



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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

16 August 2026

Welcome to St John's



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1,6-7

I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and

now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

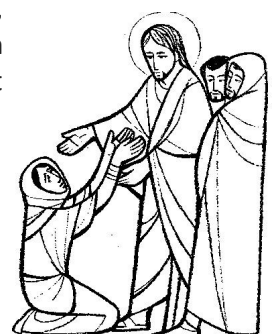
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

The Canaanite woman debates with Jesus and saves her daughter

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

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

Anniversaries / Special Intentions: Angela & Wally Scott



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Peyton Foly & Daniel Faria-Dunn

NO MASSES | COMMUNION SERVICES

Next week 17 - 21 August there will be no masses due to clergy retreat. There will be communion services in place of the masses at usual times.

ST CARLO ACUTIS RELIC AND DISPLAY COMING HERE IN DECEMBER!

Our diocese is excited to be hosting the International Carlo Acutis Major Relic Pilgrimage between 14-21 September 2026. The relic will visit the parishes of Oran Park (Mon 14th), Rosemeadow (Tue 15th) Nowra (Wed 16- Thurs 17th), and the Wollongong Cathedral (Fri 18 - Mon 21), with opportunities for veneration of the first-class relic of St Carlo, participating in the sacraments, and visiting St Carlo's own Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. Everyone, but especially students and young adults will be amazed and drawn into a deep experience of faith in encountering St Carlo's story, relic and the display. Go to <https://www.stcarloaustralia.com/> for more information.

2026 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS - LAST WEEK TO REGISTER

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, you are warmly invited to the Significant Marriage

Anniversaries, celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on **Sunday 6 September 2026 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.**

Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.

Registration is essential and must be completed online at dow.sh/ma26 by no later than Monday, 17 August 2026. Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH



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

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Make sure you check out our Father's Day Raffle!!

Tickets are available in the foyer; they are one ticket for \$2 or three tickets for \$5. The raffle will be drawn on the 30th of August and winners notified from there. We thank you for your support!!

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS WITH ANDREW CHINN

Saturday Vigil mass on 22 August will be celebrated with Andrew Chinn and Stage 1 & 2 students from St John's. Everyone is welcome to attend.

EXPOSITION AND HOLY HOUR

Will be held this Tuesday, directly after 5:00 pm communion service. Do feel free to bring any devotional material you wish to pray before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

"The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead, but for an hour of companionship." - Venerable Fulton J Sheen."

EUCHARIST28 UPDATE: Eternal Life in the Eucharist

The International Eucharistic Congress ('Eucharist28') is coming to Sydney in 2028! At every Mass, the celebration of the Eucharist is a moment of communion, where we are united in Christ, who's body and blood we share. In the Scriptures, Jesus tells us, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day." (John 6:54) Through the Eucharist, Christ unites us to Himself and draws us into the eternal life He promises. This invitation is for everyone, even those who have died. At each Mass, the Church offers the Eucharistic sacrifice for the faithful departed, that they may experience eternal life and unity with Christ. To help your parish and community experience this moment of Eucharistic renewal on the journey to Eucharist28, head to eucharist28.org for more.

Cursillo Diocesan Women's Encounter, Thursday 10 September to Sunday 13 September 2026 Carmel House Varroville

Cursillo is a life changing experience providing a method to support and nurture our faith journey and enable us to live vibrant Gospel oriented lives. The weekend will include talks, discussions fostering friendship, daily Mass, spiritual direction, good music, fun and laughter. Cost: \$320 (payment options available) covers all meals, accommodation, resources and activities. Enquiries: Shirley Parker 0431 513 109 cursillo3dayweek-end@hotmail.com dow.sh/cursillo



Men's Prayer Breakfast, Friday 21 August 2026 | 6:30am–8:00am

Speaker: Peter Gilmore *"The Power of Vision"*
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/MPB26 by Tuesday 18 August
The Men's Prayer Breakfast Series is organised by the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation and menALIVE in the Diocese of Wollongong

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

For over 30 years the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart have had an active presence in Peru providing all manner of support and assistance to communities, families, students and schools.

Since 2001 the Sisters of Saint Joseph at Croydon, NSW, have been raising funds for their counterparts in Peru through their dealings in donated used postage stamps. Last year they raised \$18,330 which is way below amounts raised over many previous years.

As we know, the digital/computer age has markedly reduced the use of postage stamps resulting in fewer and fewer stamps being donated to the Sisters. We need to help.

Over the next 6 months we are invited to save any postage stamps received in our mail. Maybe we could ask family members and friends to do likewise. We still receive some postage stamps in our mail particularly with birthday and Christmas cards. There is a container for the stamps in the foyer of the church. Every stamp helps.

I wonder how many stamp albums are sitting at home collecting nothing but dust because our children and grandchildren are not interested in furthering the stamp collections. We know who would be interested in these stamp albums!

Any queries please contact Pete Stephens at Sunday 9.30am mass or phone 0447 367 935. Every Stamp counts!

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 around our Diocese!

World Youth Day Seoul 2027 – Diocesan Pilgrimage One Year to go until World Youth Day Seoul 2027!

Applications are open for the Diocese of Wollongong's pilgrimage. If you're interested in joining thousands of young Catholics from around the world for this once-in-a-lifetime experience of faith, community and pilgrimage, visit dow.org.au/wyd27 for information on the itinerary, costs, travel arrangements and FAQs. An information night will be held on Wednesday 2 September 2026 from 6-8pm at the Xavier Conference Rooms (38 Harbour St Wollongong) to provide further information and provide a chance for potential pilgrims to meet each other. Anyone looking to apply is required to attend this session. Join our mailing list at dow.sh/wyd27 to receive the latest updates and announcements.

HOMECOMING SILENT RETREAT 28 – 30 August Carmel House, Varroville

"His father saw him, ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." Lk 15: 20

Your heavenly Father waits for you to come away with him for a weekend of silently soaking in his great love for you. Embrace this opportunity for encountering deep peace and serenity. This retreat is for men and women aged 18+. Hosted by the MGL Sisters.

Choose from a weekend retreat or extend your time with a 5-day retreat option.

w/e: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIDBK>

extended: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIDBU>

Renewed & Sent: Parish Renewal Summit

Bishop Brian Mascord invites you to the Renewed & Sent Parish Renewal Summit, to be held at St Gregory's College, Campbelltown, from 1–3 October 2026.

Join clergy, religious, lay leaders, ministry volunteers and parishioners from across the Diocese of Wollongong for three days of inspiring keynote presentations, practical workshops, prayer, and opportunities to connect with others who share a passion for the future of our parishes.

This opportunity aligns with Bishop Brian Mascord's *Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes*, helping us to grow as communities where people encounter Jesus, become his disciples, and are sent to share the Gospel.

Whether you come on your own or as part of a parish team, you'll leave encouraged, inspired, and equipped with practical ideas to help your parish grow in faith, mission, and community.

For the full program and registrations, visit

renewedandsent.com.au.

Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

22/23 August	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	Teachers	Teachers	Teachers	M Harnett A Harnett D Errington
Sun 7.30am	D Barry	D Clegg	Ru Gilmore, G Teixeira, E Brennan	
Sun 9.30am	L Foy	P Udeh	M Nicholson, L Foy, S Iverson	
Sun 6pm	K Gurney	H Knowles	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

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