



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

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

1 February 2026

Welcome to St John's



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.

Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find
shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the
name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong, will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their
mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to
disturb them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

**God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, to
shame the wise**

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time
when you were called: how many of you were wise in
the ordinary sense of the word, how many were
influential people, or came from noble families? No, it
was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish
by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that
he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those
whom the world thinks common and contemptible are
the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing
at all to show up those who are everything. The human
race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God
has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing

he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our
holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: *if anyone
wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12a

How happy are the poor in spirit

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat
down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to
speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you
and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will
be great in heaven.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
for I call on you.



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

Anniversaries/Special Intentions: Angelina Almonguera, Anthony Cutajar.



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Melroy-George Alaribe, Raegan Trongco and Arlo Fogarty

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, 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.



RECONCILIATION ENROLMENT

Enrolment for first reconciliation begins next weekend. Children must be in year 3 or above and have been baptised Catholic.

Please write your child's name on the list in the foyer and take and take an enrolment form that needs to be filled out and returned at the parent information night on 19 Feb at 6pm in the Church.

If your child was not baptised at St John's could you please provide a copy of their baptism certificate - this is a requirement.

**Please note, writing your child's name on the list in the foyer is not an enrolment, it just gives us an indication of numbers. To enrol you must bring the completed enrolment form to the parent information night.*

Prayer Request – Kairos Prison Ministry (Please join with hundreds around the Diocese making this prayer) Lord, we ask that you bless the members of the Kairos Prison Ministry team, preparing to share the Gospel at the South Coast (Nowra) Correctional Centre from 23–26 March 2026. We pray that your Holy Spirit will empower the work of the team, and prepare the hearts of the inmates, to be transformed by your love and mercy.

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



UPCOMING TRIPPE ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE FOR OUR DIOCESE!

Bishop Brian Mascord warmly invites you to attend the upcoming ordination to the permanent diaconate of **John Mortimer (Albion Park), Stuart Lake (Varroville) and Ryan Suarez (Rosemeadow).**

10:00am, Saturday 28 February 2026

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral (1 Cabbage Tree Lane, Fairy Meadow)

All are warmly invited to share in this joyful celebration, praying for and supporting these three men and their families as they are ordained to serve our diocesan community.

RSVP by 20 February at rsvp.dow.org.au.

Parking will be available at the Fraternity Club (11 Bourke Street, Fairy Meadow).

JAMBEROO ABBEY RETREAT

Radical Amazement: A Contemplative Prayer weekend retreat Fri 13 – Sun 15 Feb 2026

Presenter: Sr Magdalen Mather OSB Awaken to wonder. In the quietness of monastic rhythm and the beauty of the south coast, discover the practice of presence through contemplative prayer. Learn to see the ordinary with fresh eyes and cultivate radical amazement—that deep sense of awe that opens the heart to the sacred in every moment. Guided by Benedictine wisdom, this weekend offers silence, reflection, and the gentle invitation to be fully present to God, to yourself, and to creation. Cost: \$150 plus accommodation costs. RSVP: 29 January 2026. For more details and to book and pay for this retreat ring 02 4236 0011 (Extension 114) or email cottageretreats@jamberoobbey.org.au

SEEKING PEACE AND HEALING?

CatholicCare Counselling Can Help Life's burdens can feel heavy, but you are not alone. CatholicCare offers professional counselling rooted in compassion and guided by the values of faith and hope. Whether you are facing family challenges, relationship struggles, grief, or personal concerns, our counsellors walk with you on the path to healing and renewal. Reach out today and let us walk with you: Call (02) 4254 9395 or visit <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au>

DIOCESAN CHOIR

Sending out an invitation to all those people who are interested in joining the Wollongong Diocesan Choir. The choir prepares music for special Diocesan Masses where all parishes are invited to attend. Rehearsals are on a Monday night in the lead up to a celebration, between 7pm-8.30pm. Rehearsals are usually held in the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. If you are interested in being involved, email the Diocesan Choir Director, Angela Quinn, with details of your name, email and parish that you attend.

quinna01@dow.catholic.edu.au

Implementing Cultural Change – Formation Pathway

Want to see real change in parish life — not just good intentions? Lasting change doesn't begin with more programs or better announcements. It begins with culture. Join us for a practical formation evening on Implementing Cultural Change, where we'll explore: why parish culture forms the way it does, how it shapes what's possible, and how small, intentional leadership actions can create change that lasts. This is a hands-on, hopeful formation for anyone who cares about the future of parish life. • CAMPBELLTOWN Tuesday 3 February, 7–9pm • WOLLONGONG & ZOOM Wednesday 4 February, 7–9pm Register: dow.sh/fpfeb2026

YOUTH MISSION TEAM - SIMON FITZWILLIAM

Dear fellow parishioners,

My name is Simon, and I'm volunteering for the Youth Mission Team in 2026! Youth Mission Team is a Catholic, not-for-profit organization which equips and sends teams of young people into schools to share the gospel with High school students.

As a Team member, I need to find 12 sponsors to each give \$10 per week (i.e \$520 for the whole year) to support me financially on my mission. One-off donations are also greatly appreciated!

So if you would like to donate, or sponsor me in this work of evangelization, please sign up on the website at <https://www.ymt.com.au/investinhope>, or call me on 0411966895 to discuss other ways of donating (including direct debit, cheque, & EFT).

If you are unable to contribute financially, your prayers would be just as helpful – if not more so!

Thank you, and God bless you,
Simon



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.



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!

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus shares with us the great commands of the Beatitudes as He seeks to bless us in our faith. If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

PLANNED GIVING

There are many ways that you can support the works of our parish. One way is to contribute to parish giving via the two collections at Sunday Mass with cash or planned giving envelopes. As we move more and more into a cashless society, many may prefer to contribute to parish giving electronically instead of the traditional forms of putting cash and planned giving envelopes into the collection baskets during Mass.

There are a number of ways you to easily give electronically on a regular basis or as a one-off gift.

- Credit Card via the DOW App (regular and one-off).
- Credit card online (regular and one-off).
- Direct Debit (Regular)
- DIY via internet banking (regular and one-off).
- Donation Tap machine in the foyer.

If you would like more information, please contact the parish office or visit dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/
A reminder that the **First Collection is to support the Clergy** and the **Second Collection is to support the Parish**.



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

7/8 Feb	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	T Kadmon	C Honeysett	T Kadmon, P Portelli, C Daly	M Harnett A Harnett D Errington
Sun 7.30am	A Peeyer	Ri Gilmore	D Clegg, M Whatman, Ru Gilmore	
Sun 9.30am	C Negro	A Negro	E Gill, L Foy, S Iverson	
Sun 6pm	L Burns	E Burns	...	

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.

CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDIES

Thursdays during school term, 7.30pm at the Xavier Room behind the Cathedral. Direct enquiries to Tom Kadmon: 0413927086.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Tuesday after the 5pm Mass in St John's chapel – from 5.30pm –6.30pm. Matthew Nicholson (0459735640).

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:

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