



SAINT JOHN  
the Evangelist  
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

# St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

## *A Living Community*

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 August 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

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1,6-7

**I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain**

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer.

Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

#### SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

**With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice**

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so

those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

**The Canaanite woman debates with Jesus and saves her daughter**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.



## 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: Mario Ganassin, Fr Rheinberger,

Anniversaries: George Matthew



## 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 previous weeks there are still copies available.



### LEVEL 2 CATECHIST TRAINING (ONLINE)

Commencing Friday 21st of August, CCD Wollongong will be offering Level 2 training modules for Catechists who wish to engage with further Catholic faith formation. The training will be delivered live via the zoom video meeting service and will be strictly limited to 100 participants (you don't need to have a camera but it's always nice to be able to see everyone in the training).

Each session will run for 90 minutes (60-minute presentation and then time for questions and discussion) and the topics will be chosen from Level 2 Catechist Training Course. This training will be recorded as ongoing formation for you in the ministry. You can attend any or all of the events provided.

#### Schedule

- **The Story of God's people (Jewish Foundations)**  
- 21 August 9.30am - 11am (connect at 9.15am)  
Presenter: Peter Gilmore
- **Living our Faith: Christian Response (Morality and Ethics)**  
- 28 August 9.30am - 11am (connect at 9.15am)  
Presenter: Darren McDowell
- **The Story of God's People (Christian Foundations)**  
- 4 September 9.30am - 11am (connect 9.15am)  
Presenter: Peter Gilmore
- **What We Believe (The Creed)**  
- 11 September 9.30am - 11am (Connect 9.15am)  
Presenter: Seth Harsh

You must register by 19 August online to complete the courses. Courses can be registered for individually or collectively as the full four-week course via the links below:

**Individual Courses:** <https://web.thankqportal.com/cdowa/catechist-level-2-online-training/#/stepper?pagelId=3237>

**Full 4 week course:** <https://web.thankqportal.com/cdowa/catechist-online-training-level-2-modules/#/stepper?pagelId=2709>

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday 15 August



### REQUEST FOR PRAYER FOR CATECHIST MINISTRY IN THE DIOCESE

Each week, hundreds of volunteers around the diocese answer the call to share our Catholic faith with Catholic children. Please keep in your prayers the work of Scripture Teachers, the children they teach in state schools and their families. If you would like to know more about the ministry, please go to [www.ccdwollongong.com](http://www.ccdwollongong.com)

### A VOCATION VIEW - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (16/08/20)

"The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." Use the gifts that God has given you to stir into flame the gift of faith. (Romans 11:29) 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 Vocations video at <https://www.dow.org.au/covid-19/sunday-mass-online-with-bishop-brian/>

### DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG MASS ONLINE

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

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Enrolment for the sacrament of Holy Communion has begun for this year. Children must be in year 3 or above (and have made their First Reconciliation). The schedule has changed to how it is normally run due to COVID

restrictions. If you would like to enrol your child, there are forms in the foyer of the church. Please email your enrolment form back to [dapto@dow.org.au](mailto:dapto@dow.org.au)

For more information please contact the parish office on 4261 1315





### 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.**



### 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)**

### SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The social doctrine of the Church is proposed also to the brethren of other Churches and Ecclesial communities, to the followers of other religions, as well as to all people of good will who are committed to serving the common good. – *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace*

### THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG WEEKLY PODCAST – 'The Journey' – 16 August 2020

This week we have Fr Mark De Battista giving us a Gospel reflection for this Sunday, some brilliant music, and short talks from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters, including Pat Keady, talking about Courage. The Journey available every Friday for free download – go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

### 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. If you would like to start planned giving please see Fr Francis after mass or contact the parish office

### 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

### 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*