



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

3rd Sunday of Easter

26 April 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

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14,22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy;
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.
'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-21

Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of Christ

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of bread

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Gospel Cont...

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



ANZAC DAY

If this was any other year, we would be gathering together at the memorials in our cities and towns across our diocese this coming Saturday for ANZAC Day.

We would see a sea of faces all gathered together honouring the men and women who have died defending Australia.

But, ANZAC Day is different this year. We won't be gathering at our memorials. Instead, we will be at home—perhaps we will be with our loved ones gathered around the TV, a phone or tablet. Perhaps this year, we will sit by ourselves. No matter where we gather, the merits of their sacrifice remain, and so in an effort to continue the practice of our faith during the coronavirus outbreak, **we will be broadcasting a prayer liturgy with Bishop Brian Mascord at 6:00am on ANZAC Day (Saturday 25 April) here and on our [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#).**

Later in the morning, Bishop Brian will be celebrating Mass at the Cathedral House which will be livestreamed at 8:00am on the [Lumen Christi YouTube channel](#).

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them. Lest we forget.*



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

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/wollongongnetteam/>

THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG WEEKLY PODCAST - 'The Journey' – 26 April 2020

Listen in this week for as we hear from Sr Hilda Scott, Fr Mike Delaney from Tasmania, Pete Gilmore from Wollongong and other inputs from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters. There is some brilliant music as we celebrate joyfully in isolation, this Easter Season.

Uploaded every Friday for free download – go to www.jcr.org.au

A VOCATION VIEW

Third Sunday of Easter (26/04/20)

'Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning.' Now that Christ is raised from the dead, our actions must be changed to reveal this great gift to the world. (1 Peter 1:17) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez, at vocations@dow.org.au

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

At this stage the parish office is 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

PRAYER RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

During this time of social isolation it is important that we pray and stay connected to our community. A range of online resources are available to assist with this. These include daily prayers and readings, prayer services, the Sunday Office, commentaries, homilies and reflections as well as Gospel based activities and resources to support personal and family prayer. Go to: liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray and follow the prompts to access. Hopefully these resources will help create prayerful solidarity with our community and the whole Body of Christ.

2020 WOLLONGONG HOSPITALS

Fr George Condoakala will be available for visits to the sick. He can be contacted on 0475 815 506.

FAITH CIRCLES - FREE SMALL GROUP RESOURCE:

During this period of Pandemic isolation, you are encouraged to spend time in prayer and spiritual reading and faith Circles is one way that you can do this. The weekly *Faith Circles* resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use, and could easily be done in your household or even by skype / phone with others at this time, with its questions and prayer points. It is available to download at www.faithcircles.dow.org.au or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.

DIocese of Wollongong Mass Online and Other Spiritual Resources

During this period of time where Masses in the diocese are suspended, it is important to know that you have not been abandoned by the Church. Members of the faithful are urged to keep holy the Lord's Day by making an act of Spiritual Communion, a well-established devotional practice of uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice when circumstances prevent one from receiving holy Communion.

Starting Sunday 29 March, we will be providing Sunday Mass online available at www.dow.org.au and on the diocese's Facebook page www.facebook.com/WollongongCatholic with Bishop Brian Mascord and other priests from the diocese.

Other Online Masses from Around the Diocese of Wollongong

For daily Masses, parishioners throughout the Diocese are encouraged to access other home worship resources including:

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays 12:10pm Mass from the Cathedral House at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong
- Tuesday—Sunday Masses from Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow
- Saturdays 5pm and Sundays 10am Mass from St Mary MacKillop Catholic Church, Oran Park
- Daily Mass from St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish, Campbelltown
- Daily Mass at 7am from All Saints Catholic Parish, Shellharbour City
- Daily 7pm Mass and Sunday 10am Mass from Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, Eagle Vale
- Daily Masses from St Paul's Catholic Parish, Moss Vale
- Tuesday—Sundays at 8am and Saturdays at 6pm at Mary Mother of the Church Parish, Macquarie Fields (also on their Facebook page)
- Sunday 9:30am Mass from St Patrick's Catholic Parish, Port Kembla.
- Sunday Mass from St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish, Bowral and St Michael's Catholic Parish, Mittagong.

Mass for You at Home is available across the Ten Network on Sundays at 6am and any time on TenPlay
Daily Mass on Demand is available at CathNews YouTube channel



ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING

Given that all non-essential travel has been cancelled, some parishioners 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 (insert phone number/email) 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.

A VOCATION VIEW

Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday (4/19/20)

As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' Jesus commissions us to be his witnesses to the end of the world, do not be afraid to proclaim him in thought, word and deed. (John 20:21) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez, at vocations@dow.org.au

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

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

A CALL TO COMMIT TO PRAYER DURING THE PANDEMIC EVERY EVENING AT 7PM:

The faithful across the Diocese of Wollongong are urged to join with other members of the National Council of Churches, so that all Christians pray 7pm every night through until Easter Sunday during the Pandemic crisis.
PRAYERING FOR OUR WORLD, AMIDST COVID-19

Gracious God,

We give thanks anew for your providence and presence.

We prayerfully seek your grace, amidst COVID-19 here and overseas. We pray for those in need of healing. We pray for your peace with those who are anxious or grieving. We pray you will continue to strengthen and sustain all those who are serving in response.

We pray for your Holy Spirit's discernment amidst the many choices and decisions facing our national, community and medical leaders. We pray we each might see quickly what more we can do to help those who are vulnerable.

This prayer for our nation in the family of nations, with all that is on our hearts, we gather now and pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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