St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

15 November 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
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING **Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31**
A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**
You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief.
No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30
Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.
'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."
'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."
'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."
'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'



COMMUNION ANTIPHON
To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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



Recently Deceased: Gretta Hanns, Ses Ibasco, Jane Woods, William Hart, Thea Russell, Brennan Russell, Barry Smith.

Anniversaries, Sick & Special Intentions: Julio, Eliza & Jose Teixeira, Alexander Nicholson.



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome into the Catholic faith community Zade Leadbeatter

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.

ALL SOULS BUSH MASS - WEST DAPTO CEMETERY
28 November 10am

The annual All Souls Cemetery Mass will be held at 10am on Saturday 28 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.

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

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.

PARISH CELEBRATION DAY



Sunday 22 Nov 2026 (10am mass ONLY).
(No 7.30am, 9.30am or 6pm mass this day).
Lunch will be provided on the day.
In previous years we have asked parishioners to bring a plate. As lunch is being provided, in lieu of that this year, we ask for people to consider nonperishable food hamper items or gift donations to SVDP for their Christmas appeal.

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.au for more information.

RCIA UPDATE

Presently, we have just under 12 people attending the RCIA sessions. Most are keen to become Catholics although some are parishioners who want to tap into a bit of adult education. If you are interested in coming along, let Fr or Steve Leonard know. We have fortnightly sessions on Wednesdays at 5pm in then school mini-hall.

ST JOHN'S YOUNG ADULTS 18 – 35yrs

On Sunday, 25th October, the parish held a social event for young adults after the 6pm Mass.

Our next social event will be held on Sunday, 29th November, once again after the evening Mass.

If you are interested in attending, please register on the form in the foyer over the next few weeks. The order of pizzas depends on the number of young adults intending to participate.

The parish is trying to offer opportunities for young adults to participate socially in our parish. Sometimes parishes are criticised for not doing enough.

We need sufficient participation for this event to continue into the new year.

PRESENCE: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2026
Now available in the foyer of the Church for $5

This Advent and Christmas, discover the God who is closer than we think. **Presence** is a beautifully presented, 84-page, full-colour book of daily reflections inviting you to slow down, become attentive, and rediscover the presence of Christ in your everyday life. Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent (29 November 2026) and continuing through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 January 2027), **Presence** offers a prayerful companion for the entire Advent and Christmas journey.



CARITAS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Purchase a Caritas Australia Global Gift this Christmas With Caritas Australia's Global Gifts, you can give a meaningful Christmas card that helps create lasting change for vulnerable communities around the world. Whether you're shopping for family, friends or colleagues, you'll find a gift that continues to make a real difference long after Christmas Day. Each Global Gift card you buy helps make the world a little better every day. Your gift can change lives by putting food on a family's table or helping a young girl stay in school. Give a gift this Christmas that reflects the true spirit of giving and makes a lasting impact. Browse the full range of Global Gifts: www.caritas.org.au/global-gifts

ADVENT Taizé Prayer – Come Emmanuel

Saturday, 5 December 2026 | 7.30pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 193 St Andrews Road, Varroville You are warmly invited to an evening of Taizé prayer as we prepare our hearts for Christ this Advent. Under the theme Come Emmanuel – Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, join us for a peaceful evening of prayer, song and silence. All are welcome, and refreshments will be provided. For further information, please contact Sr Ines on 0468 462 814.

A VOCATION VIEW

"Since you have been faithful in small matters, you will be given greater responsibility." To follow the Lord is to slowly grow in the love of the Lord, practicing small steps of virtue in order to grow to a vibrant faith in Christ. (Matthew 25:14-30) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

Final VOCARIS of 2026... Movie Night Under the Stars!

Young adults 18+ are invited to come and enjoy a free food truck dinner, a catechesis on the Seven Deadly Sins and an outdoor screening of Fr. Stu, an inspiring story of faith and discovering God's call. When: Saturday 5 December, 6:00–10:00pm, Where: St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park Bring a picnic rug or camping chair, your favourite movie snacks and a friend! Head to dow.sh/vocarisdec26 for more information or to register! for more information or to register!

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

Xavier Centre, Conference Rooms.

All are welcome. A missionary work of the Disciples of Jesus. Contact Tom Kadmon 0413 927 086

* Thursdays during school term

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH

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

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

Website: **www.stjohnsdapto.org.au**

DIOCESAN EUCHASISTIC NIGHT - "Five Lessons from Fulton Sheen" with Fr Patrick Briscoe OP

When: Wed 9 December Time: 5.30pm to 8.30pm Venue: Xavier Conference Room What: Adoration - Food & Fellowship - Talk - Q&A Guest Speaker: Fr Patrick is an American Dominican friar and author. He is the PromoterGeneral for Social Communication of the Order and a host of the popular Godsplaining podcast. A sought-after preacher and speaker, he has written widely on faith, culture, and the spiritual life, sharing the beauty of the Gospel with clarity and joy.

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

Holy Cross Parish Helensburgh – 40th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, 29 November 2026 at 9.00am Holy Cross Church, 4 McMillan Street, Helensburgh Holy Cross Parish warmly invites you to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Mass being celebrated in its current church. The church is home to a particularly special piece of history: its altar is the very altar on which Pope Saint John Paul II celebrated Mass in Canberra during his 1986 Papal Visit to Australia. Following this historic occasion, the altar was relocated to Helensburgh, where Mass was celebrated in the church just a few days later. Join Bishop Brian and Fr Paul for this special anniversary Mass, followed by morning tea in the parish hall. All are warmly welcome to share in this significant milestone in the life of the parish.

WALK WITH CHRIST 2026

Join with Bishop Brian Mascord and the Diocese of Wollongong on the Solemnity of Christ the King. We'll join thousands of Catholics from Sydney, Parramatta, Broken Bay and beyond as we follow Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Sydney, praying together and bearing witness to his Real Presence in the Eucharist. Sunday, 22 November 2026 From 1:00pm | Walk with Christ Festival in Martin Place. 2:30pm | The Eucharistic procession leaves the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street and concludes at St Mary's Cathedral. **Walking with us**? Meet outside the Rolex Boutique in Martin Place and look for the Diocese of Wollongong banner. For more information and to register to walk with our diocesan group, visit dow.sh/walkwithchrist26 or contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au or 4222-2407

CHURCH ROSTER - THOSE OFFERING THEIR TIME - THANK YOU

21/22 Nov	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	P Farrugia	M O'Connor	L Mammone, S Druery, D Kadmon	D Croft E Caruana D Ritter
Sun 7.30am				
Sun 9.30am				
Sun 6pm				

PARISH CELEBRATION DAY (one mass on Sunday only)

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