



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

Christ the King

23 November 2025

Welcome to St John's



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 5:1-3

They anointed David king of Israel

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:12-20

The Father has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth:

everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David
our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 23:35-43

'Today you will be with me in paradise'

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with
peace.



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.

A VOCAION VIEW

Our Lord Christ the King (23/11/2025) The Church needs shepherds. Pray that the bishops will lead us well and rely on the power of God. (2 Samuel 5:1-3) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

CATHEDRAL JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

Cathedral Jubilee Pilgrimage and Feast Day Celebration Saturday 6 December 2025 St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, all are warmly invited to gather at the Cathedral for this special celebration. The revised program is as follows: · 11.00am – 12:00pm – Veneration of Relic of St Francis Xavier and Reconciliation · 12.10pm – Mass of St Francis Xavier Feast. See updated event details here: <https://lumenchristi.org.au/celebrations/pilgrimage-and-feast-day> Come, walk in faith and be renewed in hope.

SVDP - COLUMBAN CALDENARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

The St Vincent de Paul Society is selling - Columban Calendars @ \$10 each Christmas Cards @ \$ 5 per packet To make a purchase please see a Society member at the back of the Church.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

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

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



CHRISTMAS POT LUCK DINNER

Everyone is invited to attend the next Pot luck dinner on Friday 5 December at 6pm at the back of the presbytery. Bring a plate/meal cook your favourite meal and drinks to share with some good company.



PARISH RAFFLE - 3 NIGHT GETAWAY

We are raffling 3 nights' accommodation at River Bend, Sussex Inlet

Tickets are one for \$2 or 3 for \$5

Proceeds will go towards Parish activities.

The raffle will be drawn on 5th December

ALL SOULS BUSH MASS - WEST DAPTO CEMETERY

The annual All Souls Cemetery Mass will be held at 10am on Saturday 29 November at West Dapto Catholic Cemetery. In the event of bad weather, the mass will be held at St John's Catholic Church Dapto. Everyone is invited.

ADVENT DAILY REFLECTIONS 2025 - THE PROMISE

'The Promise' Advent & Christmas daily reflections booklet now available in the foyer of the church for \$5 daily reflections designed to guide you from the beginning of Advent (30 November 2025) through to the Baptism of the Lord (11 January 2026). Each page offers profound insights through daily Scripture-based meditations and contemplative prayers that invite you to recognise God's promise fulfilled in Christ and to live in joyful anticipation of his coming.



WOLLONGONG'S OLD ROMAN CATHOLIC BURIAL GROUND REVISED - by Wendy Nunan

720 A4 Pages presented in one hard-covered volume documenting 400 Wollongong pioneers, their spouses and children.

After twenty years research and collation, Wendy's updated account of those definitely, probably or possibly buried in this all but forgotten burial ground will be published in January / February 2026. Upon request, Gift Vouchers will be issued for those copies being purchased as Christmas presents for those interested in the early history of Wollongong and the Illawarra.

PRE-PUBLICATION PRICE \$110 POST PUBLICATION PRICE \$125

Ring Wendy & Terry 42570042, 0411547169 Or email wich53@gmail.com



THE ORDER OF THE MASS - QR CODE

Anyone who would like to follow the mass which is generally 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.

DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST LAUNCH - Friday, 28 November 6:30am-8am

Guest Speaker: Peter Abela Xavier Conference Room, 38 Harbour St Wollongong Enjoy a breakfast buffet, prayer and inspiring guest speaker input Be supported and inspired by other men, seeking to be authentic disciples on mission. RSVP: Monday, 17 November dow.sh/mpb25 Cost: \$20 The Men's Prayer Breakfast Series is organised by the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation and menALIVE in the Diocese of Wollongong

menALIVE Growing Good Men Weekend 2025 Friday 5 – Sunday 7 December 2025, The Tops Conference Centre

Great news! Thanks to a generous donation, the cost for this transformative weekend has been **reduced to only \$400 per father and son pair.**

A powerful weekend for fathers and their teenage sons (ages 12–17). Strengthen your bond, explore the journey into manhood, and share in engaging activities, reflection, prayer, and a memorable Rite of Passage. Places are limited — register early to secure your spot! \$400 per father & son pair (includes accommodation, meals, activities & resources).

For more information and registration, visit www.dow.org.au/events

JAMBEROO ABBEY CRAFT & GIFTS THIS ADVENT

Prepare your hearts and homes for the coming of the Lord with beautiful Advent candles and wreaths handmade by the Benedictine Nuns of Jamberoo Abbey.

Their Abbey Candles Online Shop offers a range of Advent wreaths, carved candles, as well as a variety of spiritual and liturgical resources — perfect for personal devotion or parish use. By purchasing from Jamberoo Abbey, you support the prayerful life and work of the Sisters.

Shop online: jamberooabbey.org.au/shop

Enquiries: 02 4236 0011 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri)

STOUTHEARTED MEN'S PROGRAM - COMING IN 2026

Stouthearted is a new Jesus centred men's program designed to meet a desperate need in men. It's an 8-week program that draws from well-known experts, shares powerful teachings and models real world conversations. Stouthearted fosters learning, discussion, prayer, reflection, healing and builds essential practical strategies. In addition to the main sessions, there are short daily reflections that include video input, bible study, and self-reflection.

The Stouthearted program will be running in **Wollongong in 2026, starting on Monday 2 February and finishing on the last Monday of March.** Register now: dow.sh/stouthearted

ADVENT RETREAT - St Mary's Towers: 415 Douglas Park Drive, Douglas Park, 9:30am – 3:30pm Saturday 13 December 2025

You are invited to a day of calm contemplation amongst the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre in Douglas Park. This is a day of embracing a slower pace, rekindling our inner journey, and enjoying time with like-minded others. The day will include sensory prayer walks, lectio divina, breathing meditation and praying through walking the labyrinth. Morning tea and lunch are included. Cost: \$60 (meals included) RSVP by 3 December: contact 0422 725 438 or christabelhoneysett@barnabasministries.org.au

ADVENT RETREAT – Pilgrims of Hope (30 Nov – 3 Dec 2025)

All are invited to a prayerful retreat at the newly refurbished Milton Parish Guesthouse, facilitated by Fr Michael Dyer and the Milton Parish Formation Team. A beautiful way to prepare for Christmas and a prayerful conclusion to the Jubilee Year of Hope. Cost: \$300 (single), \$200 pp (twin share), \$30 (day only, no accommodation). To register and further details: Milton Parish 4455 1313 or milton@dow.org.au

CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDIES | Thursdays, 7:30-9pm

The Disciples of Jesus Catholic Bible Study, Term 4, runs on Thursday nights 7.30-9pm at the Xavier room behind the Cathedral, Wollongong. Contact Tom Kadmon 0413927086.



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH



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

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

Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

29/30 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 Gilmour	D Clegg, M Whatman, Ru Gilmore	
Sun 9.30am	C Negro	A Negro	E Gill, M Fleming, L Negro	
Sun 6pm	L Burns	E Burns	A Chatham	

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

Sick Calls – Please contact Fr Francis or the parish office.

Wollongong Hospital Chaplain – Call Lumen Christi Parish (Cathedral) 4211 0500

West Dapto Catholic Cemetery - Plots are for sale. Please contact the Parish Office.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Tuesday after the 5pm Mass in St John's chapel – from 5.30pm –6.30pm.
Matthew Nicholson (0459735640).

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