



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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 October 2025

Welcome to St John's



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of
a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the
widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be
accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of
him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and
the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the
good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I
have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the
crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the
Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day;
and not only to me but to all those who have longed for
his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was

not a single witness to support me. Every one of them
deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it.
But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that
through me the whole message might be proclaimed for
all the pagans to hear; and so I was *rescued from the
lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil
attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly
kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted
to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

The tax collector, not the Pharisee, went home justified.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who
prided themselves on being virtuous and despised
everyone else: 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray,
one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee
stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you,
God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the
rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax
collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get."
The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring
even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast
and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I
tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other
did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
but the man who humbles himself will
be exalted.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your
saving help
and exult in the name of our God.



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

Recently Deceased: Don Hannan

Anniversaries & Special Intentions: Mark Errington



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Andre Scrymgeour



CATHOLIC MISSION - THANK YOU

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula.

Thanks to your kindness, women like Sharon will have the skills to provide for

their families, and mothers like Grace can give birth with dignity. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mission. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



CHURCH ROSTER

The new church roster is now available in the foyer of the church for collection. You can also access the church roster from our website www.stjohnsdapto.org.au

CATECHISTS NEEDED

If you feel you can help, please leave a message for Shirley on 0431 513 109 or shirleymarker@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



MIGRANT JUBILEE CROSS VISIT TO ST JOHN'S - 16 November:

We are excited to announce that the Migrant Jubilee Cross, currently on pilgrimage around Australia, will be visiting St John's at our **6pm Mass Sunday 16 November**.

The Cross contains relics of:

The Holy Family - Fragments from the Holy crib of our Lord, veil of the blessed Virgin Mary, and Cloak of St Joseph. *(On loan from the Order of the Discalced Augustinians)*

St Mary MacKillop - Relic from the 1914 original cedar coffin of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. *(Gifted by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart)*

It has been manufactured as a tribute to the contributions of Christian migrants to the Australian Church. For more information on the pilgrimage, visit acmro.catholic.org.au/jubileecross.

Everyone is invited to attend.



WHAT IS A RELIC?

A relic is an object or article of special religious significance, normally related to a saint. It can be a physical remain of the saint or one of their personal effects. They are used as a memorial to the saint.

In the same way someone may keep things owned by a deceased relative or friends as a way of keeping a connection to them, relics help keep us connected to the saints and the inspiration of their lives.

They are divided into different classes. First Class Relics are relics which were an actual part of the saint, such as a limb, bone fragment or hair. Second Class Relics are something that was owned by the saint or used to torture a martyr. Third Class Relics are anything that have touched a First Class Relic.

Relics do not have "magic powers" but are often associated with miracles, as people pray for the intercession of the saint whose relics are before them. They are a unique way to directly connect with saints who inspire us through their faith and miracles.

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.



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.



LAKESIDE ALL SOULS MEMORIAL MASS

All Souls Memorial Service Saturday 8th November 2025 All Souls Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Bishop Brian Mascord Lakeside Memorial Park, 10.30am Grassed Area by Crypts. Please Scan Code to RSVP by Monday 3rd November.



WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE?

Check out upcoming formation courses, youth events, walks, camping and jubilee events – too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see everything that is on around our Diocese!

menALIVE GROWING GOOD MEN WEEKEND 2025

Friday 5 – Sunday 7 December 2025, The Tops Conference Centre 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! \$500 per father & son pair (includes accommodation, meals, activities & resources). For more information and registration, visit www.dow.org.au/events

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, 22 November at 9:30 am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Join Bishop Brian Mascord, for this celebration, followed by a light refreshment. RSVP dow.sh/cm25 or contact Helen Bennett at helen.bennett@dow.org.au for more information.



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 their 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

RCIA UPDATE

Over the next month a small group of adults will be fully initiated into our church.

They will be attending the 9:30 am mass on Sundays and I'm sure you will enjoy welcoming them into our faith community in the weeks ahead.

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->

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

1/2 NOV	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	A Harnett	M Harnett	L Mammone, S Druery, A Johnston	L Negro S Parker
Sun 7.30am	A Peeyer	Ri Gilmore	D Clegg, M Whatman, Ru Gilmore	
Sun 9.30am	M Rodwell	S Parker	S Iverson, M Fleming, L Negro	
Sun 6pm	H Knowles	J Knowles	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