



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*

5th Sunday of Easter

18 May 2025

**Welcome to St John's**



### Parish Office Hours

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

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

### FIRST READING

Acts 14:21-27

**They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them**

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

John 13:31-33,34-35

**In the Son of Man, God has been glorified**

When Judas had gone Jesus said:  
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.  
If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;  
just as I have loved you,  
you also must love one another.  
By this love you have for one another,  
everyone will know that you are my  
disciples.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the  
branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me, and I in  
him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

### SECOND READING

Apocalypse 21:1-5

**A vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, the bride of the Lamb**

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this



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

**Recently Deceased:** Robert Morris

**Sick:** Margaret Hilly



### BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Florence & Charlotte Pritchard, Darcy & Fletcher Oakley and Sullivan Hughes

### CATECHIST MEETING

The next Catechist meeting is on Monday 19 May at 10am in the parish meeting room. All catechists encouraged to attend.

### 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.



### FEEDBACK ON BISHOPS VISION AND PARISH LIFE

Bishop Brian invites all parishioners across the Diocese, to take the time to prayerfully reflect on his vision for renewed parishes, 'In the Parish I see', by completing the online activity @ [dow.sh/csgmactivity](https://dow.sh/csgmactivity) The activity takes approximately 30-45 minutes and will help you both engage with Bishop's Vision and share your valuable perspectives. Take part today

### 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



### SVDP WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting their Annual Winter Appeal in the form of a bucket collection at all Masses in Dapto Parish on the weekend of May 31st/ June 1st.

Thankyou for your continued generosity and prayerful support.

### FR FRANCIS' 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION CELEBRATIONS

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of Fr Francis's Ordination. As a community, we will celebrate this monumental occasion on **Saturday, 28th of June**.

This occasion will be marked with a Mass at 11am, followed by a community lunch under the COLA.

All parishioners and community members are invited to celebrate this occasion with Father Francis.

RSVP is required for the lunch for catering, this can be done after Mass in the foyer. Members of the Parish Council will be available to take your RSVP, dietary requirements, and provide you with a ticket for the luncheon. **There is no cost for this event. RSVPs will close on the 8th of June.**

A present is being organised to commemorate this occasion. If you would like to contribute towards a present for Fr Francis, there will be a lockbox in the foyer for cash donations. Donations can also be made to the following account for this purpose.

Acc Name: Dapto Parish Gifts/Donations

BSB: 066 711

Acc : 003 134

The Parish Council looks forward to seeing you all and celebrating this special occasion with Fr Francis.



### YOUNG ADULTS - Sanctus Summit – Wednesday 21 May 2025, Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Unanderra

New monthly adoration for young adults of the diocese at two locations, rotating each month. 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6:30pm- 7:30pm (followed by dinner) for adoration in a beautiful and sacred space. Dinner at Unanderra Hotel

### SOCIAL JUSTICE POINTS

Seek amnesty and pardons. Governments should undertake amnesty or pardon during the Jubilee Year to restore hope and reintegrate individuals into society. "Spes non Confundit"



### STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH

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



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

### THE MARRIAGE COURSE– Via Zoom

Want to build a strong, better marriage? The Marriage Course is for any couples married for 2 -102 years. Over 1.5 million couples have done this amazing course. It runs over 7 sessions covering topics such as resolving conflict, impact of family and the art of communication. It's a great way to strengthen your marriage, learn practical tools to deepen your connection from specialists starting Mondays 26 May - 7 July at 7.30pm.

Register now at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/DOW/Marriagecoursedow>

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### Spiritual Exercises retreat in daily life given by an Ignatian Spiritual Direction formation candidate

A fellow parishioner and Ignatian Spiritual Direction formation candidate invites you to a Spiritual Exercises retreat in daily life—a personal journey to deepen your relationship with Jesus. The retreat is individually guided over 6–9 months through weekly 30–45 minute meetings (in person or via Zoom), tailored to your pace. Cost: \$40 for the full retreat.

For more information email [meriden168@gmail.com](mailto:meriden168@gmail.com) or 0411 845 118

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### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE WALK FOR LIFE

Join pilgrims from around the Diocese from Fri 23 May-Sat 24 May for all or part of the walk for life along the stunning South Coast from Kiama to Culburra. Pope Francis has urged us in this Jubilee Year to build a culture of life, where every human life is cherished and protected.

Day 1: From Kiama to Gerringong, followed by dinner with Bishop Mascord & overnight adoration.

Day 2: Gerringong to Culburra, finishing with mass and dinner.

For more information go to [dow.sh/WFL](http://dow.sh/WFL) or contact [jude.hennessy@dow.org.au](mailto:jude.hennessy@dow.org.au) 4222 2407

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### JJUBILEE PRILGRIMAGE WALK FOR LIFE - ADORATION

Can't walk with us but want to come to pray? Join us for overnight Adoration from 8:30pm Friday 23 May to 7:30am Saturday 24 May at St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Gerringong Parish signup here

<https://dow.sh/ado2025>

### AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE – a CatholicCare initiative

**Friday 13 June 10am – 1pm The Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow.**

Join Robert Fitzgerald AM, Age Discrimination Commissioner, as he explores the critical issues facing older Australians today - including elder abuse and ageism - while offering practical insights and strategies for ageing with dignity, purpose and positivity. To register for this free community event including morning tea, please use the QR code or call 02 422771122 or follow the link below. <https://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/events-calendar/ageing-with-confidence-2025wollongong/> For any other information, please contact Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

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The Wollongong Vocations Promotions Team is excited to invite all young adults (over 18) from across the diocese to our June VOCARIS with the theme of Jubilee, followed by a Trivia Night! Saturday, 14 June (5:30pm to 9.30pm). 20 Broughton Street, Wilton (25 minutes from Campbelltown and Wollongong). For more information and to register please use the QR Code



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### menALIVE Regional Weekend 9 – 10 August 2025, Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong

Come along to our menALIVE weekend and be impacted by an encounter with the Gospel in the presence of other good men seeking to be renewed in faith and life.

For more information and to register: <https://menalive-weekend-2025>

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### 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](http://dow.sh/stayingconnected) or visit [dow.sh/weeklybulletin](http://dow.sh/weeklybulletin) to see everything that is on around our Diocese!

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### 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

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

24/25 May	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	A Harnett	M Harnett	L Mammone, S Druery, A Johnston	D Barry P Bahlmann
Sun 7.30am	A Peeyer	Ri Gimore	D Clegg, M Whatman, Ru Gilmore	
Sun 9.30am	S Parker	M Howe	S Iverson, M Fleming, L Negro	
Sun 6pm	H Knowles	J Knowles	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** – Fr Stork - 0475 815 506 or hospitalchaplain@dow.org.au

**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>

**BENEDICTION**

Every Thursday straight after the 9.30am mass.  
Everyone is welcome to attend.



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Every Tuesday after the 5pm Mass in St John's chapel – from 5.30pm –6.30pm.

**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*