



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*

### 3rd Sunday of Easter

19 April 2026

### Welcome to St John's



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#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

#### FIRST READING

Acts 2:14,22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.

So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

#### SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your

sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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

Anniversaries/Special Intentions: Julio, Eliza & Jose Teixeira, Massi Dimech



### **BAPTISMS**

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Ellie & Hendrix Manton, Otto White

### **BISHOP ROBERT BARRON VIDEOS ON 'CATHOLISM'**

Session 4 in the presentation of Catholicism will take place in the parish meeting room on Tuesday 28th April, at 6pm. The focus in this episode is on Mary.

Even if you have missed the first 3 episodes of the series you are most welcome to attend. Each episode lasts for about 1 hour and has a different theme. You are most welcome to bring a friend.

The following sessions will be held on 12th May and 26th May.

### **St Jude's Chamber Choir Concert at The Abbey Sunday, 19 April 2026**

St Jude's Chamber Choir will be having a concert at Jamberoo Abbey to raise funds for the Abbey's building maintenance effort.

Spend a lovely afternoon listening to magnificent music brought by the beautiful voices of St Jude's Chamber Choir resounding in the acoustics of the Abbey church. After the concert, we invite you to have an afternoon tea with us at the Abbey Guestry.

### **CATECHISTS NEEDED**

If you feel you can help, please leave a message for Shirley on 0431 513 109 or [shirleyparker@hotmail.com](mailto:shirleyparker@hotmail.com)

### **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



### **MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE**

Tickets in our Mother's Day Raffle are available in the foyer. Tickets are \$2 for one ticket or three tickets for \$5. There are some great prizes to be won. All proceeds will go towards parish activities. Thank you for your support!!

### **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 4222 2409 or [tribunal@dow.org.au](mailto:tribunal@dow.org.au) or visit [www.tribunal.dow.org.au](http://www.tribunal.dow.org.au)

### **DIOCESAN YOUTH SPORTS FESTIVAL**

Young people from ages 15 to 35 are invited to come together for the very first Diocesan Youth Sports Festival- a huge day of sport, faith and community.

When: Saturday 18 April 2026

Time: 9.30am – 2:00pm

Where: Holy Spirit College, Bellambi

Cost: \$50 per team | \$10 per person

Grab your friends, cousins, youth group or young adult crew and form a team of 7+ to compete in a fast-paced round-robin tournament. The twist? Teams vote on the main sport of the day, so register early and get training! Prefer something lower intensity? A table tennis competition will run throughout the day with plenty of chances to jump in. Morning tea and a BBQ lunch are included.

Register here: [dow.sh/youthsportsfest](http://dow.sh/youthsportsfest)



### **STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH**

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



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



## Two **IMPACTFUL** Sessions!

**Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!**

Join Palms International Volunteering for two special sessions where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](#) suited to your qualifications. In April meet past Palms volunteers and discover how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, or join our May session for a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today. Scan below or see [palms.org.au/events](http://palms.org.au/events)

**April Session:** Scan this QR-

**Date:** Thursday 30 April 2026

**Time:** 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEST

**May Session: Live from Timor Leste!**

Scan here-

**Date:** Thursday 21 May 2026

**Time:** 4 pm – 5:30 pm AEST



## CATECHIST TRAINING COURSE LEVEL 2

The Level 2 Course is a chance for all SRE Teachers and Helpers to take their knowledge of teaching and the Catholic Faith deeper. It focuses on a variety of topics to help you grow as a Catechist and Catholic.

The Level 2 Course will run on the following dates in Wollongong.

**Wollongong (Mondays commencing 4 May):**

Venue: Conference Rooms, Xavier Centre

Address: 38 Harbour St, Wollongong

Dates: Mondays 4, 11, 18, 25 May, 1 & 15 June (due to public holiday on 8 June)

Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm (2:30pm on 18 May)

Please register your attendance at either the Level 2 Course in Wollongong or Rosemeadow via the contact details below, noting that you can attend either course and that if you miss one day, you can attend the other course so as not to miss any topics.

Enquiries: Sue Clark 0457 427 583

or email [support@ccdwoollongong.com](mailto:support@ccdwoollongong.com)

## CARITAS AUSTRALIA LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)

## ENROLMENT FOR CONFIRMATION

This weekend, the process for enrolment for Confirmation will begin. To enrol for Confirmation your child must be in year 6 or above, baptised Catholic and have completed the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Please take an enrolment form from the foyer of the church and write your child's name down on the list. Please fill out the enrolment form and return it at the parent information night.

*\*Please note, writing your child's name down on the list is an indication of number for us and is not an enrolment. Completed enrolment form returned to the Parent information night is the enrolment.*

## FORMATION PATHWAY | Leading People Well

The conversation you avoid today becomes the conflict you manage tomorrow. Every leader eventually discovers the same thing. The most difficult part of leadership is not vision, planning, or organisation. It is people. Our next Formation Pathway evening will focus on the practical side of leading people well. The session will explore several areas that often determine whether teams thrive or struggle, including:

- handling conflict constructively
- having honest and respectful conversations
- setting clear expectations and responsibilities
- supporting the people entrusted to our leadership

If you are involved in any form of leadership or ministry, this evening will offer practical help for one of the most important parts of leadership: caring for and guiding people well. All are welcome.

- CAMPBELLTOWN Tuesday 21 April 7-9pm
- WOLLONGONG & ZOOM Wednesday 22 April 7-9pm To register: [Dow.sh/fpaprill2026](http://Dow.sh/fpaprill2026)

## MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS WALK FOR LIFE

Friday 22 & Saturday 23 May Join walkers raising praying for Australia for all life issues .

Walk on either or both days, or for just a short section. B.Y.O Lunch, snacks, water and hat. Support vehicle provided all the way, shuttle cars return pilgrims to point of departure on both days. Day 1: Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km) Start 9:30am Kiama Catholic Church (Holy Mass) Finish 3:30pm Gerringong Catholic Church (Benediction, confession available, all night adoration). Day 2: Gerringong to Shoalhaven Heads (16km) Start 7.30am Gerringong Catholic Church (Holy Mass) Late Shoalhaven Heads Surf Club 1.45pm. Shuttle bus to Crookhaven headland, for procession walk 4.00pm for mass at Culburra, 5.30pm – Dinner to follow at Bowling Club. For more information contact Sue Hill m: 0435 336 195 e: [sueandpeterhill@gmail.com](mailto:sueandpeterhill@gmail.com) / Gabriella De Battista, 0414 205 404

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

25/26 April	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	C Stringer	T Sumner	D Kadmon, P Portelli, T Kadmon	D Barry P Bahlmann
Sun 7.30am	E Brennan	D Barry	G Teixeira, E Brennan, D Clegg	
Sun 9.30am	M Howe	S Parker	M Nicholson, L Foy, S Iverson	
Sun 6pm	S Seretti	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

**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.

**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>

**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*