St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

Christ the King- Year A

22 November 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***

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever**.**
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FIRST READING **Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17**
The Lord will judge between sheep and sheep
The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.
As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28**
Christ will hand over the kingdom to God the Father; so that God may be all in all
Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king *until he has put all his enemies under his feet* and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be *put under his feet.* And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessing on him, who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Matthew 25:31-46**
Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.
'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."
'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."
'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'



COMMUNION ANTIPHON
The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace**.**

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



Recently Deceased: Gretta Hanns, Ses Ibasco, Jane Woods, William Hart, Thea Russell, Brennan Russell, Barry Smith.

Anniversaries, Sick & Special Intentions: Brayden Chater

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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, activitie prayer. Worksheets, related to the Gospel, available in the foyer for children to access cannot attend the 9.30am mass.

POT LUCK CHRISTMAS DINNER



The next Pot luck dinner will be on Friday 4 December at 6.30pm at the back of the presbytery. Everyone is welcome to come along, bring a plate and share some good company.

AVAILABLE IN THE PIETY SHOP

The St Vincent de Paul Society now have for sale in the Piety Shop – Columban Calendars - $10
Christmas Cards - Pkt of 8 - $5

THE JOURNEY – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast

The Journey is the weekly podcast for parishioners in the Diocese of Wollongong. Each week it brings you great music, formation in faith, with an array of fantastic presenters from our Diocese and around Australia. Just go to www.jcr.org.au and we will send it to you each week.

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH

Facebook search: **St John's Catholic Parish Dapto**
Instagram search: **St John's Parish Dapto**
Website: **www.stjohnsdapto.org.au**

ALL SOULS BUSH MASS - WEST DAPTO CEMETERY
28 November 10am

The annual All Souls Cemetery Mass will be held at 10am on Saturday 28 November at West Dapto Catholic Cemetery. In the event of bad weather, the mass will be held at St John's Catholic Church Dapto. Everyone is invited.

ST JOHN'S YOUNG ADULTS 18 – 35yrs

Our next social event will be held on **Sunday, 29th November**, once again after the evening 6pm Mass.

If you are interested in attending, please register on the form in the foyer over the next few weeks. The order of pizzas depends on the number of young adults intending to participate.

The parish is trying to offer opportunities for young adults to participate socially in our parish. Sometimes parishes are criticised for not doing enough.

We need sufficient participation for this event to continue into the new year.

PRESENCE: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2026
Now available in the foyer of the Church for $5

This Advent and Christmas, discover the God who is closer than we think. **Presence** is a beautifully presented, 84-page, full-colour book of daily reflections inviting you to slow down, become attentive, and rediscover the presence of Christ in your everyday life.



Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent (29 November 2026) and continuing through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 January 2027), **Presence** offers a prayerful companion for the entire Advent and Christmas journey.

GOOD MORNING GOOD PEOPLE!

The life of St. Francis of Assisi



An audio-visual presentation by Peter Kearney

Weaving music, images, songs and narration to tell the life-story of St. Francis of Assisi. The visual dimension features images drawn from medieval art and other sources, to illustrate various stages in the life of St. Francis.

Saturday 5 December – 6pm after 5pm Vigil Mass
Free Admission. Light Supper served at interval.
Peter's CD's will be available

CARITAS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Purchase a Caritas Australia Global Gift this Christmas With Caritas Australia's Global Gifts, you can give a meaningful Christmas card that helps create lasting change for vulnerable communities around the world. Whether you're shopping for family, friends or colleagues, you'll find a gift that continues to make a real difference long after Christmas Day. Each Global Gift card you buy helps make the world a little better every day. Your gift can change lives by putting food on a family's table or helping a young girl stay in school. Give a gift this Christmas that reflects the true spirit of giving and makes a lasting impact. Browse the full range of Global Gifts: www.caritas.org.au/global-gifts

A VOCATION VIEW

Our Lord, Christ the King "He will separate the sheep from the goats." To be a shepherd is to tend the flock of the Lord, teaching them to hear His voice. Have courage to follow wherever He leads. (Matthew 25:31-33) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

Final VOCARIS of 2026... Movie Night Under the Stars!

Young adults 18+ are invited to come and enjoy a free food truck dinner, a catechesis on the Seven Deadly Sins and an outdoor screening of Fr. Stu, an inspiring story of faith and discovering God's call. When: Saturday 5 December, 6:00–10:00pm, Where: St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park Bring a picnic rug or camping chair, your favourite movie snacks and a friend! Head to dow.sh/vocarisdec26 for more information or to register! for more information or to register!

Advent Retreat

Milton Parish is hosting its annual Advent Retreat to prepare spiritually and faithfully for Christmas from Sunday 29 November 5.00 pm – Wednesday 2 December 2.00 pm. The theme of this flexibly delivered 3-day retreat will be "Happy the Eyes that see what you see:" Deepening Our Appreciation of Advent through a Liturgical Lens. The retreat will be facilitated by Fr Michael Dyer & the Milton Parish Formation and Liturgical Team members. All have wide experience and professional qualifications. Day or residential participants are welcome. Presentations and accommodation will be at our newly refurbished Milton Parish Guesthouse 3 Corks Lane Milton, adjacent to our beautiful St Mary Star of the Sea Church. Cost: $50 per day for day retreatants and $120 per day for residential ones. Please do not let costs deter you. Flexible rates available. For more information and/or to receive a retreat program call 02 44551313 or email milton@dow.org.au RSVP ASAP to secure your place in this truly dynamic spiritual experience.

DIOCESAN EUCHASISTIC NIGHT - "Five Lessons from Fulton Sheen" with Fr Patrick Briscoe OP

When: Wed 9 December Time: 5.30pm to 8.30pm Venue: Xavier Conference Room What: Adoration - Food & Fellowship - Talk - Q&A Guest Speaker: Fr Patrick is an American Dominican friar and author. He is the PromoterGeneral for Social Communication of the Order and a host of the popular Godsplaining podcast. A sought-after preacher and speaker, he has written widely on faith, culture, and the spiritual life, sharing the beauty of the Gospel with clarity and joy.

ADVENT Taizé Prayer – Come Emmanuel

Saturday, 5 December 2026 | 7.30pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 193 St Andrews Road, Varroville You are warmly invited to an evening of Taizé prayer as we prepare our hearts for Christ this Advent. Under the theme Come Emmanuel – Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, join us for a peaceful evening of prayer, song and silence. All are welcome, and refreshments will be provided. For further information, please contact Sr Ines on 0468 462 814.

Holy Cross Parish Helensburgh – 40th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, 29 November 2026 at 9.00am Holy Cross Church, 4 McMillan Street, Helensburgh Holy Cross Parish warmly invites you to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Mass being celebrated in its current church. The church is home to a particularly special piece of history: its altar is the very altar on which Pope Saint John Paul II celebrated Mass in Canberra during his 1986 Papal Visit to Australia. Following this historic occasion, the altar was relocated to Helensburgh, where Mass was celebrated in the church just a few days later. Join Bishop Brian and Fr Paul for this special anniversary Mass, followed by morning tea in the parish hall. All are warmly welcome to share in this significant milestone in the life of the parish.

"Ephphatha: Be Opened!" Saturday, 12 December 2026 12:00pm - 4:00pm, St Therese Parish West Wollongong Calling young men 18-35 years old

Jesus is always calling us to life, and life to the full—the challenge for us is to be open to hearing his voice. How can we become more open to his quiet voice in the big and small decisions of life? How do we know if we are called to marriage, priesthood or religious life, and how do you live your baptismal vocation more fully as a single young man? Unmarried young men aged 18–35 who are open to discerning God's call are invited to join the priests of the Vocations Team and our seminarians for lunch, formation, Q&A and Eucharistic Adoration. Schedule: 12pm for 12:30pm lunch 1:30pm Introductions, Input and Q and A 3pm Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and one-to-one chats 4pm Finish Registration is free, pls RSVP by 5 December dow.sh/Ephphatha

CHURCH ROSTER - THOSE OFFERING THEIR TIME - THANK YOU

28/29 Nov	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	A Harnett	M Harnett	T Kadmon, P Portelli, C Daly	L Negro S Parker
Sun 7.30am	D Barry	D Clegg	Ru Gilmore, G Teixeira, E Brennan	
Sun 9.30am	P Stephens	S Parker	M Nicholson, L Foy, S Iverson	
Sun 6pm	J Knowles	H Knowles	G Knowles	

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.

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

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: .....

TELEHONE:.....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