



SAINT JOHN  
the Evangelist  
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

# St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

## *A Living Community*

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 August 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

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

### FIRST READING

Wisdom 18:6-9

#### **You made us glorious by calling us to you**

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

### SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-2,8-12

#### **Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God**

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange

country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Luke 12:35-40

#### **You too must stand ready**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Rita Portelli

**Anniversaries:** Joseph, Tony & Tanya Formosa, Bernard Morris

**Sick:** Daniel Sharkey, Mark Errington



### **BAPTISMS**

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Fletcher & Ziggy Lazarevski, Maximillion & Benedict Brady & Lara Laird



### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy Saturday 5pm Mass and Sunday 9:30am. 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.



### **FATHER'S DAY HOSPITALITY**

Over the Father's Day weekend there will be a BBQ after each of the masses to help celebrate this special day. Father will also give a special blessing to all the Father's present at the mass. We hope you can come and help make it special.

### **CWL MEETING**

Catholic Women's League, Dapto Branch, meeting will be on Monday 08 August, 2022 commencing at 10am in the meeting room at the Parish Presbytery. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

### **BE HELPED OR WANT TO HELP - VINNIES**

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 912 641



### **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 JOHN'S FUNDRAISING PIE DRIVE**

We are fundraising to purchase  equipment for community events in the parish with a pie drive!

Choose from a selection of pies, pasties, slices, cakes and more!

Orders can be placed online via the following link <https://yourpiedriver.com.au/collections/st-john-the-evangelist-catholic-parish-dapto?page=1>

Or head to the St John's website and follow the link. Alternatively if you are unable to order online, order forms are available in the foyer of the church, fill out the form and leave it in the box labelled Pie Drive.

**Orders can be placed until the 8 August and pie pick up will be on Saturday 13 August at the 5pm mass.**

### **THANK YOU!**

A very big thank you to the Iverson family who generously gave their time in painting the church bathrooms.

### **PARISH BUS TRIP TO PENROSE PARK AND BERRIMA**

In response to the numerous requests made in the recent parish survey the Parish Council is pleased to advise you that we have arranged a bus trip with Warrigal Coaches to Penrose Park and then onto Berrima for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

The coach will leave the parish grounds at 9am. We will go directly to Penrose Park arriving about 10:30am. There are a large of number of shrines at Penrose Park from the many nationalities that have made Australia their home. At 12 noon we will leave Penrose Park and drive the short distance to historical Berrima village. There are a variety of retailers and food options at Berrima. You may decide to bring your own lunch. At about 3pm we will depart for our home journey returning to church at 4pm. Because of Covid, masks will have to be worn whilst on the bus.

The only cost for the day will be the \$20 per person towards the cost of the coach.

If you wish to participate you should fill in the attached form and forward the \$20 per person at your earliest convenience (Money and form can be dropped off to parish office).

Remaining seats will be offered to families of the school in the week commencing 15th August so please don't delay.

If you wish to pay cash, complete the form place it in a sealed envelope, marked **Bus Trip** and drop it into one of the planned giving buckets next weekend with the \$20 or drop it off at the parish office.

The Parish Council.

## **SURVEY RESULTS – Parishioner Participation 2022**

A huge thank you for the many completed and returned surveys indicating your level of interest in what to participate in as we move beyond the restrictions imposed by COVID.

We received almost 150 responses. The responses can be divided into three categories. Some of the items on the survey received a high level response; others a moderate level or response and some a low level of response. Thank you also for your own suggestions.

### **High level of responses**

Hospitality before and after masses

- Affordable bus trips

### **Moderate level of responses**

- Faith based reflections eg Peter Kearney
- Guest speakers offering information about Government entitlements, estate planning, home assistance
- Pot-luck dinners
- Courses on computers and use of smart-phones; how to avoid being scammed.
- Movie nights
- Children's liturgy

### **Low level of responses**

- Book club
- Golf days

Some of your own suggestions included family picnic days, youth group, bushwalkers group, working bees, musical gatherings, parish dinners, Catholic Bible study, games mornings, dementia support group, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Life in the Spirit seminars, parishioner profiles for the bulletin, visiting isolated members of our community, more hands-on support for Vinnies (especially at Christmas).

The purpose of the survey was to give our parish a sense of direction in the months and years ahead. We will immediately direct energy into making some of the suggestions become a reality. Hospitality, bus trips and children's liturgy will receive immediate attention. In addition, we begin fund-raising so that some initiatives can be cost free or affordable without becoming a financial burden on the parish. We look forward to your continued support.

The Parish Council

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## **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](mailto:mglisters.sydney@gmail.com)

<https://www.trybooking.com/BWMJN>

## **CATECHIST RETREAT 2022**

All SRE teachers and helpers are welcome to attend the Catechist retreat planned for Monday, Sep 12 in Varroville OR Friday, Sep 16 in Gerringong.

Sr Magdalen Mather OSB will facilitate the retreats in both locations. With God's help, Sr Magdalen will help us to move into an Ocean of Grace to be rejuvenated through prayer, contemplation and sharing with each other. Register for the retreat at [dow.org.au/events](http://dow.org.au/events) or contact Cindy Oliver by emailing [support@ccdwoollongong.com](mailto:support@ccdwoollongong.com) or calling 46408550.

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## **CAtHFAMILY**

CAtHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts, and recipes from their website to assist parents and grandparents in being the first educators in faith for their kids. Don't miss CathKids [cathfamily.org/activities/](http://cathfamily.org/activities/)

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## **A VOCATION VIEW**

Be alert to God's presence even in the least expected times, places, and events. You will be ready to respond to God's call. (Luke 12:32-48)

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)

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## **ST MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY MASS / 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF JOSEPHITE SISTERS - MASS WITH BISOP 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.

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## **THE JOURNEY, 7 August 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast**

On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista's Gospel reflection on being watchful, always ready, and vigilant to respond to God's quietvoice. Mother Hilda says a 12th Century comment is equally applicable to us today. Plus, Fr Anthony Crook, Trish McCarthy and Fr Dave Callaghan. The Journey podcast available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

*Those offering their time - Thank you*

13/14/ Aug	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Projector	Counters
Sat 5pm	T Sumner	P Farrugia	S Druery, A Johnston, Ru Gilmore		D Croft E Caruana D Ritter
Sun 7.30am	D Clegg	C Needham	M Whatman, S Wilson, G Teixeira		
Sun 9.30am	S Parker	S Iverson	L Negro, L Foy, A Powter		
Sun 6pm	K Gurney	H Knowles	G Knowles..		

**CHURCH ROSTER**

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 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.

**2022 PILGRIMAGE – In the Footsteps of St Mary Mackillop**

You are invited to join Fr David Catterall (Parish Priest, St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park) and parishioners from across our diocese and beyond on a 2022 pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Mary MacKillop. This pilgrimage (departs Melbourne Thursday 13 October 2022 and returns Adelaide Sunday 23 October 2022) is a graced opportunity to set out together on a true Australian Pilgrimage through the life and times of Mary MacKillop, as we rekindle the story, landscapes, and spirit of our nations’ first canonized saint. If you would like more information you can download the pilgrimage brochure HERE: [www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-marymackillop](http://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-marymackillop) (Alternatively, please contact the Oran Park Parish Office – [oranpark@dow.org.au](mailto:oranpark@dow.org.au) or 02 46482226 – and a brochure can be emailed or posted to you) As places are limited, you are encouraged to book soon to avoid disappointment.

**MASS TIMES AND RECONCILIATION**

<b>Tuesday</b>	Mass	5pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mass	9.30am
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mass</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> 4.40pm <b>5pm - (Children's Liturgy)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	Mass	7.30am 9.30am - <b>(Children's Liturgy)</b> 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*