St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

25 October 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
Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING **Exodus 22:20-26**
If you are harsh with the widow and orphan, my anger will flare against you
The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this:
'"You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.
'"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.
'"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

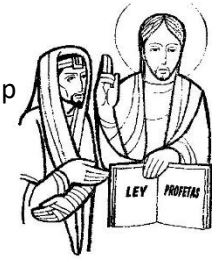
RESPONSORIAL PSALM
I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING **1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**
You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son
You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Matthew 22:34-40**
The commandments of love
When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.



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



Recently Deceased: William Hart

Anniversaries & Special Intentions:
Mark Errington, Daniel Lynam & Michael Lynam

NOVEMBER ALL SOULS



All Souls Day is on the 2 November and is a holy day set aside for honouring for those who have passed away. For the month of November, we commemorate All Souls.

In preparation for this there are envelopes available on the altar for you to write down the names of those who you would especially like to remember and pray for during this month. Names will be displayed for the month of November.

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.

SOCIAL EVENT AFTER SUNDAY 6pm MASS – Young Adults 18 - 35 yrs - Sunday 25th October

Social event for young single adults (18 – 35 yrs) this Sunday in the Inspiration Garden between 7pm and 8pm after Sunday Mass for 1 hour. The parish hopes that this event could occur monthly. The parish will provide pizzas and soft-drink.

AVAILABLE IN THE PIETY SHOP

The St Vincent de Paul Society now have for sale in the Piety Shop –
Columban Calendars - $10
Christmas Cards - Pkt of 8 - $5



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:

ALL SOULS DAY CANDLE VIGIL + ROSARY Sat 31 October 2026

Anytime between 3pm - 4.30pm (Quiet prayer + Light a candle + place the name of those you would like to pray for it on it).

4:30pm Rosary followed by 5pm Mass.

LAKESIDE CEMETERY MASS WITH THE BISHOP

Sat 7 Nov 2026. (10.30am)

PARISH CELEBRATION DAY

Sunday 22 Nov 2026 (10am mass).

(No 7.30am, 9.30am or 6pm mass this day).

Lunch + light entertainment showcase after mass.

If you're interested in doing a performance (eg. Dance/Musical performance/other-then please use contact details below).

WEST DAPTO CEMETERY MASS 28 Nov 2026. (10am)

Contact details for any of above events:

Parish office (Details on front of bulletin) or

Carla Stringer - St John's Dapto Parish Council. M. 0401 682 311 or e. Canco_is@hotmail.com

CATHOLIC MISSION - INVITATION TO ATTEND MASS WITH FR MATTHEW SEMBA

Catholic Mission is proud to welcome Fr Matthew Semba from the Diocese of Chikwawa in Malawi to Wollongong. He is leading critical initiatives across his diocese in areas of education, farming, and food security. Fr Matthew will celebrate Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Wollongong at 12:10pm on Friday 30th October. We warmly invite parishioners from St John the Evangelist Dapto, their families, and friends, to join Fr Matthew for Mass and refreshments afterwards.



To assist with catering, please advise of any allergies or requirements with your RSVP to Matthew Gibson at mgibson@catholicmission.org.au or 0416 455 423.

NO MASS – 28 OCTOBER

Due to Clergy & Principal conference day, there will be no mass on Wednesday 28 October at 9.30am.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL – THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves. Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future. And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment. To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit **catholicmission.org.au/our-work**. Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.



**Name changed for privacy*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Last week was the first fortnightly session for the new RCIA course that will run until Easter of next year. Nine people were in attendance. It's heartwarming to see interest from participants in their young adult life. Please keep them in your prayers.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATECHIST MASS

All active and retired SRE Catechists and those involved in the Sacramental preparation of children are warmly invited to the Annual Catechist Mass and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, 21 November at 10am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Join Bishop Brian Mascord, for this celebration, followed by a light refreshment. To register: visit dow.sh/cm26 or scan the QR Code or contact helen.bennett@dow.org. for more information.

A VOCATION VIEW

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (25/10/26) "You turned from idols to serve the living and true God." Destroy the false gods in your life which prevent you from serving the one true God. (1 Thess. 1:10)

"ALIVE" FAMILY RETREAT DAY

The MGL Sisters warmly welcome you and your family to the "Alive" Family Retreat Day to unleash the power of the Holy Spirit. Discover as a family your unique mission and how to live with boldness and love! This interactive retreat is designed for all ages to enjoy together. When: 9:00am – 4:00pm on Saturday, 14 November 2026 Where: Beginning with 9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish (Varroville), then moving to the parish hall for a day of inputs and activities. Meals: Please bring your own lunch and snacks to safely accommodate your family's specific dietary needs and preferences. Further information and Registration: trybooking.com?DIDCJ

FORMATION PATHWAY: Watch Your Language! – Words That Shape Culture Could the words we use be holding back parish renewal? Join us as we explore how everyday language shapes our beliefs, behaviours and parish culture, with practical workshops and an open Q&A on all things parish renewal. Tuesday 3 November: Campbelltown Wednesday 4 November: Wollongong or Zoom Time: 7–9 pm Register: dow.sh/fpnov26

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST, Friday 20 Nov 2026 | 6:30am–8:00am

Speaker: Robert Haddad "Battle Ready" Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong Join other men for a morning of breakfast, prayer and inspiring input from our Guest Speaker, Peter Gilmore. Be inspired and strengthened as you connect with others seeking to live as authentic disciples on mission. Book here dow.sh/MPBNov26 by Wednesday 18 November The Men's Prayer Breakfast Series is organised by the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation and menALIVE in the Diocese of Wollongong

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 and we will send it to you each week.

THE CATHOLIC TRIBUNAL

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 42222409 or tribunal@dow.org.au

CHURCH ROSTER - THOSE OFFERING THEIR TIME - THANK YOU

31 OCT / 1 NOV	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	M Harnett	A Harnett	T Kadmon, P Portelli, C Daly	L Negro S Parker
Sun 7.30am	A Peeyer	Ri Gilmore	D Clegg, M Whatman, Ru Gilmore	
Sun 9.30am	M Rodwell	S Parker	L Foy, S Iverson, M Fleming	
Sun 6pm	H Knowles	J Knowles	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

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.

MASS TIMES

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

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: .....

TELEHONE:.....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