

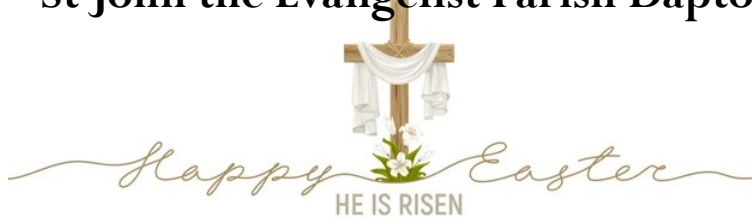


SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist

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.

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto



Welcome to St John's

Keep Smiling, **Francis Tran PP**



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34,37-43

'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection'

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Get rid of the old yeast and make yourselves unleavened as you were meant to be

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new

batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Recently Deceased: Vilna Costa

Anniversaries/Special Intentions: *Philomena Fox, Massi Dimech Daniel Micallef & Joe Agius*



NEW CHURCH ROSTER

Copies of the new Church roster are now available in the foyer of the Church for collection.

The roster can also be viewed on our website:

Stjohnsdapto.org.au

DIOCESAN YOUTH SPORTS FESTIVAL

Young people from ages 15 to 35 are invited to come together for the very first Diocesan Youth Sports Festival- a huge day of sport, faith and community. When: Saturday 18 April 2026 Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm Where: Holy Spirit College, Bellambi Cost: \$50 per team | \$10 per person Grab your friends, cousins, youth group or young adult crew and form a team of 7+ to compete in a fast-paced round-robin tournament. The twist? Teams vote on the main sport of the day, so register early and get training! Prefer something lower intensity? A table tennis competition will run throughout the day with plenty of chances to jump in. Morning tea and a BBQ lunch are included, and the day will finish with Mass celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St Columbkille's Church in Corrimal. Register here: dow.sh/youthsportsfest

CATECHISTS NEEDED

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

What's on around the Diocese? Check out upcoming Diocesan events and courses - too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected about what's happening

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



Easter time we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a symbol of hope and new life.

May the joy of Easter fill your hearts and renew your faith.

As we gather to celebrate, let us remember the profound meaning of this day: a promise of hope for all who believe.

Wishing you and your family a Happy Easter

APPIN MASSACRE MEMORIAL

This year is the 210th Anniversary of the Appin Massacre which occurred on 17 April 1816. Our annual memorial service will be held on Sunday, 19 April 2026 at Cataract Dam from 11:00am – 3:30pm. We would like to encourage everyone to come to the Appin Massacre Memorial as a sign of respect for the Dharawal people who were killed in the Massacre on the 17 April 1816, and to the descendants of the survivors. It is a family friendly day. The day begins with a free sausage sizzle. We encourage bringing a hat, sunscreen, water bottle, and walking shoes for the short walk down the hill from the picnic ground to the dam wall. Some event buses will be available for those unable to walk. Once there, we hold a short ceremony, including a smoking ceremony, dancing by local Aboriginal dance groups, and didgeridoo playing. It is important that we continue our efforts at truth telling and reconciliation.

VOCARIS Young Adult Night (18+)

Join us on Saturday 16 May, 6:00–9:30pm at Wilton Community Centre for a soul-quenching evening of faith, community, and fun! Enjoy a practical session on building a prayer life and the sacraments, delicious cinnamon scrolls, and a lively trivia night. To Register dow.sh/VocarisPrayerLife OR via the QR Code to secure your spot!



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH



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

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

CONGRATULATIONS MATTHEW NICHOLSON

Congratulations to Matthew Nicholson on completing his Master of Theology with Distinctions. This outstanding achievement reflects his dedication and hard work.

We celebrate this milestone and wish him every success in the future.



ASIST Workshop

Monday 20 April - Tuesday 21 April

8.30am - 4.30pm both days

Location: 36 Harbour Street Wollongong, NSW 2500

CatholicCare is an accredited provider of LivingWorks Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST). It is two-day in-person workshop where you'll learn how to recognise when someone may be thinking about suicide, and how to provide a skilled intervention and develop a safety plan with the person to connect them to further support.

To book call Rita Maher on 0458 472 983 or email ritam@catholiccare.dow.org.au

CARITAS AUSTRALIA LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at www.caritas.org.au/lebanon



SEEKING PEACE & HEALING?

CatholicCare Counselling Can Help Life's burdens can feel heavy, but you are not alone. CatholicCare offers professional counselling rooted in compassion and guided by the values of faith and hope. Whether you are facing family challenges, relationship struggles, grief, or personal concerns, our counsellors walk with you on the path to healing and renewal. Reach out today and let us walk with you: Call (02) 4254 9395 or visit <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au>

DIOCESAN CHOIR

Sending out an invitation to all those people who are interested in joining the Wollongong Diocesan Choir. The choir prepares music for special Diocesan Masses where all parishes are invited to attend. Rehearsals are on a Monday night in the lead up to a celebration, between 7pm-8.30pm. Rehearsals are usually held in the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

If you are interested in being involved, email the Diocesan Choir Director, Angela Quinn, with details of your name, email and parish that you attend. quinna01@dow.catholic.edu.au

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY AT UOW

UOW students and staff are warmly invited to become involved with the UOW Catholic Society. Join us for **Mass and lunch, 12:30pm Thursdays during semester in the Building 11 Clubs Room.** See [@uowcathsoc](https://twitter.com/uowcathsoc) on social media to find out more.



**Easter Sunday
4 – 5 April 2026**



Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413



Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.



A VOCATION VIEW

Easter Sunday He is Risen! Salvation has been won; the power of death is broken. Be inspired by Christ's triumph over death that you might be a confident witness of His Resurrection. (Matthew 28:6-7) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

11/12 April	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	P Farrugia	M O'Connor	P Portelli, T Kadmon, C Daly	D Croft E Caruana D Ritter
Sun 7.30am	D Barry	D Clegg	Ru Gilmore, G Teixeira, E Brennan	
Sun 9.30am	S Iverson	A Negro	M Nicholson, L Foy, S Iverson	
Sun 6pm	L Burns	E 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

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.

COMPASS CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKENDS

Registrations are now open for our next CCFC Weekend planned for Friday 15 - Sunday 17 May. Join with families from across the Diocese for a relaxed weekend of family fun, faith and food! For more information and to register go to: dow.sh/familycamping26

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