



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 July 2022

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

Mon - Closed | Tues - Fri 9am - 4pm

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who

raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them:

'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Please Pray For the Repose of the Souls of the Faithful Departed -

Recently Deceased: James Gito, Cyril Clive George Jamieson.

Anniversaries: Jim Costigan

Sick: Daniel Sharkey, Mark Errington



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Evie Summerfield.

PARISHIONER SURVEY

This is the last weekend to hand in completed parishioner surveys. Surveys are still available in the foyer of the church as is the box to put completed forms.

ENROLMENT FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Enrolment forms for First Holy Communion are now available for collection in the Church foyer. Please write your child's name on the enrolment list. Children need to be in year 3 or above, baptised Catholic and completed Reconciliation to complete this sacrament.



CATHOLIC CARE - Community Visitors Needed

Catholic Care is seeking new volunteers to provide friendly visits to isolated older people living in Wollongong, Tarrawanna, Unanderra and Nowra. If you are able to give 1 hour a fortnight to provide a friendly visit to someone experiencing loneliness, please contact our CVS Coordinator – Melanie Jennison on phone 0436 403 936 or by email at melaniej@catholiccare.dow.org.au

VINNIES HELP

The Dapto Conference is still operating for crisis help (food, furniture, clothing).

A phone service is available:

Mon – Fri, 9.30am - 11.30am. Ph: 0412 912



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH

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

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

Website: **www.stjohnsdapto.org.au**

ST MARK MACKILLOP FEAST DAY MASS / 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF JOSEPHITE SISTERS - MASS WITH BISHOP BRIAN

To all parishioners in the Wollongong Diocese, you are invited to a Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord on Monday 8 August at 12 Midday, to celebrate the feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop and the 150th Anniversary of the Josephite Sisters in NSW.

Following Mass Bishop Brian Mascord will bless the new Statue for the Unborn, provided by Catholic Women's League. Light lunch will be provided by Catholic Women's League in the Xavier Centre.

All are welcome.

JOIN THE DIOCESAN CHOIR

People from across the Diocese who have suitable experience are encouraged to register to participate in the Diocesan Choir for major diocesan liturgical events. It is the hope of Bishop Brian that we will receive numerous expressions of interest and will have broad representation from across the Diocese. The next opportunity to join the Diocesan Choir will be for the 2022 Eucharistic Celebration for Significant Marriage Anniversaries which will be held on Sunday 7 August, 2:00pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. To learn more, and to register, please visit the Diocesan website: www.dow.org.au/diocesan-choir/

FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS – Corpus Christi

If you are struggling with your mobile phone, downloading apps, or using a QR code, CatholicCare are very proud to be partnering with CEO and Corpus Christi Catholic College offering free technology training again to seniors within our diocese.

The Cross + Generational training program is a unique opportunity for an 'exchange of gifts' between both students and seniors. This program has been successful in the Macarthur and last year with the pilot program launched in Shellharbour.

There will be 6 sessions through August and September

3 August / 7 September

10 August / 14 September

17 August / 21 September

This session will be held at Corpus Christi Catholic College, time to be advised. Places will fill quickly, so please contact Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417 018 152.

CELEBRATING A RETURN TO GLOBAL MISSION

Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. Covid challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider Mission opportunities abroad. If you respond to the call to share your skills; to mentor those with little other opportunity, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 about a placement to engage your skills and Register for a Webinar on Monday 1 August at 7:00 pm for the chance to talk directly with Palms' partner communities abroad and two Australian program participants recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

CLAIMING HOPE: Creative Healing Retreat 12 – 14 August

Join the MGL Sisters at Carmel House for a healing retreat experience.

Come to God in your woundedness, journey with Him through creativity, and allow Him to transform you into a living sign of hope.

Enquiries: mglisters.sydney@gmail.com

CATECHIST DIPLOMA COURSE 2022

Mondays (Campbelltown), Fridays (Wollongong/Online)

Taught by a variety of presenters, the Level 3 course takes us on a journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Please don't miss the opportunity to come along and invite others in our Church communities to join us as we delve into a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith. All parishioners are welcome! This year the presenters for the Level 3 course are: Fr Richard Healey, Seminarian Darren McDowell, Bernadette Toohey MGL, Deacon James Arblaster, Katherine Stone MGL and Fr Bernard Gordon VG.

Dates and Locations:

- Campbelltown Catholic Club on Monday 1 August, 8 August, 15 August, 22 August, 29 August, and 5 September.
- Xavier Centre (38 Harbour Street, Wollongong) on Friday 5 August, 12 August, 19 August, 26 August, 2 September, and 9 September.
- Joining with Zoom is possible at the Friday sessions.

Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm

Morning Tea is provided.

Please register your attendance online at www.dow.org.au/events/

DIOCESE OF BROOME - Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance.

For further details, and an application form, please contact:

Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060

Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org

Web: www.broomedioocese.org

Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725

DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG | Client Service Officer

The Catholic Development Fund, Diocese of Wollongong is seeking an experienced client service officer with financial institution experience. A full-time appointment is desirable. However, suitably qualified candidates looking for part-time or job share should apply. Applications close Friday 29 July 2022.

For a role description please email

tony.sanderson@dow.org.au

WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU?

"Be who you are meant to be and you will set the whole world on fire" (St Catherine of Siena).

All of us have a vocation! God is calling you personally to become all that you were created to be. Your vocation is simply how you are called to love in the world. Where is God calling you? Perhaps to single life or marriage? Perhaps to the priesthood or consecrated life? If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

THE JOURNEY, 24 July 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast

On The Journey This Week: Fr Joseph Murphy's gospel reflection on praying just like Jesus. Mother Hilda's moving Amen prayer story. Plus, a faith testimony from NET member Michael Adams, and Josh Clayton making a thousand sausage sandwiches. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au

Those offering their time - Thank you

| Jul 30/31 | 1st reader | 2nd reader | Extraordinary Minister | Projector | Counters |
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| Sat 5pm | T Kadmon | M O'Connor | S Druery, A Johnston, Ru Gilmore | | D Barry P Bahlmann |
| Sun 7.30am | S Wilson | D Barry | D Clegg, M Whatman, S Wilson | | |
| Sun 9.30am | L Negro | A Negro | L Negro, L Foy, A Powter | G Fox | |
| Sun 6pm | L Burns | E Burns | G Knowles... | | |

CHURCH ROSTER

The next church roster has been completed from Jul- Oct 22. Thank you to all those who have volunteered for various roles. Hard copies of the roster are available in the foyer of the church as well as on our website. If you are unable to attend a mass that you are rostered on could you please replace yourself with one of the other volunteers who attend that mass. Contact details are at the back of the roster. If you cannot replace yourself please let Father Francis know prior to the mass you are rostered on.

MASS TIMES AND RECONCILIATION

ONLINE RETREAT: Be refreshed and renewed! (28-30 July 2022)

Do you sometimes feel like you're just trying to survive? Priests and active parishioners across Australasia are passionate about answering the Church's call to mission. The problem is that with the usual demands of parish ministry, it can be easy to feel discouraged and burnt out. Do you sometimes feel like you're just trying to get by spiritually? Join us at the Refreshed & Renewed Online Retreat on 28-30 July 2022.

With fantastic keynote speakers and retreat leaders, such as Fr James Mallon from Divine Renovation and renowned Catholic author Dr Edward Sri, take this opportunity to be re-energised, pray and worship, and spend time with other Catholics.

Register here: dow.sh/Refreshed

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| Tuesday | Mass | 5pm |
| Wednesday | Mass | 9.30am |
| Thursday | Mass | 9.30am |
| Friday | Mass | 9.30am |
| Saturday | Reconciliation Rosary Mass | 11am - 12pm 4.40pm 5pm |
| Sunday | Mass | 7.30am 9.30am 6pm |

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