



SAINT JOHN  
the Evangelist  
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

# St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

## *A Living Community*

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

28 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

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

#### FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16

**This is a holy man of God; let him rest here**

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

#### SECOND READING

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

**When we were baptised we went into the tomb with Christ, so that we too might live a new life**

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall

return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia.

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 10:37-42

**Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

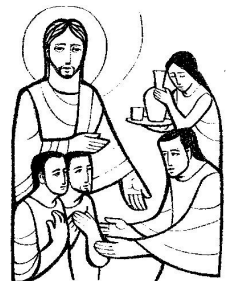
'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.



***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 Spencer Westwood

### **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.



### **STATE OF ORIGIN - Game 3**

Everyone is welcome. 8 July behind the presbytery.

BBQ from 7pm. Kick-off at 8:05pm

Come and enjoy the company, the food and the Game.

Contact: Martin 0412101566 or Grant 0419125376



### **Dapto Parish Music ministry-can you help out?**

Dapto Parish is looking for a volunteer to accompany the St John's Choir that sings on Sunday mornings 9.30am. Accompanying dates would be discussed (so no need to commit all year).

Pianist, guitarist or something similar would be most welcome. If you could help out a few times a year or would like more information please contact Carla (from the Parish Council) on m. 0401 682 311 or [canco\\_is@hotmail.com](mailto:canco_is@hotmail.com).

Also we would love to welcome anyone interested in joining any of our choirs or musicians at Dapto Parish. For more info use the same contact details above.

### **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)



## PERSECUTION & FAITH: A Witness of Courage and Forgiveness from Pakistan

Twenty-year-old Akash Bashir was serving as a volunteer security guard at his parish in Lahore, Pakistan, when a terrorist with explosives tried to enter the church. Akash said, "I would rather die than let you in," and then gave his life to prevent a massacre.

In the years since, his parents have offered an extraordinary witness of Christian faith. Asked whether they had forgiven those responsible for their son's death, they replied: "Yes, we have forgiven them and pray that they may find the right path to God."

Their example reminds us that the Gospel calls us not only to courage, but also to forgiveness.

**Reflection:** Where may God be asking you to make a sacrifice out of love, or to forgive an injustice against you?

Read more testimonies of faith from *Aid to the Church in*

Need at: [aidtochurch.org/welcome](https://aidtochurch.org/welcome)



## 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](https://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.

## 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.



## 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)

## CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY AT UOW

UOW students and staff are warmly invited to become involved with the UOW Catholic Society. Join us for **Mass and lunch, 12:30pm Thursdays during semester in the Building 11 Clubs Room.**

See @uowcathsoc on social media to find out more.

## 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*

4/5 July	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	M O'Connor	P Farrugia	L Mammone, S Druery, D Kadmon	D Croft E Caruana D Ritter
Sun 7.30am	D Clegg	A Peeyer	M Whatman, Ru Gilmore, G Teixeira	
Sun 9.30am	L Negro	S Iverson	L Foy, S Iverson, E Gill	
Sun 6pm		H Knowles	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*