



WEEKLY NEWS

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FAIR OR FAITHFUL

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Here is a quote from Daniel 2. Fill in the blanks.
"Praise be to the name of God forever and ever;
wisdom and power are his. He changes times and
seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others.
He gives wisdom to the?, and knowledge to
the....?"

Did you guess simple? Or unwise, or uneducated? That was my first inclination.
The text actually reads "He gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to the discerning." That
does not sound right!

But it does sound like the parable of the bags of gold (Matthew 25). God gives 5 to the one
who already has 5, 2 to the one who has 2, and takes from the person who has only 1, and
gives it to the one who now has 10.

Somehow this parable does not sound fair to us either.

Which leads me to ask, what are our assumptions? I think our default belief is that God is just
(and he is); that just means fair, and that fair means an equal share. Furthermore, we
assume that where there is a lack of equality, it is because of greed, or hoarding. In other
words, inequality is the result of evil.

Greed, hoarding, stealing and the like are wrong. Some inequality is the result of evil. But it
appears not all inequality is evil.

The above texts, and others, demonstrate that God appears to distribute unevenly. At times
God blesses someone more than others (e.g. Abram, Jacob). At other times it is a result of
godliness (Job). At still other times it is a result of hard work (Proverbs). And at other times
chance/luck (Ecclesiastes).

If you have received above average, be overly thankful, and overly generous. If you have
received less, do not be jealous, or angry, or worried. Be faithful with whatever gifts you have
been entrusted.

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MEET JOHN KEWA

Last Sunday, in our services, we interviewed John Kewa. John is a DAC member, Chaplain of the Mission to Seafarers at Port Kembla, husband and father and was recently named 2021 Citizen of the Year. Mission to Seafarers ministers to seafarers who enter the Port, supporting and helping, and has done for nearly 80 years, 10 of which John has served.

John was given the award mainly because of his work when the Ruby Princess sailed into the Illawarra last Easter, with many suffering from Covid 19. With so many sick and confined to the ship, John mobilised his many contacts around the Port.

His appeal for help on social media reached 80,000 people in the first 24 hours. Donations came in immediately and were plentiful, such that John and the team were able to give parcels to every sailor and crew member. These parcels included Tim Tams, Vegemite, peanut butter and hundreds of letters from local school children to encourage those on board. The recipients were amazed, and when the ship eventually sailed out, the crew hung a massive banner on the stern of the ship saying "Thankyou Illawarra"!

John sees his work at the Mission as Christ's hands and feet to those in need, bringing the church to where people are. Many seafarers are away from their loved ones for nine months of the year. We can easily take ships and seafarers for granted, 95% of our consumer goods come in by ship, and exports have similar statistics. John's motivation came from asking himself, 'what would Jesus do?' As a result, he acted with compassion and the love of Christ.

Mission to Seafarers' work is often invisible. Several DAC congregation members regularly volunteer there, which helped link John and his to DAC, now their home church. Let us remember Mission to Seafarers and John in our prayers, with thanks and requests to our great God.





Due this Sunday



Please help support this ministry by ordering some Hot Cross Buns this Easter.

Last day for orders is **Sunday 21st of March**. The Buns will be delivered or picked up on **Friday the 26th of March**.

1 pkt \$8.00

No orders will be taken without payment.

Name

Phone

Type of Easter Bun	Quantity	Cost
Plain Easter Buns		

Please return form and money to the front office by
Sunday 21st March.

LOCATION CHANGE

Connect Men were due to meet in Shellharbour this Saturday the 20th March, however due to the forecast rain they will now be meeting at **St Aidan's hall**. Arrive from 3pm and BYO snacks.

PARISH COUNCIL

Our 2021 Parish Council will meet for the first time on Monday 22nd March. Rev David Rietveld has asked David Hitchcock and Blake Bailey to serve as his 2 appointed representatives on Parish Council. Join with us in praying over our Parish Council as they meet, plan, discuss and serve God in this leadership role.

Parish Councillors

Greg Batten	Lorraine Miller
Phil Commins	Michael Vesey
Julie Houghton	David Hitchcock
Brian Lane	Blake Bailey

Wardens

Jim Bailey (Rector's Warden/Treasurer)
Nikki Sullivan
Simon Webb

MU MEETING

Mother's Union will be meeting this Tuesday, the 23rd March, at the Ministry Center. Starting at 10am and meeting in the Main Hall.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

For those who give through the envelopes you will have noticed your old set is also finished. The 2021 sets have arrived this week and will be available in the services this week and at the front office throughout the week.

COMING UP

Saturday 20th Mar	Connect Men
Sunday 21st Mar	Belonging Lunch
Tuesday 23rd Mar	MU Meeting
Wednesday 24th Mar	Seniors Luncheon
Thursday 1st Apr	Tenebrae Service
Friday 2nd Apr	Good Friday Service
Sunday 4th Apr	Easter Sunday Services

PRAYER FOR TODAY

We beseech you, almighty God, to look in mercy on your people: that by your great goodness we may be forgiven and live for evermore with you: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

THOSE MOURNING:

Please pray for the family of the late Nora Ordenes (9.30am) who died on Sunday.

HOSPITAL

Paul B (10am) waiting to see Plastic Surgeon for his leg. Elizabeth L (10am) - has had successful surgery to close the wound. Graham S (10am) - In Port Kembla for rehab. Daphne C's (8am) daughter, Joanne, Westmead Hospital, PET Scan.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES:

Helen S; Diana M; Kath H; Ella H; Jean D; Barbara B; Barbara L; Reg B;

8AM/2PM

Wal S; Glad A; Betty B; Margaret T; and Mildred A; - all recovering at home; Pat W and son, Antony still struggling with health issues; Maureen (Op Shop customer) - Cancer; Daphne C's neighbour - Leukemia.

9:30AM:

Judy W - had two falls on Monday.

10AM

Jeanette B; Jeanette R; Sharon S; - home and recovering; Nelson S - waiting for surgery; Hilary B - hand problems; Ruth D; Alexis L; Phillippa S; Ronnie VK; Michael E; Michele S; - all ongoing conditions and treatments. Sue B - home and recovering well.

7PM

Jamie M - recovering from surgery. Jim B - home and recovering well; Shaina J's son, Roman - waiting for more tests. Gary M - ongoing health problems; David G - unwell, kidney issues; Calvin A's mother - diagnosed with cancer.

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Blake M (Janelle's 8 year old grandson) - having chemo for Leukemia.



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- Julie Houghton, Parish Safe Ministry Representative, by confidential email safeministry@daptoanglican.org.au or through our church office on 42611001
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