



SAINT JOHN  
the Evangelist  
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

# St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

## *A Living Community*

### 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

14 June 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

Mon - Closed | Tues - Fri 9am - 4pm

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#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

#### FIRST READING

Exodus 19:2-6

**I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation**

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

#### SECOND READING

Romans 5:6-11

**Now we have been reconciled by the death of his Son, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son**

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have

been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia.

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 9:36-10:8

**The harvest is rich but the labourers are few**

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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

**Recently Deceased:** John Farrell, Daniel Lynam, Seamus Duignan

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

**Anniversaries & Special Intentions:** Mary Dimech, Joseph, Tony & Tania Formosa.



### BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Ellie Dorahy, Hudson Jones, Theodore Roberts.

### STATE OF ORIGIN - Game 2

Everyone is welcome. 17 June 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



### THANK YOU FROM VINNIES!

Thanks to your wonderful generosity, the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal totalled \$4178.05.

With these funds, and the large amount of clothing and blankets you've donated, we are able to better assist those in need in the Dapto community. Thank you for your donations and your prayerful support.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new year of planned giving envelopes are now available for collection in the foyer of the church.

If you would like to join planned giving please see Father after mass or contact the parish office.

### 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



**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.



### Did You Know? One in Seven Christians Worldwide Experiences Persecution

An estimated one in seven Christians worldwide experiences persecution or discrimination because of their faith.

In countries including Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Pakistan and China, Christians can face imprisonment, violence, or pressure to abandon their faith simply because they follow Christ.

Yet despite persecution, countless Christians continue to gather for Mass and practise their faith with remarkable courage - even when doing so may place their freedom or lives at risk.

These Christians are not strangers to us. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we are called to stand with them in prayer and solidarity.

Through Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), discover their stories and be inspired by the courage of Mathieu and Pauline, catechists from Burkina Faso who were kidnapped for their faith.

Read their remarkable story by visiting [aidtochurch.org/bulletin](http://aidtochurch.org/bulletin)

### 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](http://caritas.org.au/make-hunger-history)



## IGNITE CONFERENCE SYDNEY 2026

Every year, Ignite Youth hosts one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth conferences. Ignite Conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, forming them and sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong will once again lead a cohort of youth and young adults to the conference at a subsidised price. If you'd like to be part of the group or would like more details, please contact [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.org.au) or visit [igniteconference.com.au](http://igniteconference.com.au). When: Fri 9 July 5pm- Sun 12 June 1pm Where: Light of Christ Centre/St Leo's College, Wahroonga Cost: \$220- subsidised conference ticket, accommodation cost TBC For who: High school aged students & Young Adults (18-35)

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## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 19-21 June 2026 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville – a stunning and tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)



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## Who is the Man Behind of 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/summitsroud](http://dow.sh/summitsroud)

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## Caring support for you and your family

When life feels challenging, support can make a difference. CatholicCare's professional counsellors are here for you. We support children, adults, couples, and families, with appointments available in person, online, or by phone. Call 1800 967 894 to get started. You're not alone.

## 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). We are seeking someone who:

- has a strong commitment to the mission of Caritas Australia, the ethos of the Catholic Church and Catholic Social Teaching
- has a desire to represent Caritas Australia in the Diocese with flexible work hours depending on the project
- has a preparedness to work collaboratively with Diocesan authorities and other agencies, parishes, schools and the wider community
- has experience presenting to various age groups, including children

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.



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## PERMANENT PART-TIME ROLE:

### Clergy Care Coordinator Assistant

The Office of the Bishop | Catholic Diocese of Wollongong is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced Registered or Enrolled Nurse to join the team as an assistant to the Clergy Care Coordinator. This is a permanent part-time position, starting at two days per week with the possibility of extended hours in the future. The role involves providing general healthcare assistance including phone and email enquiries from clergy, providing transport for medical appointments and assisting with Clergy Health Assessments. Please note this role may be required to cover annual or personal leave relief for the Coordinator as required. For further information or to request a full position description, please email [louise.macdonald@dow.org.au](mailto:louise.macdonald@dow.org.au)

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## 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).

*Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you*

20/21 June	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	C Stringer	T Sumner	L Mammone, S Druery, D Kadmon	D Barry P Bahlmann
Sun 7.30am	A Peeyer	Ri Gilmore	D Clegg, M Whatman, Ru Gilmore	
Sun 9.30am	L Foy	P Udeh	L Foy, S Iverson, E Gill	
Sun 6pm	L Burns	E Burns	G Knowles	

**MASS TIMES**

<b>Tuesday</b>	Mass	5pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mass	9.30am
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mass Followed by Benediction</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Mass	9.30am
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b> Rosary <b>Mass</b>	<b>11am - 12pm</b> 4.30pm 5pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Mass  <b>Baptisms</b>	7.30am 9.30am - <b>(Children's Liturgy)</b> 6pm <b>Every Sunday 11am</b>

**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*