



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 November 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

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

A perfect wife - who can find her?

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She is far beyond the price of pearls.

Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.

She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-15,19-21

You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them.

The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more.

"Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society needs your help to provide Christmas Hampers and toys to needy people in Dapto.

We are looking for donations of the following food items before 13th December :- Christmas puddings and cakes, mince pies, tinned ham, long life custard, soft drinks, fruit drinks, bags of chips, biscuits, tinned fruit, sweets and other Christmas dinner treats. Donations of new toys, gift vouchers or cash donations would also be appreciated. Items donated can be dropped off in the foyer of the church.

If you are not attending mass yet and would still like to contribute, donations can be dropped off at the parish office.

Many thanks.

Dapto Conference of St Vincent de Paul



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

CHURCH CLEANING

We would like to recommence the church cleaning roster on a less frequent basis for the time being. There are 4 cleaning groups and we were thinking if the church could be cleaned once a month this would take us to February by which time (hopefully) our social situation may have changed or eased and we can go back to our normal roster. The temporary roster is as follows:

November: Group 1 (Between 9-22 November)

December: Group 2 (Between 7-20 December)

January: Group 3 (between 11-24 January)

February: Group 4 (Between 8-21 February)

If any of the cleaning groups are not ready or comfortable to come back, we completely understand and there is no pressure to return if you do not wish. If you have any questions please contact the parish office.

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

Recently deceased: Eda Milic, Myfanwy Poplin, Kevin Howe, Tony O'Connor

Special Intention: Stefan Mursic



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.

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.

THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG WEEKLY PODCAST – 'The Journey' – 15 November 2020

On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista applies Jesus' parable about the master dividing his treasure among his servants to our times. Darren McDowell has five tips to make our parishes more welcoming, and Mother Hilda observes that our face radiates when we pray. Plus great music! The Journey available as a podcast – jcr.org.au

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The precepts of the sabbatical and jubilee years constitute a kind of social doctrine in miniature. These principles become the focus of the prophets' preaching, which seeks to internalize them. – *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace*



A VOCATION VIEW - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (15/11/20)

"Since you have been faithful in small matters, you will be given greater responsibility." To follow the Lord is to slowly grow in the love of the Lord, practicing small steps of virtue in order to grow to a vibrant faith in Christ. (Matthew 25:14-30) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

CALLING ALL BUSINESS PEOPLE & FRIENDS

Catholic Business Connections (CBC) provides an opportunity for business women and men in our diocese (active and retired) who share common values, to network and engage over lunch with each other and leaders representing the diocese. After a long break between luncheons, we are delighted to announce that **our next luncheon will be held on Thursday 19 November at City Beach Function Room, 1 Marine Drive Wollongong (11.45am-2pm).**

Bishop Brian invites you to attend what promises to be an enjoyable lunch at one of Wollongong's most picturesque venues. Our guest speaker is Vince Sorrenti, one of Australia's most loved and leading comic entertainers. Vince's topic is "2020. Who knew?"

Tickets for non-members are \$132 (incl. gst). To attend visit dow.sh/CBCNov20

RSVP for November luncheon is Thursday 12 November. Covid-19 Safety Plans apply.

For more information on CBC visit www.cbc.dow.org.au or contact Debbie Gates, Diocesan Director of Development and Community Engagement (02) 4222 2446.



NOVEMBER ALL SOULS

All Souls Day is on the 2 November and is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead. For the month of November we commemorate All Souls.

There are envelopes

available on the altar for you to write down the names of those who you would especially like to remember and pray for during this month. Names will be printed and placed in the book on the Altar.



ADOORE—ADVENT BOOK

Inspired by the shepherds, Magi and our Blessed Mother, this year's reflection book, **Adore**, provides a wonderful opportunity for us to take a quiet step out of our daily lives and refocus our attention on the Lord in adoration of what he has done for us through his Son.

Adore is an 88-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent



(29 November 2020) through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 January 2021).

Books can now be purchased from the piety shop for \$2 each—while stock lasts!

DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG MASS ONLINE

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

CATHOLICCARE - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer?

We need foster carers who provide love, care and support to help these children thrive and reach their full potential. Carers receive comprehensive support from the Fostering Futures team to ensure they have a full range of resources and networks to nurture their forever home. Our team have over 30 years' experience helping carers give vulnerable children a loving home and a brighter future.

You can find out more by calling **0418 783 956**, email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au> for more Information.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

For 800 years, the Holy Land Franciscans have served in the land made holy by the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

The annual Holy Land Collection, usually taken up on Good Friday, will this year be held in the diocese as an online collection on 15 November 2020 (World Day of the Poor). Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Holy Land Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Holy Land Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Holy Land Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. To make a donation please visit dow.sh/HolyLand2020 or call the Diocesan Community Relations Officer on 4222 2446.

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



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**

MASS TIMES

Tuesday	Mass	5pm
Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Thursday	Mass	9.30am
Friday	Mass	9.30am
Saturday	Reconciliation Rosary Mass	11am - 12pm 4.40pm 5pm
Sunday	Mass	7.30am 9.30am 6pm

The 11TH ANNUAL iWitness Conference

Awake, O Sleeper 10 – 13 December 2020

The tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops

iWitness is an annual, summer conference drawing together

100s of young (18-35 year old) Aussie Catholics for a summer

weekend of prayer, formation and fun.

For more information please check website <https://www.iwitnessconference.com/>

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