



SAINT JOHN  
the Evangelist

CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

*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*

# St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

## *A Living Community*

First Sunday of Advent

30 November 2025

Welcome to St John's



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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### ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

**The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths;

since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

### SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

**Our salvation is near**

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight

soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Matthew 24:37-44

**The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



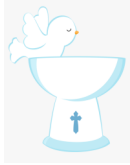
### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and  
our earth shall yield its increase.

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

**Recently Deceased** - Fr Leonard Testa OFM Conv,  
Jim Murphy

**Anniversaries & Special Intentions:** Emily  
Bautista



**BAPTISMS**

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Parker Bowley, Noah & Ayla Poriotis.

**HEALING MASS**

In the lead up to Christmas, there will be a healing mass on Wednesday 10 December at 9.30am. Bacon and egg breakfast following mass. Everyone is invited to attend.



**CATHEDRAL JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE**

Cathedral Jubilee Pilgrimage and Feast Day Celebration Saturday 6 December 2025 St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, all are warmly invited to gather at the Cathedral for this special celebration. The revised program is as follows: · 11.00am – 12:00pm – Veneration of Relic of St Francis Xavier and Reconciliation · 12.10pm – Mass of St Francis Xavier Feast. See updated event details here: <https://lumenchristi.org.au/celebrations/pilgrimage-and-feast-day> Come, walk in faith and be renewed in hope.

**SVDP - COLUMBAN CALDENARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS**

The St Vincent de Paul Society is selling -  
Columban Calendars @ \$10 each  
Christmas Cards @ \$ 5 per packet  
To make a purchase please see a Society member at the back of the Church.

**CATECHISTS NEEDED**

If you feel you can help, please leave a message for Shirley on 0431 513 109 or [shirleyparker@hotmail.com](mailto:shirleyparker@hotmail.com)

**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



**CHRISTMAS POT LUCK DINNER**

Everyone is invited to attend the next Pot luck dinner on Friday 5 December at 6pm at the back of the presbytery. Cook your favourite dish, bring a plate/meal/drinks to share with some good company.



**PARISH RAFFLE - 3 NIGHT GETAWAY**

We are raffling 3 nights' accommodation at River Bend, Sussex Inlet

Tickets are one for \$2 or 3 for \$5

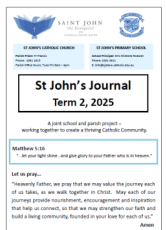
Proceeds will go towards Parish activities.

The raffle will be drawn on 5th December

**ST JOHN'S JOURNAL - TERM 4**

The latest edition of the St John's Journal - Term 4 is now available in the foyer of the church.

Journal can also be found and read from our website - [stjohnsdapto.org.au](http://stjohnsdapto.org.au)



**ADVENT DAILY REFLECTIONS 2025 - THE PROMISE**

'The Promise' Advent & Christmas daily reflections booklet now available in the foyer of the church for \$5 daily reflections designed to guide you from the beginning of Advent (30 November 2025) through to the Baptism of the Lord (11 January 2026). Each page offers profound insights through daily Scripture-based meditations and contemplative prayers that invite you to recognise God's promise fulfilled in Christ and to live in joyful anticipation of his coming.



**WOLLONGONG'S OLD ROMAN CATHOLIC BURIAL GROUND REVISED - by Wendy Nunan**

720 A4 Pages presented in one hard-covered volume documenting 400 Wollongong pioneers, their spouses and children.

After twenty years research and collation, Wendy's updated account of those definitely, probably or possibly buried in this all but forgotten burial ground will be published in January / February 2026. Upon request, Gift Vouchers will be issued for those copies being purchased as Christmas presents for those interested in the early history of Wollongong and the Illawarra.

PRE-PUBLICATION PRICE \$110 POST PUBLICATION PRICE \$125

Ring Wendy & Terry 42570042, 0411547169 Or email [wich53@gmail.com](mailto:wich53@gmail.com)



### THE ORDER OF THE MASS - QR CODE

Anyone who would like to follow the mass which is generally available from the cards and the end of the pews at the entrance of the church, can now scan the QR code and follow the mass using your device.

### NOVEMBER ALL SOULS

All Souls Day is on the 2 November and is a holy day set aside for honouring for those who have passed away. For the month of November we commemorate All Souls.



In preparation for this there are envelopes available on the altar for you to write down the names of those who you would especially like to remember and pray for during this month. Names will be displayed for the month of November.

### menALIVE Growing Good Men Weekend 2025 Friday 5 – Sunday 7 December 2025, The Tops Conference Centre

Great news! Thanks to a generous donation, the cost for this transformative weekend has been **reduced to only \$400 per father and son pair**.

A powerful weekend for fathers and their teenage sons (ages 12–17). Strengthen your bond, explore the journey into manhood, and share in engaging activities, reflection, prayer, and a memorable Rite of Passage. Places are limited — register early to secure your spot! \$400 per father & son pair (includes accommodation, meals, activities & resources).

For more information and registration, visit [www.dow.org.au/events](http://www.dow.org.au/events)

### JAMBEROO ABBEY CRAFT & GIFTS THIS ADVENT

Prepare your hearts and homes for the coming of the Lord with beautiful Advent candles and wreaths handmade by the Benedictine Nuns of Jamberoo Abbey.

Their Abbey Candles Online Shop offers a range of Advent wreaths, carved candles, as well as a variety of spiritual and liturgical resources — perfect for personal devotion or parish use. By purchasing from Jamberoo Abbey, you support the prayerful life and work of the Sisters.

Shop online: [jamberooabbey.org.au/shop](http://jamberooabbey.org.au/shop)

Enquiries: 02 4236 0011 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri)

### STOUTHEARTED MEN'S PROGRAM - COMING IN 2026

Stouthearted is a new Jesus centred men's program designed to meet a desperate need in men. It's an 8-week program that draws from well-known experts, shares powerful teachings and models real world conversations. Stouthearted fosters learning, discussion, prayer, reflection, healing and builds essential practical strategies. In addition to the main sessions, there are short daily reflections that include video input, bible study, and self-reflection.

The Stouthearted program will be running in **Wollongong in 2026, starting on Monday 2 February and finishing on the last Monday of March**. Register now: [dow.sh/stouthearted](https://dow.sh/stouthearted)

### NEW STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AT THE NOTRE DAME STUDY CENTRE, ORAN PARK

The University of Notre Dame Australia is now offering a **Bachelor of Commerce** and a **Bachelor of Primary Education** through the Notre Dame Study Centre at Oran Park.

The Reach Higher Program supports students from rural, regional, and remote areas with scholarships, flexible study options, and community engagement opportunities.

For more information, please refer to the flyers or contact [education@nd.edu.au](mailto:education@nd.edu.au)

### ADVENT RETREAT - St Mary's Towers: 415 Douglas Park Drive, Douglas Park, 9:30am – 3:30pm Saturday 13 December 2025

You are invited to a day of calm contemplation amongst the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre in Douglas Park. This is a day of embracing a slower pace, rekindling our inner journey, and enjoying time with like-minded others. The day will include sensory prayer walks, lectio divina, breathing meditation and praying through walking the labyrinth. Morning tea and lunch are included. Cost: \$60 (meals included) RSVP by 3 December: contact 0422 725 438 or [christabelhoneysett@barnabasministries.org.au](mailto:christabelhoneysett@barnabasministries.org.au)

### SCAM TEXTS - FR FRANCIS

There have been several people in our parish who have received text messages under Fr Francis' name. Please do not respond to these messages as they are scams. Fr Francis would under no circumstances message anyone asking for money or donations of any kind. Unless you receive a message from the phone number 0413 449 821 please ignore and delete.

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

6/7 Dec	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	T Sumner	C Stringer	L Mammone, S Druery, D Kadmon	D Barry P Bahlmann
Sun 7.30am	E Brennan	D Barry	G Teixeira, E Brennan, D Clegg	
Sun 9.30am	M Rodwell	P Udeh	L Foy, S Iverson, E Gill	
Sun 6pm	K Gurney	A Chatham	A Chatham	

### MASS TIMES

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

**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** – Call Lumen Christi Parish (Cathedral) 4211 0500

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



#### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Every Tuesday after the 5pm Mass in St John's chapel – from 5.30pm –6.30pm.  
Matthew Nicholson (0459735640).

#### Welcome to St John's!

Are you new to our Parish? Have you registered at the office that you attend our church?

Please feel free to inform us of your arrival in our Parish as we would love to know that you are here and get to know you.

Please feel free to complete this form and return it to the office or place it in one of the collections at mass.

NAME/S:.....

CHILDREN:.....

ADDRESS: .....

TELEPHONE:.....MOBILE:.....

EMAIL:.....

Would you like to join in planned giving to support our Parish? **Yes / Not now**

Please see Fr Francis or contact the office on 4261 1315

*Thank you for making a difference to our Parish*