



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

The 5th Sunday of Easter

15 May 2022

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

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 14:21-27

They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 21:1-5

A vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, the bride of the Lamb

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out

of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 13:31-33,34-35

In the Son of Man, God has been glorified

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:
love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,

everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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

Recently Deceased: Nancy Green, Mona Errington, Philomena Fox

Anniversaries: Michael Lynam

Sick: Daniel Sharkey, Mark Errington



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Amarni Felix & Hudson Tubman

A PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine suffering from war.

May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure their suffering and hardship.

Transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate the violence and oppression.

Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.

We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

SAVE THE DATES- STATE OF ORIGIN 2022
Fun social night to enjoy BBQ, company and watch the game.

Game 1: 8pm Wednesday 8th June, (Sydney)
2022 Game 2: 6pm Sunday 26th June, (Perth)
2022 Game 3: 8pm Wednesday 13th July, (Brisbane)



VINNIES HELP

The Dapto Conference is still operating for crisis help (food, furniture, clothing).

A phone service is available:

Mon – Fri, 9.30am - 11.30am. Ph: 0412 912 641

Dear Parishioners

The Season of Easter is with us until Pentecost Sunday. This is a season of joy and thanksgiving. On Good Friday we heard your stories of grief and suffering so now you have your opportunity to tell the parish your Resurrection stories.

You are invited to submit a story based on your life experience with Resurrection in mind. Each Sunday 1 story will be placed in the parish bulletin. As with the Good Friday stories a story can be submitted anonymously.

Send me your story of new life, redemption, overcoming addiction or repairing a valuable relationship.

If you have any questions or need assistance with this task see any member of the parish council after mass.

My email address

is: stephen.leonard@dow.catholic.edu.au

The Parish Council

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Everyone is invited to come and say the rosary together during the month of May every Saturday evening at 4.30pm in honour of our lady. If you would like the statue of our lady in your home during May please call Paul on 0418113947.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL - 28TH/29TH MAY 2022.

St Vincent de Paul will be conducting their annual Winter Appeal here in Dapto Parish on the weekend of 28th and 29th May.

The collection will be in the form of a bucket collection at each of the weekend Masses.

All funds collected will go towards assisting those in need in our local community.

Your generosity and prayerful support is gratefully appreciated.



CHURCH ROSTER

Our church roster for volunteers for reading and eucharistic ministers and money counters has been on hold for some time now due to the pandemic. We plan on restarting the roster and over the next few weeks we will be taking names of those who wish to be included on the new roster. We understand that there may be some people who were on the old roster who may not wish to return to their role and also those who would like to volunteer and be apart of the masses.

There is list in the foyer of the church, if you would like to be included in a role, please write your name and contact phone number/email down and which mass you can assist.

CATECHIST MEETING

The next Catechist meeting will be on **Monday 16 May at 10am** in the parish meeting room. All catechists are asked to attend.

Laudato Si' Week 16 – 24 May

Laudato Si' Week (16-24 May) is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' and a call to action for Catholics around the world to care for our common home. You can participate through prayer, action, and reflection with the new resources for parishes, schools, organisations, and individuals created by the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. Go to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

INVITATION - PENTECOST SUNDAY

On Pentecost Sunday, 5 June, Bishop Brian invites all those who were baptised or received into the Catholic Church over the last twelve months to celebrate, together with family and friends. This celebration will take place in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 2.30pm followed by refreshments in the Xavier Conference Centre.

DOW VOCATIONS EVENT: Discovering God's Plan for our Lives

You are invited to join with vibrant people from around the Diocese including an expert panel, addressing all 4 Vocations, with the opportunity for Q and A. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn how to hear, discern and respond to God's call in our lives. There will be more details in coming weeks but to book your spot, follow the links below but in the meantime, if anyone would like to discuss their vocation with Fr Duane, Vocations Director, email vocations@dow.org.au
DATE: Sunday 19 June

TIME: Light refreshments 1:30pm for 2pm start
PLACE: Xavier Centre, next to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wollongong,

THE JOURNEY, 15 May 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast

On the Journey this week we celebrate the fifth week of the Easter Season. Come join in the joy of the resurrection with us on this week's show. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

With her social doctrine, the Church aims "at helping man on the path of salvation". – Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

"TOWARDS A BETTER KIND OF POLITICS" AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS ISSUE ELECTION STATEMENT

The Australian Catholic bishops have called for a shakeup that focuses the country's politics on the common good of all, including—and especially—those who struggle to participate in the community.

Although no one political party fully embodies Catholic social teaching, the bishops are offering an election statement to encourage Catholics and people of good will to reflect on the good they can do for their community by using their vote for the good of all. The statement advocates for vulnerable people in the community, including those in need of aged care, First Nations peoples, asylum-seekers and refugees. It calls for a government committed to the common good that will deliver a medium to long-term plan for eradicating poverty in Australia. The bishops also say people who have a religious faith should be protected from discrimination, "including the ability to undertake activities and form religious bodies that can pursue their religious mission".

You can download the statement at: dow.sh/ElectionStatement

A PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION

God of this land and of every people,
who shape all things according to your own design
and write your law in every human heart:
we thank you for this country we call home,
from the First Nations people to others born here
and those you have gathered from across the earth.
We pray for the citizens of our land in this troubled time,
that we may be committed to justice,
to the dignity of each human life,
and to solidarity with all Australians and with the world.
Guide all who seek election to serve the nation;
may the Holy Spirit inspire them to pursue a better
politics that is wise and courageous and governs for the
good of all.

May all of us see and hear you in the most vulnerable,
that we may respond to the cry of the earth
and the cry of the poor,
that we may respond to you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

URGENT EUTHANASIA PETITION (Paper Version for Signing)

Please urgently consider signing the petition opposing Euthanasia in NSW that is available for signing near the entrances to the Church.

For more information contact Dominica Connor, Right to Life NSW on

P: 02 9299 8350 or via www.righttolifensw.org.au

RESURRECTION STORIES

Inspirational defence lawyer, community leader, refugee advocate.

Deng Thiak Adut is a Sudanese child soldier turned western Sydney lawyer and refugee advocate whose harrowing tale of his personal journey as a refugee has evoked strong emotions among Australians. Born in South Sudan in 1984, one of eight children, Deng was conscripted as boy soldier at just six years old before going to war when he was only 10. Instead of playing games and singing children’s songs he learnt war songs and was taught to love the death of others. He escaped the army in 1995 and arrived in Australia as a 14-year-old refugee in 1998. After teaching himself to read, write and speak English, Deng won a scholarship to study law at the University of Western Sydney in 2005 and graduated with a Bachelor of Law in 2010. He later obtained his Masters degree in Law at the University of Wollongong. Deng originally told his story in a TV ad for the University of Western Sydney, in 2015. The aim of the ad was to promote the potential of education to change lives. What it achieved was so much more. NSW Premier Mike Baird was among those who saw a clip of the ad – it’s drawn more than 2 million views to date – and, without having met Deng, nominated him to give the 2016 Australia Day address at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. In Deng’s memorable address, ‘Freedom from Fear’, he emphasised “how very lucky we are to enjoy freedom from fear, and how very unlucky are many, many others who neither chose, nor deserve their fate”. He also reminded us to carefully safeguard the freedom from fear that Australians take for granted. “Visit a building site, walk around an educational campus, look at the names in our sporting teams and hear, see, smell and taste the richness of the cultures in any of our shopping centres. White is a colour to which so much can be added.” Deng described how it was being too scared, as a child, to pull the trigger of an AK47 to take his own life that saved him, when children around him were choosing death as the quickest escape from the horror of life. Deng Thiak Adut is now a partner in the AC Law Group, a firm he co-founded with Joseph Correy in 2014, and works seven days a week. Deng practices in the areas of

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criminal, family, employment and international law. He is especially well known for his work as a criminal lawyer assisting the Sudanese community in Blacktown and for taking on refugee pro bono cases. Deng is a community award recipient and has been described in the media as a “remarkable person”. He devotes many hours of his personal time every week to mentoring, advising and supporting members of his community. He regularly acts as a spokesperson for the Sudanese community and has frequently appeared in the media to advocate for their interests. Deng Thiak Adut is a man who has seen and smelt true evil. A child soldier who was indoctrinated to be a killing machine. Yet Deng advocates being good, for being bad brings nothing but destruction. Deng is committed to making a positive difference and, in doing so, inspires others to do the same.

MASS TIMES

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| 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 |

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation every Saturday between 11am - 12pm.

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