



# WEEKLY NEWS

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## NEW WAYS TO UNDERSTAND 'SIN'

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The greatest good, in our current culture, is for you to become your best self. It's your principal task, to become the best you. And it's my job to encourage you and to give you the freedom and power you need to fulfil your potential.

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If this is, according to present culture, the greatest good, the greatest evil or sin, is the opposite. If, instead of encouraging you and giving you freedom; I restrict your choices, or impose my values on you, or abuse my power – this is the new greatest evil.

So what sins does our culture believe are the greatest evil? Slavery, abuse, discrimination, and closed-minded indoctrination. Do you see the logic? All of these new deadly sins are an attack on the freedom and independence of the individual.

Notice too another shift. What we now define as the greatest of sins, are sins against other people, especially the vulnerable. When the powerful 'weaponise' their resources to control the vulnerable – this is the greatest of atrocities. (And it is wrong, very wrong).

What has been lost is the recognition that sin is first and foremost an offence against God. Paul has a great line in Colossians 3.5: "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: ... greed, which is idolatry."

Greed is wrong, not just because it causes someone in the developing world to work in a sweatshop. Greed is wrong, so Paul tells us, because we place our hope and meaning in possessions. Possessions can be an idol, which displaces God as the preoccupation of our lives.

We are called to love God with all our heart as our highest calling. Greed is not a victimless crime, and therefore somehow less evil than discrimination. Greed is, I suggest, the most common and most socially acceptable sin of a capitalist society. And greed captures our hearts, which belong to God alone. That is a grave evil.

# 2021 National Church Life Survey

This Sunday our Church is taking part in the National Church Life Survey. This Survey happens every 5 years. It's designed to listen to the views of our leadership, attenders, and the broader community to provide a picture of our church's health and vitality. The results will help us identify our strengths and provide processes to help us evaluate, make decisions and connect effectively with our community.

For those who require it, we will have some paper copies, however the majority of us will fill it in online. There will be QR codes in the service, and afterwards. If you are watching online or wish to do the survey when you get home you can scan this QR Code.

To complete the survey you will need to use the Church Code: ANS74302

Thank you for taking part in the National Church Life Survey. If you have any questions or need support in filling out the survey please feel free to chat to any of the DAC Staff team. There will be staff members available to help at each service.



# Connect Unleashed

Connect Unleashed returns tomorrow! And we're starting BIG! Starting at 4pm, kids from Kinder to Year 5 sign-in in the Cafe, then head into the main hall to let the party begin.

Each week of the term is \$5, Parents there will be new rego forms to fill in and an excellent opportunity to say hi to the leaders. The program finishes at 5:30pm.

Connect Unleashed is a great opportunity for kids to come along, bring their friends, and learn about Jesus.

If you have any questions chat with Lorraine Miller 0401176928 or email [connectkids@daptoanglican.org.au](mailto:connectkids@daptoanglican.org.au)

## The City Youth

1 More Day! Tomorrow night The City Youth returns!

I am looking forward to seeing teenagers come into our church, celebrating being back, laughing, playing games, having fun and digging deep into the Bible. Seeing Jesus work and transform young peoples lives is the best thing there is. Last Saturday we had our Youth Leaders training day, and it was a great day being back together, praying for teenagers and that Jesus might be made much of.

Pray for Bethany Vaughan-Floyd who is the new Head Leader of Seniors – Bethany has been doing Youth Ministry for over 6 years and will be a great servant leader of the Senior Team. Amy Marra will be Head Leading our Juniors – Amy is our Youth Intern and has a great passion for young people, particularly in schools and unchurch families coming and finding life in Jesus.

Launch Night is a combined night – 7pm till 9pm.

Jamie Mackenzie



# Scripture Teachers Meetings

*The Return of SRE in Primary Schools since Lockdown*

Tuesday 15th February  
1pm in the Cafe

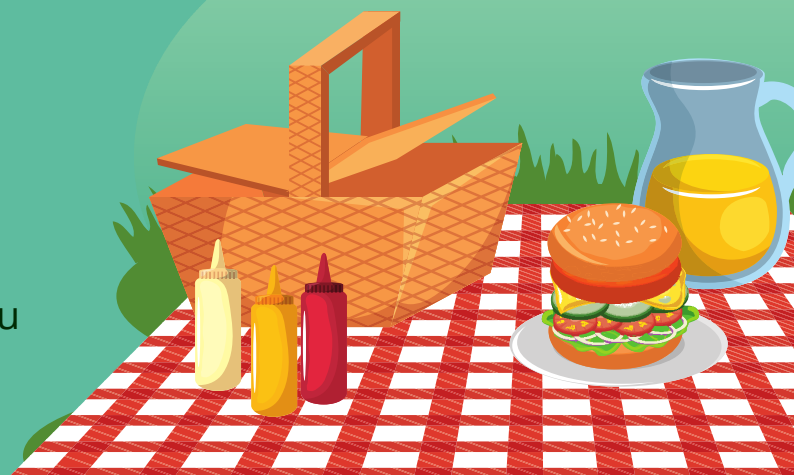
If you'd like to join the team,  
chat to Kathy Crossing



## Empty Nesters Picnic

Sunday 13th Feb, 12pm  
William Beach Park, Prince Edward Drive  
BYO Chair, Lunch and Drinks  
(wet weather plan is St Luke's Hall)

RSVP to Heather Boardman  
[emptynesters@daptoanglican.org.au](mailto:emptynesters@daptoanglican.org.au)



## SAFE MINISTRY

Dapto Anglican Church is committed to Safe Ministry Practices.  
If you have a question or concern, we are here to help.  
Please contact:

- Julie Houghton, Parish Safe Ministry Representative, by confidential email [safeministry@daptoanglican.org.au](mailto:safeministry@daptoanglican.org.au) or through our church office on 4261 1001
- Anglican Abuse Report line on 1800 774945





# PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## THOSE MOURNING

Pray for the family of Arthur S, as they mourn his death.

## PREGNANT COUPLES

Mel and Michael F; Erin and Simon S; Katy and Mark McG (and their baby is due in 3-4 weeks).

## HOSPITAL

Continue to pray for Tarj as he begins a long road of rehab and recovery following his accident.

## VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Please pray for our people in Nursing Homes: Kath H, Elsie N, Diana M, Barbara L, Reg B (all in St. Luke's Village and moving over to the new residence, Piper House); Robyn and Neville K (Diggers Rest, Corrimall); Gae and Allen Q (Castle Hill); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H (Warrigal Care, A.P.); Graham S (Carino Care, Rockdale).

## 8AM

Audrey R - hopefully able to stand on her own two feet now, following recovering after breaking her ankle; David H - recovering well following knee surgery; Greg B - slowly improving; Lyn R - is being referred to the Speech Pathology Clinic at Wollongong Hospital due to her lungs, and also may have surgery on her thyroid; Wendy R - still struggling with' pain in her knee; Shirley S - has settled in well at Bateman's Bay.

## 10AM

Elizabeth L - waiting for more appointments; Vince A - recovering well; Sue B - coping with her condition; Mary J's husband, Michael has health issues.

## 6PM

Shaina J's son, Roman, has had scans and awaiting results. Seb R - recovering from hand injury.

## CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Lynne N's brother is half way through his treatment and doing well.

# PRAYER FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father, Let your merciful ears, Lord God, be open to the prayers of your people; and make us ask such things as will please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.