



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 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***



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING Kings 19:9,11-13

The Lord was not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given

the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.
Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on the water

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest
wheat.

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*

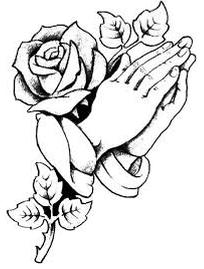
RECONCILIATION

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: Angela Scott, 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 previous weeks there are still copies available.

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

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

FEAST DAY MASS OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP – 8 August 2020

On the feast day of St Mary MacKillop (8 August) the Diocese of Wollongong, in collaboration with the Diocesan Catholic Women's League, usually celebrates Mass at one of the churches where Mary MacKillop visited during her lifetime. Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions and limitations arising from that, this year we will be filming a special Liturgy of the Word for the feast day. You are invited to view the liturgy on the diocesan YouTube channel <http://dow.sh/YouTube> or website www.dow.org.au on Saturday, 8 August 2020.



“Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid, love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can”.

-St Mary Mackillop

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

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

A VOCATION VIEW - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (9/8/20)

“Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid.” By keeping our eyes set on Jesus, we are able to do marvellous things. Trust that he will not allow you to stumble or fall. (Matthew 14:23) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au or our new 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>

NORTHERN ILLAWARRA BOOTCAMP 2020: “Get your life back”

Will help you stop, reflect, and give practical ways to regain some good rhythms for life.

“Stand at the crossroads and ask for the ancient path”

When: 7:30-9:30pm, Wednesdays in August (5,12,19,26).

Where: Bulli Parish Monsignor Riley Hall

Other venues to be confirmed for small groups / Zoom online meeting for those unable to meet socially.

Topics

August 5: Contentment/Priorities – get your life back

August 12: Managing technology – get your life back (youth)

August 19: Simplification – get your life back

(community) August 26: Ancient practices – get your life back



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 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 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

With the social doctrine of the Church, first of all Bishops will determine the most suitable methods for making it known and interpreting it correctly; Men and women religious and those responsible for formation will find a guide for their teaching and pastoral service; The lay faithful, who seek the Kingdom of God "by engaging in temporal affairs and directing them according to God's will", will enlighten their own mission; and Christian communities will find assistance in analysing new situations and action in the light of the unchanging words of the Gospel. – *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace*

THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG WEEKLY PODCAST – 'The Journey' – 9 August 2020

This week we have Fr Mike Delaney giving us the Gospel reflection for this Sunday, some brilliant music, and short talks from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters. The Journey available every Friday for free download – go to 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

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, exploring the role and action of the Holy Spirit. For more info contact Darren McDowell on 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.