St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

8 November 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
Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord**.**

FIRST READING **Wisdom 6:12-16**
Wisdom is found by those who look for her
Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God**.**

SECOND READING1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Do not grieve about those who have died in Jesus
We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia.

GOSPEL **Matthew 25:1-13**
The wise and foolish virgins
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.



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



Recently Deceased: Gretta Hanns, Ses Ibasco, Jane Woods, William Hart

Anniversaries, Sick & Special Intentions: Joseph Portelli, Joy Young, Alana Bain, Daniel Micallef & Joe Agius



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome into the Catholic faith community Holly & Dane Grdic & Leo Trovato

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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. Worksheets, related to the Gospel, will be available in the foyer for children to access if you cannot attend the 9.30am mass.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:

PARISH CELEBRATION DAY

Sunday 22 Nov 2026 (10am mass).

(No 7.30am, 9.30am or 6pm mass this day).

Lunch + light entertainment showcase after mass.

If you're interested in doing a performance (eg. Dance/Musical performance/other-then please use contact details below).

WEST DAPTO CEMETERY MASS 28 Nov 2026. (10am)

Contact details for any of above events:

Parish office (Details on front of bulletin) or

Carla Stringer - St John's Dapto Parish Council. M. 0401 682 311 or e. Canco_is@hotmail.com

CWL MEETING

Catholic Women's League, Dapto Branch, meeting will be on Monday 09 November, 2026 commencing at 10.00 am in the meeting room at the Parish Presbytery. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

AVAILABLE IN THE PIETY SHOP

The St Vincent de Paul Society now have for sale in the Piety Shop – Columban Calendars - $10
Christmas Cards - Pkt of 8 - $5

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATECHIST MASS

All active and retired SRE Catechists and those involved in the Sacramental preparation of children are warmly invited to the Annual Catechist Mass and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, 21 November at 10am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Join Bishop Brian Mascord, for this celebration, followed by a light refreshment.

To register: visit dow.sh/cm26 or scan the QR Code or contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au for more information.

HOLY SPIRIT COLLEGE MEMORIAL MASS (INCORPORTING HOLY CROSS COLLEGE AND ST PAUL'S COLLEGE)

You are warmly invited to join us for our Annual Memorial Mass on Sunday, 15 Nov 2026 at 10.00 AM in the Grant Centre/Chapel (entry via Kent Street)

This special Mass is held in loving memory of our deceased students and staff, as we come together in thanksgiving and remembrance.

To have a deceased family member who was part of the Holy Spirit College community commemorated on our Memorial Plaque, please contact the College Office.

Following the Mass, light refreshments will be served in our Memorial Garden. To assist with catering, please RSVP by email info.hsc@dow.catholic.edu.au or contact the College Office on 02 4285 2877.

PRESENCE: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2026
Now available in the foyer of the Church for $5

This Advent and Christmas, discover the God who is closer than we think. **Presence** is a beautifully presented, 84-page, full-colour book of daily reflections inviting you to slow down, become attentive, and rediscover the presence of Christ in your everyday life. Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent (29 November 2026) and continuing through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 January 2027) **Presence** offers a prayerful companion for the entire Advent and Christmas journey.



SURVEY OF CATHOLIC COUPLES

The Australian Catholic Bishops want to hear about the experience of Catholics in their first 10 years of marriage. The information gathered will help inform the development of pastoral responses and resources for this vital stage of married life. Any couple married in the last 10 years, where at least one spouse is Catholic, can contribute their valuable insights via https://thepmrc.org/survey. All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link. Your contributions would be highly valued.

THE JOURNEY – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast

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"ALIVE" FAMILY RETREAT DAY

The MGL Sisters warmly welcome you and your family to the "Alive" Family Retreat Day to unleash the power of the Holy Spirit. Discover as a family your unique mission and how to live with boldness and love! This interactive retreat is designed for all ages to enjoy together. When: 9:00am – 4:00pm on Saturday, 14 November 2026 Where: Beginning with 9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish (Varroville), then moving to the parish hall for a day of inputs and activities. Meals: Please bring your own lunch and snacks to safely accommodate your family's specific dietary needs and preferences. Further information and Registration: trybooking.com?DIDCJ

WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE?

Check out upcoming formation courses, youth events, walks, camping and jubilee events – too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see everything that is on around our Diocese!

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

Xavier Centre, Conference Rooms.
All are welcome. A missionary work of the Disciples of Jesus. Contact Tom Kadmon 0413 927 086
* Thursdays during school term

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**

FORMATION PATHWAY: Watch Your Language! – Words That Shape Culture Could the words we use be holding back parish renewal? Join us as we explore how everyday language shapes our beliefs, behaviours and parish culture, with practical workshops and an open Q&A on all things parish renewal. Tuesday 3 November: Campbelltown Wednesday 4 November: Wollongong or Zoom Time: 7–9 pm Register: dow.sh/fpnov26

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST, Friday 20 Nov 2026 | 6:30am–8:00am

Speaker: Robert Haddad "Battle Ready" Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong Join other men for a morning of breakfast, prayer and inspiring input from our Guest Speaker, Peter Gilmore. Be inspired and strengthened as you connect with others seeking to live as authentic disciples on mission. Book here dow.sh/MPBNov26 by Wednesday 18 November The Men's Prayer Breakfast Series is organised by the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation and menALIVE in the Diocese of Wollongong

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THE CATHOLIC TRIBUNAL

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church 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 at the back of the church in the notice board area. The Wollongong Office of the Tribunal is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to contact the Tribunal on 42222409 or tribunal@dow.org.au

CHURCH ROSTER - THOSE OFFERING THEIR TIME - THANK YOU

14/15 Nov	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	D Clegg	A Peeyer	M Whatman, Ru Gilmore, G Teixeira	
Sun 9.30am	N Tomashek	A Negro	S Iverson, M Fleming, L Negro	
Sun 6pm	R Daffara	K Gurney	G Knowles	

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.

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

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: .....

TELEHONE:.....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