



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist

CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

5 July 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

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-10

See now, your king comes humbly to you

The Lord says this:
Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

SECOND READING

Romans 8:9,11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives.

If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

You have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to little children

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks
refuge in him.



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

Recently Deceased: Lucila Calderon, Noela Turner, Daniel Lynam,

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

Anniversaries & Special Intentions: Daniel Micallef & Joe Agius



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Beau & Ella Atkins

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.

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 helen.bennett@dow.org.au

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



CATECHISTS NEEDED

If you feel you can help, please leave a message for Shirley on 0431 513 109 or shirleyparker@hotmail.com



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH

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

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



PIE DRIVE

Our Pie Drive for 2026 has kicked off!!!! 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.



STATE OF ORIGIN - Game 3

Everyone is welcome. 8 July behind the presbytery.

BBQ from 7pm. Kick-off at 8:05pm

Come and enjoy the company, the food and the Game.

Contact: Martin 0412101566 or Grant 0419125376



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

TAP DONATION MACHINE

The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) has kindly provided St John's with an additional Tap Donation Machine, now located at the rear entrance of the church. All donations made using the machine are deposited directly into the parish account. There are four preset donation amounts to choose from, or you can select "**Custom Amount**" to make a donation of any value. Thank you for supporting our parish.

DAPTO PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY - Can you help out?

Dapto Parish is looking for a volunteer to accompany the St John's Choir that sings on Sunday mornings 9.30am.

Accompanying dates would be discussed (so no need to commit all year).

Pianist, guitarist or something similar would be most welcome.

If you could help out a few times a year or would like more information please contact Carla (from the Parish Council) on m. 0401 682 311 or canco_is@hotmail.com.

WHO IS THE MAN BEHIND THE SHROUD?

5:30pm–8:30pm Saturday, 27 June 2026 Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong Come join us for this inspiring evening with renowned Catholic speaker Francine Pirola as we explore the mystery of the Shroud of Turin and what it reveals about the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Enjoy a wine and cheese reception, view a rare life-size replica of the Shroud, connect with others, and conclude the evening with Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral. This is a free event, but registration is essential. Register: dow.sh/summitshroud

HOW TO RAISE UP LEADERS - 21 & 22 July

Every parish has people whom God is already calling and gifting for mission. Our next Formation Pathway session, Raising Up Leaders, will explore practical ways to recognise those gifts, invite people forward, entrust real responsibility, and form confident leaders without relying on the same few people. Participants will learn the difference between recruiting volunteers and raising leaders, along with a simple apprenticeship model for developing others. Join us at **Campbelltown Catholic Club on Tuesday 21 July, 7–9pm, or via Zoom on Wednesday 22 July, 7–9pm.** Registration is essential dow.sh/fpjuly2026

JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS - Warrawong Parish

Warrawong Parish warmly welcomes pilgrimage groups to visit St Francis of Assisi Church during the Jubilee Year of St Francis. A plenary indulgence is available, under the usual conditions, to all the faithful "who, with a heart detached from sin, participate in the Year of Saint Francis by visiting, in the form of a pilgrimage, any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship anywhere in the world dedicated to Saint Francis" (Decree, 10 January 2026).

The parish will be celebrating the Feast of St Francis with a special Mass on **Sunday 4 October 2026.**

Please contact the parish at berkeleywarrawong@dow.org.au to arrange a time for your group's visit.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA END OF FINANCIAL YEAR APPEAL

As we approach the end of the financial year, Caritas Australia invites you to help families facing conflict, hunger and displacement. Your support is needed to get critical aid into countries like Sudan, which is facing the largest humanitarian crisis in the world today. Over 30 million people are in urgent need of assistance, the healthcare system has collapsed, and families are facing chronic food insecurity. Your tax-deductible gift this End of Financial Year can provide lifesaving essentials such as nutritious food, clean water and vital medicines to families in need. Make a donation today at caritas.org.au/make-hunger-history

Join Our Mission – Diocesan Director Opportunity

Caritas Australia is still seeking a successful candidate to fulfill the Diocesan Director for Diocese of Wollongong. This paid casual position averages 3.75 hours per week across the year, with extra hours during our Project Compassion appeal (February–May). If you're committed to social and ecological justice, we'd love to hear from you! Scan the QR code to learn more about this rewarding role and to submit your application.



A VOCATION VIEW

Courage is needed to speak God's word. Let no one intimidate you. God gives you the power to speak the truth. (Matthew 10:26-33) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

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

IGNITE CONFERENCE SYDNEY 2026

Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong is gathering a group of youth and young adults to attend Ignite Conference Sydney, one of Australia's largest and most dynamic Catholic conferences. Join over a thousand young people, families, clergy, religious, teachers, and ministry leaders from across the country for four days of inspiring speakers, powerful worship, practical faith formation, and vibrant community. 9–12 July 2026 | Light of Christ Centre Wahroonga Cost: \$220 subsidised conference ticket (includes meals) + \$270 accommodation. For high school students and young adults (18–35). Limited places remain. Registrations close 22 June. For details and registration, visit igniteconference.com.au and enter the coupon code CYMWHigh or CYMWAdult to reveal the Wollongong group ticket.

Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

11/12 July	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	Ri Gilmore	E Brennan	E Brennan, D Clegg, M Whatman	
Sun 9.30am	L Negro	A Negro	M Nicholson, M Fleming, L Negro	
Sun 6pm	E Burns	L Burns	G Knowles	

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

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