.30am	M Whatman	F Tonini	L Foy, E Brennan, .....	F W Spajic	M Harnett D Errington	G3
Sun 9.30am	J Negro	T O'Brien	L Negro, E Gill, M Nicholson			
Sun 6pm	K Pickering	C Stringer	R Ford, G Knowles, S Joseph			

**AROUND THE PARISH**

**MASS TIMES**

<p><b>All Night Adoration</b> – 1st Tuesday of the month after 5pm mass to 6am Wed morning.</p> <p><b>Legion of Mary</b> – Meeting room Monday's at 10.30am</p> <p><b>Baptisms</b> – Most Sundays 11am. Preparation class 2nd Wed of month. Booking through parish office.</p> <p><b>Marriages</b> – Please contact Priest 6 months prior to wedding date.</p> <p><b>Nursing Home Masses</b> -</p> <p><b>William Beach NH:</b> 1st Tue of the month 10.30am</p> <p><b>St Luke's NH:</b> 2nd Tue of the month 10.30am</p> <p><b>Hammond Care:</b> 4th Thurs of the month 2pm.</p> <p><b>Sick Calls</b> – Please contact the parish office or Fr Francis</p> <p><b>Parish Pastoral Council</b> - Meet 1st Tues of every second month at 7pm.</p> <p><b>Wollongong Hospital Chaplain</b> – Fr George Condookala - 42225000 (WH) or 4229 1074</p> <p><b>West Dapto Catholic Cemetery</b> - Plots are for sale. Please contact the Parish Office.</p>	<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

**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*