



SAINT JOHN  
the Evangelist  
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

# St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

## *A Living Community*

5th Sunday of Lent - Year A

22 March 2026

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*



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

### FIRST READING

**Ezekiel 37:12-14**

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

### SECOND READING

**Romans 8:8-11**

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.  
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### GOSPEL

**John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45**

Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it

the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.



**Please Pray For the Repose of the Souls of the Faithful Departed—**

**Recently Deceased:** William Shannon, Monica Nolan

**Anniversaries/Special Intentions:** Julio, Eliza & Jose Teixeira



### BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Mikaela & Mahaliyah Byard, Avi & Elias Rabay, Raphael Popovski & Stella Lynch

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is a time, within the main church service, that the children get to learn about the Gospel at their level. It is enriched with discussion, song, activities and prayer. Worksheets, related to the Gospel, will be available in the foyer for children to access if you cannot attend the 9.30am mass.



### CHURCH ROSTER

The next Church roster will be coming out late April to start early May. If anyone would like to go on the new roster as a reader at any of the weekend masses please contact the parish office or see Fr Francis.

### CATECHISTS NEEDED

If you feel you can help, please leave a message for Shirley on 0431 513 109 or shirleyparker@hotmail.com

### SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Mass on 25th March at 9.30am

### BECOME A VINNIES MEMBER

If you would like to join Vinnies and help the disadvantaged in our local area please contact Denis on 0413 589 896



### A VOCATION VIEW

"Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ!" With this belief, Jesus is able to work marvels through those who trust in Him, even to raising the dead to new life. (John 11:27) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

## HOLY WEEK & Easter MASS TIMES

### HOLY THURSDAY

7.30PM

### GOOD FRIDAY

10 am - Stations of the Cross (Church)  
3 pm - Veneration of the Cross (Outdoors)

### HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL

7.30 pm

### EASTER SUNDAY

7.30 am & 9.30 pm (No 6pm Mass)

### RECONCILIATION

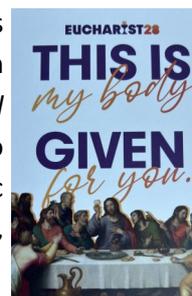
Every Saturday 11 am—12 pm

### HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for Holy week volunteers. If you can help, please put your name down on the list in the foyer of the Church.

### INVITATION TO ATTEND: HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Friday 20 March, 5.30pm - 6.30pm.

St Johns Dapto Church. This will combine Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Praying the Stations of the Cross. Every Parish in the country has been encouraged to hold this event in spiritual preparation for the *International Eucharistic Congress 2028* which aims to rediscover what it means to live eucharistic lives that are shaped by devotion, sacrifice, and generous service.



### PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is soon approaching: In an effort to encourage all Parishioners to really integrate ones personal life with their faith, we ask that you bring in leaves or palms from your own home/garden so they can be blessed with water during these Palm Sunday masses. We will support you every step of the way.



## EASTER RAFFLE

The Parish Council is hosting an Easter Raffle

Tickets are \$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5

There are 5 prizes to be won



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## WORKING BEE - looking for volunteers!!

Our next church working bee will be held on Sat 21 March 2026 from 9am-12pm. All welcome. Supplies will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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## ASIST Workshop

**Monday 20 April - Tuesday 21 April**

**8.30am - 4.30pm both days**

**Location: 36 Harbour Street Wollongong, NSW 2500**

CatholicCare is an accredited provider of LivingWorks Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST). It is two-day in-person workshop where you'll learn how to recognise when someone may be thinking about suicide, and how to provide a skilled intervention and develop a safety plan with the person to connect them to further support.

To book call Rita Maher on 0458 472 983 or email [ritam@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:ritam@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

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## LEGION OF MARY

All active and auxiliary members of legion of Mary are invited to the annual ACIE's to be held at Immaculate Conception Church, Unanderra at 2pm on Sunday, 29 March 2026.

Refreshments will be provided in the parish room afterwards.

Please bring a plate. Any enquiries call Susan 0449 807 814.

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## CATHOLICCARE - TECHNOLOGY & RELATIONSHIPS

CatholicCare are running a free session on Technology & relationships some of the topics covered will be

- Gain greater understanding of how relationships are built and the part that technology plays in them
  - Learn strategies to enhance family communication and their experience with technology
- Encourage connection whilst managing challenging behaviours

Wednesday 1 April Time: 10am - 12pm

Location: Dapto Ribbonwood Centre

No need to register. This event is Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.

## DIOCESAN CHOIR

Sending out an invitation to all those people who are interested in joining the Wollongong Diocesan Choir. The choir prepares music for special Diocesan Masses where all parishes are invited to attend. Rehearsals are on a Monday night in the lead up to a celebration, between 7pm-8.30pm. Rehearsals are usually held in the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

If you are interested in being involved, email the Diocesan Choir Director, Angela Quinn, with details of your name, email and parish that you attend. [quinna01@dow.catholic.edu.au](mailto:quinna01@dow.catholic.edu.au)

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## CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY AT UOW

UOW students and staff are warmly invited to become involved with the UOW Catholic Society. Join us for **Mass and lunch, 12:30pm Thursdays during semester in the Building 11 Clubs Room.** See @uowcathsoc on social media to find out more.

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## CATECHIST RETREAT - March 2026

All Catechists and supporters of the Catechist Ministry are welcome to join us on a special day of retreat either in **Wollongong on Monday 23 March or in Rosemeadow on Friday 27 March.** Being the season of Lent, the theme for the retreat is "Gospel Conversion: Turning to the God of Jesus". **Retreat facilitator, Fr Aloysius Rego OCD,** will lead us into a greater understanding of the God of Jesus, as revealed to us in Scripture. There will be times for prayer, learning and discussion. Mass is planned before lunch. Please BYO lunch. Morning Tea provided. Donations are welcome however there is no cost for the retreat.

Register now: [dow.sh/CCDRETREAT26](http://dow.sh/CCDRETREAT26)

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross in the Church at 6pm every Friday during Lent. Everyone welcome to attend.

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## LENTEN GROUP

Every Friday during lent, the CWL will be running a Lenten discussion group after Friday morning Mass in the Chapel. Everyone is most welcome to attend.



**STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH**



Facebook search: **St John's Catholic Parish Dapto**

Instagram search: **St John's Parish Dapto**

*Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you*

28/29 March	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	T Sumner	C Stringer	T Kadmon, C Daly, L Mammone	D Barry P Bahlmann
Sun 7.30am	D Clegg	A Peeyer	M Whatman, Ru Gilmore, G Teixeira	
Sun 9.30am	S Parker	M Howe	E Gill, M Fleming, L Negro	
Sun 6pm	H Knowles	J Knowles	G Knowles	

**MASS TIMES**

**LENTEN REFLECTION**

Fast from judging others;  
 Feast on Christ dwelling in them.  
 Fast from fear of illness;  
 Feast on the healing power of God.  
 Fast from words that pollute;  
 Feast on speech that purifies.  
 Fast from discontent;  
 Feast on gratitude.  
 Fast from anger;  
 Feast on patience.  
 Fast from pessimism;  
 Feast on hope.  
 Fast from negatives;  
 Feast on encouragement.  
 Fast from bitterness;  
 Feast on forgiveness.  
 Fast from self-concern;  
 Feast on compassion.  
 Fast from suspicion;  
 Feast on truth.  
 Fast from gossip;  
 Feast on purposeful silence.  
 Fast from problems that overwhelm;  
 Feast on prayer that sustains.  
 Fast from anxiety;  
 Feast on faith.

Lord, we make these prayers in  
 your name,  
 Amen.

<b>Tuesday</b>	Mass	5pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mass	9.30am
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mass Followed by Benediction</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Mass	9.30am
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b> Rosary <b>Mass</b>	<b>11am - 12pm</b> 4.30pm 5pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Mass  <b>Baptisms</b>	7.30am 9.30am - <b>(Children's Liturgy)</b> 6pm <b>Every Sunday 11am</b>

**Baptisms** – Sundays 11am. Bookings through parish office.

**Marriages** – Please contact Priest 6 months prior to wedding date.

**Nursing Home Masses :**

**St Luke's NH:** 1st Tue of month at 10.45am

**William Beach NH:** 2nd Wed of month at 2pm

**Sick Calls** – Please contact Fr Francis or the parish office.

**Wollongong Hospital Chaplain** – Fr Joseph - 0475 815 506

**West Dapto Catholic Cemetery** - Plots are for sale.  
 Please contact the Parish Office.