



WEEKLY NEWS

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DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

QUICK TO BE CRITICAL

REV DAVID RIETVELD

Westpac has just been hit with a massive \$1.3 Billion dollar fine. Earlier in the week, a story broke about how illegal funds in the trillions are being transferred through the mainline banking system. Forget the cash business like the Laundromat or Fish and Chip shop as a way of laundering money.

All of this causes us to lose faith in institutions like Banks. Is this fair?

My own view is this. (Sinful) human nature has a way of abusing any sense of progress, and new developments, and perverting it for selfish and evil ends. If high volume electronic banking provides the opportunity to either steal or hide money – someone will exploit it. While the volumes might be larger, the sin is no different. It's a question of degree, not kind. People are just as selfish and sinful as ever. We are not slowly getting more enlightened, or progressively more corrupt.

If there is a new trend, it's the extent to which we lay the boot into institutions. We blame corporations and the powerful. Westpac is not so much being prosecuted for having done anything wrong themselves – rather not preventing others from doing something wrong. The standards of accountability for corporations are very high.

The short-comings of Anglicare and the way it managed Newmarch house, or cruise companies and how they managed COVID outbreaks are similar. Quick to be critical. Slow to blame individuals. Because that looks judgemental, and holier than thou. Jesus says to look at the log in our own eye first, not the log in institutions. Being self-critical has virtue.

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GROWING FAMILIES

This week we give thanks and celebrate the safe arrival for our two youngest members!

On the morning of Tuesday the 22nd of September, Drewan and Ainsley Robinson welcomed the safe arrival of their son, Arthur Nolan Robinson. He was born early in the morning weighing 3.47kg and measuring 50cm long.

The very same day, Simon and Erin Swan welcomed the birth of their daughter Freya Pauline Swan. Freya was born that night weighing 2.57kg and measuring 48cm long.

Join us in celebrating with their families and friends, and praying over both Arthur and Freya as they grow.



Arthur Nolan Robinson



Freya Pauline Swan



THANKSGIVING FOR DI

This Sunday we will celebrate the Ministry of Dianne Whittaker. Join us in praying over her.

Father, your Word tells us that every good gift comes from your hand. That it is you who sends out the harvest workers. In this time, we give you particular praise and thanks for the gift that Dianne has been to us here. For the ways in which you have used her to remind us of your truth and shape us into the likeness of your Son. For the gifts that you have given her to serve us, your body, in music, in discipleship, in worship and in the arts.

We pray that you might continue to shape and mould her, encourage and guide her. Help her to see the good works that even now you are preparing for her. Give her the courage and wisdom to walk in grateful obedience. We ask that you might, in this new season, remind her of your Son and her identity in Him.

We thank you for our Church community and the many individuals that make up our family here at DAC. Help each of us to take time this week to thank you for the many blessings we have, through the people you place in our lives. Amen.



PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord God, you declare your almighty power by showing mercy and pity: grant us such a measure of your grace that, by living according to your commandments, we may obtain your promises, and share in your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PREGNANT WOMEN

Amy M (10am), Loren A (7pm), April A (7pm), Katie C (7pm) and Kasey D (10am).

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Helen S, Bruce M, Diana M, Kath H, Ella H, Jean D, Lorna B-W, Glenys N, Barbara B, Barbara L.

8AM/2PM

Maya D; Doreen B; Helen K; Gordon M; - all recovering. Pat W. son Anthony and Anthony's fiancée, Sue K - all struggling with health. Molly B - recovering after a fall. Diane L - more tests

9:30AM

Anne S and Robin B - both recovering after surgery

10AM

Elizabeth L - recovering at home; Joan C - recovering after fall. Ronnie V.K, Michael E, Janelle S, June C, Michelle S - all ongoing conditions and treatment.

7PM

Shaina J son, Roman, waiting for appointment. Pray for good health while waiting. Billy H - chemo treatment. Gary M - ongoing health problems.

SAFE MINISTRY



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