



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

The Ascension of the Lord

21 May 2023

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***



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus was lifted up while they looked on

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

God made him sit at his right hand in heaven

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

Go and make disciples of all nations

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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

Recently deceased: Charmaine Blinksel, Max Croft

Anniversaries: Peter Clarke, Julio, Eliza & Jose Teixeira



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Amara Le

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to one of our parishioners who so generously donated the new sound system that was recently installed in the church. We are so grateful for this upgrade which greatly benefits everyone in our parish and would not have been possible without this generous gesture.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new year of planned giving envelopes will be prepared soon. If you would like to join planned giving either with a box of envelopes or electronically please contact the parish office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy Sunday 9:30am. 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.



BE HELPED OR WANT TO HELP - VINNIES

The Dapto Conference is operating for crisis help (food, furniture, clothing).

A phone service is available:
Mon – Fri, 9.30am - 11.30am.
Ph: 0412 912 641



New members welcome



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH



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

SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL CARE TRAINING

Interested in growing your capacity to be fully present to others?

An Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered at Campbelltown Hospital/online via Zoom and would be suitable for kind hearted people wanting to learn more about providing holistic spiritual and pastoral care to patients in hospital, residents in aged care facilities, attendees at school or people in the parish.

Applications are currently being taken for this 40 hour course commencing on Thursday 15th June, 2023 comprising 6 consecutive weekly sessions ending on the 20th July 2023. For more information about this course and future courses please contact Carmen Karauda at ckarauda@gmail.com or phone: 0419 430 676

KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUT FUNDRAISER

We would like to thank our community and its support of our fundraising for the new music licence for our choir!! We are very close to achieving the required amount to purchase this licence.

This week we are starting our final fundraiser for the choir, a Krispy Kreme Doughnut Drive.

Please collect an order form from the foyer, orders close on Sunday the 4th of June and Doughnuts can be picked up on Saturday the 1st of July at 5pm Mass. Completed order forms can be placed in the box in the foyer with correct money, or money can be deposited into the fundraising account (please use surname as reference), and the order form placed in the box. (If money is deposited directly into the fundraising account, please indicate this on your order form)



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (NSW) – Employment Opportunity

SVDP have a role in Warrarong Mission Directorate for a Mission/Pastoral person covering the dioceses of Wollongong and Wagga.

<https://applynow.net.au/jobs/VIN3069-pastoral-care-regional-Partner>

ROSARY - MONTH OF MAY

Everyone is invited to come and say the rosary together during the month of May every Saturday evening at 4.30 in honour of our lady of Fatima. If you would like the statue of our lady in your home during May please call Paul on 0418113947.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Lent is a journey opening our hearts and bringing us to right relationship with one another: "A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value. Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to conversion and to change. The parable first invites us to open the doors of our heart to others because each person is a gift, whether it be our neighbour or an anonymous pauper. Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable. But in order to do this, we have to take seriously what the Gospel tells us about the rich man." (Pope Francis Lenten Message 2017). <https://justiceandpeace.org.au/lent-easter-social-justice>

THE JOURNEY - 21 May 2023 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast

On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista and the Great Commission: go and make disciples. This is not an optional extra for us as Christians. Mother Hilda on doing a little exercise called: I wish God knew. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney, Trish McCarthy, and Fr Dave Callaghan.

The Journey podcast is available at www.jcr.org.au.

A VOCATION VIEW

"Go and make disciples of all nations!" Our lives must proclaim the Truth that comes to us from Christ; embrace the call to be a witness of Christ to the ends of the world! (Matthew 28:19)

If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Commencing in June after the 5pm Tuesday Mass.

I am initially looking for interested parties to partake in a regular Holy Hour commencing on June 6 after the 5pm Mass (5:30pm – 6:30pm) on Tuesday evenings in the Chapel. Please feel free to bring whatever devotional material you wish to read and reflect upon in the Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament – many thanks, Matthew Nicholson (0459735640)



ANOINTED: MGL Sisters Pentecost Intensive, 24-28 May

Deepen in your anointing as a Christian called to intentional relationship with the Trinity, radical discipleship generously sharing in the charismatic gifts and a life of mission and service through inputs, discussion and practical workshops. Join us for 5 days live-in at Carmel House, Varroville. More info and register: <http://www.trybooking.com/CFBRF>

THE ILLAWARRA CHORAL SOCIETY

The Illawarra Choral Society is sending out a Call to Peace with a new and truly moving concert at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Saturday 27 May 2023, 2pm. The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins, draws on texts from various sources and includes the Christian Mass and the Islamic Call to Prayer. It was originally written in 1999 and dedicated to the victims of the Kosovo conflict. Its message is as relevant today as when it was first commissioned, and it continues to inspire and move audiences around the world.

The event will be held at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Harbour Street Wollongong.

The performance will commence at 2pm on Saturday 27th May. All are welcome to attend.

For further details and tickets please visit the Illawarra Choral Society's website illawarrachoralsociety.com

CENTENARY CELEBRATION FOR ST MICHAEL'S PARISH, THIRROUL

St Michael's parish Thirroul will be celebrating the parish centenary on 28 October 2023 at 5.30pm. Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord followed by community picnic/BBQ in school grounds.

Seeking parish stories and photos for a centenary publication. Please contact Judy Bull judy.bull@bigpond.com, 0407672417.

AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE – Free Information Sessions 9.00 – 12.30pm

CatholicCare, with the assistance of the Committee for the Aged will be holding a FREE Information session for Parishioners. Guest speakers will include representatives from My Aged Care, CatholicCare, a local funeral director and a solicitor.

Wollongong – 24 May 2023

Nowra – 7 June 2023

Morning Tea will be provided

To register, call: 02 4227 1122

Or online: <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events>

Those offering their time - Thank you

27/28 May	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Projector	Counters
Sat 5pm	C Stringer	P Farrugia	C Honeysett, D Kadmon, Ru Gilmore		L Negro S Parker
Sun 7.30am	E Brennan	A Peeyer	S Wilson, G Teixeira, E Brennan		
Sun 9.30am	S Iverson	J Jogen	S Iverson, M Fleming		
Sun 6pm	H Knowles	J Knowles	G Knowles		

AN INVITATION TO JOIN ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING

An electronic regular gift provides many benefits. You will find it a secure, convenient and efficient way to regularly support your parish, while also reducing our administration costs. It will also help us to confidently forecast and plan, as we know that we can rely on your support. You can increase, decrease, discontinue or restart your monthly gift at any time. Please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/> to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.

SORRY DAY WEBINAR

Caritas Australia is pleased to invite your parish community to our Sorry Day Webinar with survivors from Kinchela Boys Home, one of the most notorious institutions associated with the Stolen Generations. In this special event, you will hear from Uncle Widdy (#36) and Uncle Bobby (#24), two survivors of Kinchela Boys Home, one of the most notorious institutions associated with the Stolen Generations. Caritas Australia's First Australians Programs team will also speak about what truth-telling and intergenerational healing means to our partners.

Date: 25 May 2023 | Time: 11-12 pm AEST

Location: Zoom Webinar

Please register at www.caritas.org.au/sorry-day-webinar

MASS TIMES

Tuesday	Mass	5pm
Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Thursday	Mass	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:

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