



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them:

"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: *The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise.* So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38-48

Love your enemies

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: *Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.* But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name,
O Most High.





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

Anniversaries: Giovana Di-Martino, Angela Woodhouse, Tanya Formosa, Bernaroino Garcia, Juan Carrasco,

ENROLMENT FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION

Enrolment for the sacrament of Reconciliation commenced. 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: the parent information night is on **THUR 27 FEB AT 6PM**



ASH WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY

Masses for Ash Wednesday will be:

9.30am - Parish and school mass (Yr 3 - 6)

6pm - Parish Mass.

Lent begins next Wednesday. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting applies to those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of the sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will start at 6pm Friday 28 February and continue every Friday during lent. Everyone is invited and welcome to come.

LENTEN GROUPS

There are lists in the foyer of the church for anyone that would like to host or join a Lenten Group

120th ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH - May 2020

This May we will celebrate the significant anniversary of our parish. If you have some old photos of the parish we would like to borrow them to help make a slide presentation for our celebration. If you can lend some photos please take them in an envelope to the parish office. The envelope needs to have your name clearly written so they can be easily returned.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Wollongong Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

For further information please phone the Wollongong Office of the Tribunal Office on 4222 2409 or email tribunal@dow.org.au

RISING FROM THE ASHES - A Time for Healing

A Bushfire Recovery Family Event - Saturday 29 February 2020 at the Ulladulla Civic Centre

PROGRAM: Midday - 4 pm including 1 – 1.30 Healing & Blessing Ceremony.

Food Fair, Music, Family Entertainment, Activities and More!

This event is being coordinated by the Milton Catholic Parish, in collaboration with other churches, community groups, schools & local businesses, and embracing the whole community.

Everyone is welcome, including pets.

Please donate to a combined churches **Cake and Condiment Stall**, packaging and labelling what ingredients you've used for your goodies.

Kindly deliver these to our Churches Stall at the Civic Centre on 29/02/20. Please volunteer and support this event.

(Even one hour of time is very helpful and appreciated.)

For further information, contact Vivienne Benson-Hodge E: yulan@westnet.com.au M: 0407 264 665 and/or Fr Michael Dyer: michael.dyer@dow.org.au or T: 4455 1313



LAST CHANCE! 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.



SPECIAL EVENT:

ASHES TO EASTER by Peter Kearney - Saturday 7th 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. Peter's concert is most suitable for adults though older children might enjoy it. The duration of the concert 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.

You may buy tickets to the Peter Kearney Ashes to Easter concert on the 7th March before or after most masses on the weekends leading up to the concert. Members of the parish council will be available for ticket sales. Ticket sales prior to the concert will assist us in the planning of this event.

Let's fill the church!

God Bless, The Parish Council

Those offering their time - Thank you

Feb 29 MAR 1	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Projector	Counters	Cleaning (wk 24-28)
Sat 5/pm	T Sumner	M Sumner	P Portelli, T Kadmon, A Johnston			
Sun 7.30am	B Brennan	D Barry	S Wilson, F Tonini, D Clegg	St J C Negro	L Foy M & D Barry	G4
Sun 9.30am	M Walker	R Gilmore	M Fleming, G Teixeira, R Gilmore			
Sun 6pm	L Connelly	K Gurney	L McNamara, R Ford,			

RECONCILIATION SACRAMENT ROSTER Feb 29 / Mar 1

SAT 5PM: T Sumner, A Johnston, P Farrugia

SUN 7.30AM: N/A

SUN 9.30AM: C Young, P Robinson

SUN 6PM: M Gurney, R Ford

AROUND THE PARISH

MASS TIMES

<p>All Night Adoration – 1st Tuesday of the month after 5pm mass to 6am Wed morning.</p> <p>Legion of Mary – Meeting room Monday's at 10.30am</p> <p>Baptisms – Most Sundays 11am. Preparation class 2nd Wed of month. Booking through parish office.</p> <p>Marriages – Please contact Priest 6 months prior to wedding date.</p> <p>Nursing Home Masses -</p> <p>William Beach NH: 1st Tue of the month 10.30am</p> <p>St Luke's NH: 2nd Tue of the month 10.30am</p> <p>Hammond Care: 4th Thurs of the month 2pm.</p> <p>Sick Calls – Please contact the parish office or Fr Francis</p> <p>Parish Pastoral Council - Meet 1st Tues of every second month at 7pm.</p> <p>Wollongong Hospital Chaplain – Fr George Condookala - 42225000 (WH) or 4229 1074</p> <p>West Dapto Catholic Cemetery - Plots are for sale. Please contact the Parish Office.</p>	Tuesday	Mass	5pm
	Wednesday	Mass Healing Mass Divine Mercy	9.30am 9.30am(1st Wed of Month) 3pm (Chapel)
	Thursday	Mass Exposition Christian Meditation	9.30am After mass 4-5pm (Chapel)
	Friday	Mass	9.30am
	Saturday	Reconciliation Rosary Mass	4pm 4.40pm 5pm
	Sunday	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