



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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

12 July 2026

Welcome to St John's



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-11

The word that goes out from my mouth does not return to me empty

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-23

The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9

A sower went out to sow

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in
your house,
for ever singing your praise.



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

Recently Deceased: Lucila Calderon, Noela Turner

Sick: Peter Anderson, Lian, Chelsea Jones, Justine Windon.



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Noah & Ben Henke, Knox Towle.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed from Wednesday 8 July and will be reopen on Tuesday 21 July.
If you have an urgent matter, please contact Fr Francis directly on 0413 449 821.

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

PIE DRIVE

Last weekend to get your orders in!!!! 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.



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 by no later than Monday, 17 August 2026.

Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett
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Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

18/19 July	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	T Sumner	C Stringer	L Mammone, S Druery, D Kadmon	D Barry P Bahlmann
Sun 7.30am	D Barry	D Clegg	Ru Gilmore, G Teixeira, E Brennan	
Sun 9.30am	P Stephens	L Foy	E Gill, M Fleming, L Negro	
Sun 6pm	H Knowles	J Knowles	G Knowles	