



WEEKLY NEWS

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CREATED TO WORSHIP

REV DAVID RIETVELD

The news that Brisbane will host the 2032 Olympic games, together with the first Tokyo Olympic competition games on TV on Wednesday night (Australia vs NZ in women's soccer) put sport back in the headlines. To watch the Matilda's (our soccer team) playing in front of an empty stadium was eerie. The effort various codes are going to keep our major football codes playing, so we can watch games televised, is monumental.

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One of the recent exposure sites in Melbourne is the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG). Another is AAMI Park, where Australia played France in Rugby Union last week. Even in COVID shy Melbourne, the sports show must go on.

Of course, all major football codes did have a season of being shut down last year. Almost everything was shut down, except for the dogs and horse races.

All of this, while churches cannot gather. It is a clear picture of what our culture worships, what it idolises, and what it is addicted to. Australia worship sports, we idolise our sports stars, we feel like we belong to something bigger when we are part of a nation barracking for our country, or fan base supporting our team. We are distracted by sports from the hollowness of 21st-century life. And Australians, and our governments, are addicted to gambling.

My argument is not that the government is picking on churches. I believe that the restrictions we face are in keeping with other restrictions as placed on industry, or retail, or hospitality. My marvel is that such exceptions are made for 'games'.

There is something about being a creature, who has been created to worship, to live for something bigger, to idolise, that is eternal, and yet so misplaced in the present world.



Jason's Farewell

This Sunday we are holding Jason's farewell online during our 10 am service. We will hear from a few members of the congregation, look back at some memories and present them with gifts and the card you all sent messages in for.

Tune in on YouTube, Sunday 25th from 10am, and join us in wishing the McPhails all the best for their new adventures.



Pray Together

CMS Update:

Michael and Jo Charles

- Praise God that we are on board, ready to go the long way round to Auckland via Madrid, Doha and Brisbane (yes!).
- Please keep praying that we have all the right papers/declarations/WR codes etc for each leg. Thanks so much for the many messages we have received assuring us of your prayers over the last few weeks.
- Praise God for keeping us in his hands these many years as we say goodbye to Chile one last time.



PlayPatch

The Playpatch Team has been busy in their lockdown preparing packs to mail out to families. Very aware that many families are feeling a little cabin fever, the Playpatch team has sent out care packets this week to their members. This week's pack had colouring-in for the children, coffee and an encouraging message for the parents and sweets for all.



Stay Connected

As we pray for each other, we also encourage you to call, message and email each other with encouraging words. We have created some card graphics for you to use to help in creating an extra special message or email. You could also print them out and write a short letter or bible verse and post it to someone you have been praying for. You can see them on the back back of this newsletter.

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 or through our church office on 42611001
- Anglican Abuse Report line on 1800 774945



PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God, the protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase in us your mercy, so that with you as our ruler and guide, we may persevere through earthly trials and gain eternal life; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PREGNANT WOMEN

Amy S (10am)

HOSPITAL

Graham S in Bulli Hospital waiting for a room to be available at St. Lukes Village. Joan D - In Wollongong Hospital - gradually improving.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Molly B. Diana M, Barbara L, Reg B (all of St Lukes Village); Robyn K (Diggers Rest, Corrimal); Barbara B (William Beach); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H (Warrigal Care, A.P.); Jean D (Farm. Grove)

8AM/2PM

Lyn R - pray for good health; Pat W and son, Antony - please pray for family concerns and health; Daphne C's neighbour - Leukemia plus another rare cancer. Daphne C's daughter, Joanne - waiting for Covid to be over so that she can have her surgery. Arthur S - started his radiation yesterday, Wednesday; Wendy R - please continue to pray for relief from pain in her back and leg.

10AM

Kasey D, 6 months old daughter, River - had a night in hospital with Bronchitis but is doing much better now. Micheal T - recovering at home following surgery; Phil P - going into hospital tomorrow, for Bowel cancer surgery. Pray for freedom from anxiety; Gwyn D - seeing his Specialist in August; Sue B - finishing her treatment soon; Paul B - home dialysis; Elizabeth L - slowly recovering.

7PM

Shaina J's son, Roman - continue praying for Roman as they wait for Covid to be over so that he can have his scans; Gary M - ongoing health problems.

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Blake M (Janelle M's 8 year old grandson) - in hospital following strong doses of chemo and radiation in preparation for a bone marrow transplant. Please pray for Blake to be strong, calm and patient as he fights this battle, Also pray for Janelle and Ken over these next few months as they care for Blake. Virginia C - recovering well following a knee replacement. Beryl B (Janice V's mum)Pray for continued recovery from recent health issues..



