



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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 August 2025

Welcome to St John's



Parish Office Hours

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

'Do not let the prophet die'

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, come to my aid!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-4

We should keep running steadily in the race we have started

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything

that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and *from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne*. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-53

How I wish it were blazing already!

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

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

Special Intentions: Leo Bumanglag



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Dylan Tran

CATECHIST MEETING

The next Catechist meeting is on Monday 18 August at 10am in the parish meeting room. All Catechists encouraged to attend.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

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

ST CARLO ACUTIS



St. Carlo Acutis will be canonised on **7 September 2025**, which in Australia this year, happens to also be Father's Day. There are prayer cards in the foyer about him, but we are also pleased to have one of our teenage parishioners, Georgia Walker, share some of her knowledge about this special saint. This brief presentation will be at the 9:30am mass on Sunday 7 September.

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



CATECHIST CREATIVE STORYTELLING AND CRAFT MORNING IN-SERVICE

Build up your confidence in storytelling and create anticipation in your lessons using simple visual items and techniques. We'll draw from the spirit of Advent and our upcoming Saints as role-models to guide us.

ROSEMEADOW: Friday 5 Sept 10am-1:30

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Meeting Room,
[80 Demetrius Rd](#)

WOLLONGONG: Monday 8 Sept 10am-1:30
Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St. Morning Tea will be provided. Click here to register at either location:

<https://dow.sh/45ne1hV>

Enquiries: Sue Clark 0457 427 583



Make sure you check out our Father's Day Raffle!! Tickets are available in the foyer, they are one ticket for \$2 or three tickets for \$5. The raffle will be

drawn on the 31st of August and winners notified from there. We thank you for your support!!

BEING AT HOME IN THE UNIVERSE STORY - Jamberoo Abbey Friday, 5 Sept – Sunday 7 Sept 2025

Speaker: Sr Mechtild Crawford OSB You are invited to a gentle retreat which will expand our minds and hearts to the unfolding mystery of the universe, helping us to see our place as human beings within this sacred unfolding. There will be times for listening and learning and times for personal reflection and creativity. Sr Mechtild Crawford leads this retreat at the Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo. Register and pay for this weekend retreat 02 4236 0011 ext 114 or email cottageretreats@jamberoobbey.org.au

JUBILEE YEAR EVENT – Kangaroo Valley Jubilee Pilgrimage Day Saturday 30 August, 10.30 am

The Parish of Nowra, invites the faithful to a Jubilee Pilgrimage Mass to be held at St Joseph's Kangaroo Valley, 130, Moss Vale Road, to be Celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord, who will impart the papal blessing, offering attendees the opportunity to gain the Jubilee indulgence under the usual conditions. Don't forget to bring your Pilgrim Passport, and have it stamped as a reminder of your visit.

COMPASS: "Bush" family camping weekend

Friday 12 – Sunday 14 September 2025 Guntawang - Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility

We are excited to be returning for the second of our 2025 Catholic family camping weekends at Guntawang Catholic Youth Centre. This weekend is designed to bring together families of all ages, including couples with or without children, single parents with their children, and grandparents, to celebrate the incredible gift of family life.

Mark your calendars for a wonderful opportunity to connect with families from across the diocese in a laid-back setting. Enjoy shared meals, games, music, prayer, and Mass together. To secure your spot, register now dow.org.au/events/compass-bush-family-camping-weekend

Cost: \$50 per adult or \$100 per family

RSVP: Friday 29 August 2025

ST JOSEPH CAMINO WALK FOR MEN

Join men from around our Diocese as we come together with brothers in the Archdiocese of Sydney for an overnight pilgrimage in honour of St Joseph, praying for the needs of the Church, our families and the world. The Camino begins on Fri 5 September with 8pm Mass at St Joseph's, Como, concluding with 7am Mass at St Aloysius on Sat 6 September and then hot breakfast and drinks. Overnight walk will see us visit 6 churches, with Catechesis and Adoration.

Cost: \$35 pp (free for clergy) Bus Ticket: \$24 Leaves 7pm sharp on 05/09 from Holy Family Menai and 8.30am on 06/09 from St Aloysius Cronulla

Itinerary from start to finish:

1. St Joseph's, Como – Opening Mass 8pm
2. St Patrick's, Sutherland
3. St Catherine's, Gympie
4. Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda
5. Our Lady of Fatima, Caringbah

St Aloysius, Cronulla – Closing Mass 7am

To register: trybooking.com

For more information regarding Wollongong Diocese Involvement, please email Jude Hennessy

jude.hennessy@dow.org.au

James Fitzwilliam YMT Update

Term 2 was great and full of school ministry. I particularly enjoyed running our end of term camp "Live Different" in July. Connecting with the young people on this camp was an opportunity to share and explore what it means to be set apart for God and live our lives different from those in the secular world. Drama has been a powerful and interactive medium that we use on YMT to engage students. I'm grateful that God has been able to use me to reach out to teenagers in this way, to connect with them and the challenges they are facing in their everyday lives. I also really enjoyed the mid-year break being able to go home to see family and friends. I was very grateful to be able to start the second half of the year with a retreat that gave me some time to be able to slow down and be able to prepare myself through prayer for the second half of the year. I'm excited to be able to get back into school ministry. We have a full term ahead including quite a few trips to rural NSW areas to run retreats for country schools. Thanks again for your prayer support for me during my year of mission with YMT. If you like you can follow us on Facebook – YMT Sydney or @ymtsydney on Instagram. Thanks again for your support, James

CARITAS AUSTRALIA INVITES US TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GAZA

The situation in Gaza continues to deteriorate at an alarming rate, with severe shortages of food, safe drinking water, and emergency shelter. Gaza is the most dangerous place in the world for children. Caritas is calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

God of light,

You meet us in the darkest places.

Every year, when we light our Easter candle, we pray 'may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.'

We pray today that all people may work with you to dispel the darkness of violence and war.

May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza.

May they find healing and lasting peace.

Amen.

If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, please donate online at www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

MINISTRY OF THE TRIBUNAL

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote that "charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her." The Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney, which has an Office in the Diocese of Wollongong, is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church. The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, and remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church.

Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Wollongong Office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified. Brochures are available from the church foyer or notice board area. The Wollongong Office of the Tribunal is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to contact the Tribunal on 4222 2409 or tribunal@dow.org.au or visit www.tribunal.dow.org.au

Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

23/24 August	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	T Kadmon	C Honeysett	T Kadmon, P Portelli, C Daly	M Harnett A Harnett D Errington
Sun 7.30am	A Peeyer	Ri Gilmore	D Clegg, M Whatman, Ru Gilmore	
Sun 9.30am	C Negro	L Negro	L Negro, L Foy, S Iverson	
Sun 6pm	L Burns	E Burns	A Chatham	

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.

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

CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDIES | Thursdays, 7:30-9pm

Xavier Centre, Conference Rooms (Come and explore the Bible with the mind and heart of the Church in an open and friendly environment. All are welcome.

A missionary work of the Disciples of Jesus. Contact Tom Kadmon 0413 927 086

* Thursdays during school term

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