



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*

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

27 September 2026

**Welcome to St John's**



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Closed | Tues - Fri 9am - 4pm

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### ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mer-

### FIRST READING

**Ezekiel 18:25-28**

**When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows:  
'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

### SECOND READING

**Philippians 2:1-5**

**Be united in your love**

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

### GOSPEL

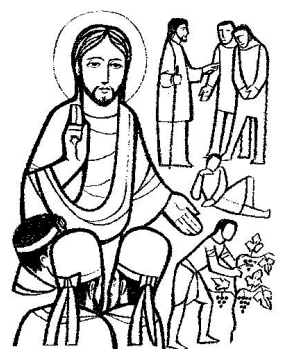
**Matthew 21:28-32**

**Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.



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

**Recently Deceased:** Joe Mateo, Barry Leslie, Joseph Quang Hoang, Daphne Hamilton.

**Anniversaries & Special Intentions:** Julio, Eliza & Jose Teixeira, Doris Farrugia, Dorothy Nicholson, Joseph, Tony & Tania Formosa



#### BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Dante Harrison & Henry Hourigan

#### NRL Grand Final

Everyone is welcome.

Sunday 4th Oct, behind the presbytery.

BBQ from 6:30pm. Kickoff at 7:30pm. Come and enjoy the company, the food and the Game.

Contact: Martin 0412101566 or Grant 0419125376



#### 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.



#### PUBLIC ROSARY

Everyone is invited to attend A Public Rosary to celebrate the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima on Saturday 10 October at 9.30am at the main bus stop (Southbound) outside Dapto Mall on the Princess Highway. For more information please ring Paul on 0418 113 947. Please invite your family and friends. Thank you.

#### MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION

CatholicCare's Marriage and Relationship Education support couples to strengthen and renew their relationship. Guided by experienced facilitators, you'll build connection through practical tools and shared learning. Choose Prepare for couples planning marriage or Enrich to deepen and strengthen your bond. To learn more or register, call 1800 967 894



#### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2026—THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone in our parish who generously supported the Bishop's Annual Appeal last weekend. Through the special collection, together with donations made online, our parish community has helped support the retirement and health of clergy and the sound and holistic formation of seminarians.

Our parish has contributed \$4118.70 to the Appeal. Tax-deductible donations are still being gratefully received at [dow.org.au/giving](https://dow.org.au/giving) or call (02) 4222 2400  
*"I am deeply grateful for the way our diocesan community continues to support both those who have served us faithfully and those preparing to serve in the years ahead. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support."* – Bishop Brian Mascord

#### ST JOHN'S JOURNAL

The next edition of St John's Journal is now available in the foyer of the church! Grab a copy to read! Copies can also be read from the parish website [stjohnsdapto.org.au](https://stjohnsdapto.org.au)

#### CHURCH ROSTER

Hard copies of the new roster is now available for collection in the foyer of the Church. Roster can also be viewed from our website [stjohnsdapto.org.au](https://stjohnsdapto.org.au)

#### BEACHHOUSE – A Post-School Getaway for Year 12 Graduates

Finishing Year 12 can bring big changes. BEACHHOUSE is a relaxed threeday beach house experience helping school leavers build faith, friendship and community as they begin life beyond school. Jesuit Villa House, Gerroa 16–18 February 2027. \$275 (includes accommodation & meals) Year 12 graduates. Only 20 places available A chance to slow down, connect with other young Catholics and start the next chapter well. More details & registration: [dow.sh/beachhouse](https://dow.sh/beachhouse)

## **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.

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## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - Monday, 5 October at 9:30am**

As usual, the Blessing of Animals will take place on the Monday of the long weekend, 5 October at 9:30am at the Parish of Saint Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. All animals under 800kg and their carers are welcome, though please keep the larger crocodiles on a tight leash.

The feast of St Francis of Assisi is celebrated with special Masses on Saturday, 3 October at 5:30pm and on Sunday, 4 October, at 8:00am – pets are welcome at both Masses.

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

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## **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND**

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 9 – 11 October 2026 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)

## **World Youth Day Seoul 2027 – Diocesan Pilgrimage One Year to go until World Youth Day Seoul 2027!**

Applications are open for the Diocese of Wollongong's pilgrimage. If you're interested in joining thousands of young Catholics from around the world for this once-in-a-lifetime experience of faith, community and pilgrimage, visit [dow.org.au/wyd27](http://dow.org.au/wyd27) for information on the itinerary, costs, travel arrangements and FAQs. An information night will be held on Wednesday 2 September 2026 from 6-8pm at the Xavier Conference Rooms (38 Harbour St Wollongong) to provide further information and provide a chance for potential pilgrims to meet each other. Anyone looking to apply is required to attend this session. Join our mailing list at [dow.sh/wyd27](http://dow.sh/wyd27) to receive the latest updates and announcements.

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## **ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI JUBILEE – Three Presentations – October 2026**

As part of the Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi, the Parish of St Michael, Thirroul, is hosting three presentations exploring the life, spirituality and legacy of Saint Francis on October 8, 15 & 22, 7.30pm-9pm. Presented Franciscan Friars — Andrew Granc OFM, Paul Rout OFM and Ken Cafe OFM — the evenings will offer an opportunity to reflect more deeply on the Franciscan tradition and its relevance for our lives today. The presentations will be held live at St Michael's Parish Hall, Thirroul, but you can also participate via Zoom. For full details, including presentation topics, dates and Zoom information, please go [dow.sh/sfjform](http://dow.sh/sfjform)

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## **A VOCATION VIEW**

"Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths." The paths of the Lord lead to eternal life, if we but have the courage to walk where He leads. (Psalm 25:4) 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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## **Counselling at CatholicCare**

Feeling overwhelmed or finding things difficult? CatholicCare's team of counsellors are here for you. Our caring counsellors support children, adults, couples, and families through life's challenges. Appointments are available in-person, online, or by phone.

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

| 3/4 OCT    | 1st reader | 2nd reader | Extraordinary Minister         | Counters            |
|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sat 5pm    | C Stringer | T Sumner   | T Kadmon, P Portelli, C Daly   | L Negro<br>S Parker |
| Sun 7.30am | Ri Gilmore | D Clegg    | G Teixeira, E Brennan, D Clegg |                     |
| Sun 9.30am | S Iverson  | L Negro    | M Nicholson, L Foy, S Iverson  |                     |
| Sun 6pm    | -          | K Gurney   | G Knowles                      |                     |

### MASS TIMES

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| Tuesday   | Mass                               | 5pm                                                                    |
| Wednesday | Mass                               | 9.30am                                                                 |
| Thursday  | Mass<br>Followed by<br>Benediction | 9.30am                                                                 |
| Friday    | Mass                               | 9.30am                                                                 |
| Saturday  | Reconciliation<br>Rosary<br>Mass   | 11am - 12pm<br>4.30pm<br>5pm                                           |
| Sunday    | Mass<br><br>Baptisms               | 7.30am<br>9.30am - (Children's<br>Liturgy)<br>6pm<br>Every Sunday 11am |

**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*