



SAINT JOHN  
the Evangelist  
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

# St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

## *A Living Community*

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

21 June 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

The Lord is the strength of his people,  
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,  
and govern them for ever.

#### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:10-13

**He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men**

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him!  
All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!'  
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.  
But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

#### SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-15

**The gift considerably outweighed the fall**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself

considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia.

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 10:26-33

**Do not be afraid of those who kill the body**

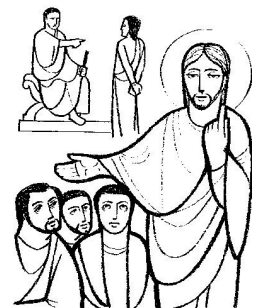
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.



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

**Recently Deceased:** John Farrell, Daniel Lynam, Seamus Duignan

**Sick:** Peter Anderson, Lian, Chelsea Jones, Justine Windon.

**Anniversaries & Special Intentions:** Mary Dimech



### **BAPTISMS**

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Milani Jagot, Aiden Borg, & Ethan Amon

### **2026 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS**

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, you are warmly invited to the Significant Marriage

Anniversaries, celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on **Sunday 6 September 2026 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.**

Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.

**Registration is essential and must be completed online at [dow.sh/ma26](https://dow.sh/ma26) by no later than Monday, 17 August 2026.**

Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

The new year of planned giving envelopes are now available for collection in the foyer of the church.

If you would like to join planned giving please see Father after mass or contact the parish office.

### **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



**STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH**

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



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

### **PIE DRIVE**

Our Pie Drive for 2026 has kicked off!!!! Don't forget to pick up your order form this week for our Pie Drive. Orders close on Sunday 12th July and pies are being delivered on Friday 14th of August (between 1pm and 4pm).

Correct payment can be placed in the box in the foyer or money can be transferred electronically into the fundraising account on the form.

All proceeds raised will go towards parish activities and equipment. Pies and cakes are made by Queen Street Bakery.



### **FREE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM FOR OLDER PENSIONERS**

Cross+Gen is a FREE program where students support seniors with everyday technology in a friendly relaxed setting held at Corpus Christi Catholic High School.

Bring along your mobile phone, tablet or laptop and join other people who also struggle with technology.

The dates and times are listed below

Friday 24 July 11.30am-1.30pm

Friday 7 August 11.30am-1.30pm

Friday 21 August 11.30am-1.30pm

Friday 18 September 11.30-1.30pm

Please contact Jane Hollier from CatholicCare on 0417 018 152 or [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

### **Caring support for you and your family**

When life feels challenging, support can make a difference. CatholicCare's professional counsellors are here for you. We support children, adults, couples, and families, with appointments available in person, online, or by phone. Call 1800 967 894 to get started. You're not alone.

### **CARITAS AUSTRALIA END OF FINANCIAL YEAR APPEAL**

As we approach the end of the financial year, Caritas Australia invites you to help families facing conflict, hunger and displacement. Your support is needed to get critical aid into countries like Sudan, which is facing the largest humanitarian crisis in the world today. Over 30 million people are in urgent need of assistance, the healthcare system has collapsed, and families are facing chronic food insecurity. Your tax-deductible gift this End of Financial Year can provide lifesaving essentials such as nutritious food, clean water and vital medicines to families in need. Make a donation today at [caritas.org.au/make-hunger-history](https://caritas.org.au/make-hunger-history)



## IGNITE CONFERENCE SYDNEY 2026

Every year, Ignite Youth hosts one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth conferences. Ignite Conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, forming them and sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong will once again lead a cohort of youth and young adults to the conference at a subsidised price. If you'd like to be part of the group or would like more details, please contact [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.org.au) or visit [igniteconference.com.au](http://igniteconference.com.au). When: Fri 9 July 5pm- Sun 12 June 1pm Where: Light of Christ Centre/St Leo's College, Wahroonga Cost: \$220- subsidised conference ticket, accommodation cost TBC For who: High school aged students & Young Adults (18-35)

## HOW TO RAISE UP LEADERS - 21 & 22 July

Every parish has people whom God is already calling and gifting for mission. Our next Formation Pathway session, Raising Up Leaders, will explore practical ways to recognise those gifts, invite people forward, entrust real responsibility, and form confident leaders without relying on the same few people. Participants will learn the difference between recruiting volunteers and raising leaders, along with a simple apprenticeship model for developing others. Join us at **Campbelltown Catholic Club on Tuesday 21 July, 7-9pm, or via Zoom on Wednesday 22 July, 7-9pm.**

Registration is essential [dow.sh/fpJuly2026](http://dow.sh/fpJuly2026)

## JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS - Warrawong Parish

Warrawong Parish warmly welcomes pilgrimage groups to visit St Francis of Assisi Church during the Jubilee Year of St Francis. A plenary indulgence is available, under the usual conditions, to all the faithful "who, with a heart detached from sin, participate in the Year of Saint Francis by visiting, in the form of a pilgrimage, any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship anywhere in the world dedicated to Saint Francis" (Decree, 10 January 2026).

The parish will be celebrating the Feast of St Francis with a special Mass on **Sunday 4 October 2026.**

Please contact the parish at [berkeleywarrawong@dow.org.au](mailto:berkeleywarrawong@dow.org.au) to arrange a time for your group's visit.

**What's on around the Diocese?** Check out upcoming Diocesan events and courses - too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop [dow.sh/stayingconnected](http://dow.sh/stayingconnected) about what's happening around our Diocese!

## JOIN OUR MISSION – Diocesan Director Opportunity

Caritas Australia is still seeking a successful candidate to fulfill the Diocesan Director for Diocese of Wollongong. This paid casual position averages 3.75 hours per week across the year, with extra hours during our Project Compassion appeal (February–May).

We are seeking someone who:

- has a strong commitment to the mission of Caritas Australia, the ethos of the Catholic Church and Catholic Social Teaching
- has a desire to represent Caritas Australia in the Diocese with flexible work hours depending on the project
- has a preparedness to work collaboratively with Diocesan authorities and other agencies, parishes, schools and the wider community
- has experience presenting to various age groups, including children

If you're committed to social and ecological justice, we'd love to hear from you!

Scan the QR code to learn more about this rewarding role and to submit your application.



## Who is the Man Behind of the Shroud? 5:30pm–8:30pm Saturday, 27 June 2026 Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong

Come join us for this inspiring evening with renowned Catholic speaker Francine Pirola as we explore the mystery of the Shroud of Turin and what it reveals about the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Enjoy a wine and cheese reception, view a rare life-size replica of the Shroud, connect with others, and conclude the evening with Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral. This is a free event, but registration is essential. Register: [dow.sh/summitshroud](http://dow.sh/summitshroud)

## A VOCATION VIEW

Courage is needed to speak God's word. Let no one intimidate you. God gives you the power to speak the truth. (Matthew 10:26-33)

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

## The Journey – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast

The Journey is the weekly podcast for parishioners in the Diocese of Wollongong. Each week it brings you great music, formation in faith, with an array of fantastic presenters from our Diocese and around Australia. Just go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) and we will send it to you

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

27/28 June	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	C Honeysett	T Kadmon	T Kadmon, P Portelli, C Daly	M Harnett A Harnett D Errington
Sun 7.30am	E Brennan	D Barry	G Teixeira, E Brennan, D Clegg	
Sun 9.30am	S Parker	M Howe	M Fleming, L Negro, M Nicholson	
Sun 6pm	K Gurney	E Burns	G Knowles	

**MASS TIMES**

<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

**Hammond Care:** 3rd Thursday of month at 11am.

**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.

**THE ORDER OF THE MASS - QR CODE**

Anyone who would like to follow the mass which is generally is 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.



**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*