



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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 November 2025

Welcome to St John's



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:19-20

For you the sun of righteousness will shine out
The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all
the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble.
The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says
the Lord of Hosts, leaving them neither root nor
stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of
righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Do not let anyone have food if he refuses to work
You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now
we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we
ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying
for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and
straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This
was not because we had no right to be, but in order
to make ourselves an example for you to follow.
We gave you a rule when we were with you: do not
let anyone have any food if he refuses to do any
work. Now we hear that there are some of you who
are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but
interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus
Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go
on quietly working and earning the food that they
eat.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

The destruction of the Temple foretold

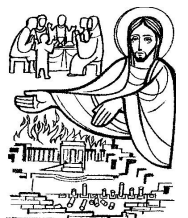
When some were talking about the Temple, remarking
how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive
offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at
now – the time will come when not a single stone will be
left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they
put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will
this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is
about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will
come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time
is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear
of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is
something that must happen but the end is not so soon.'
Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and
kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes
and plagues and famines here and there; there will be
fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and
persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues
and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and
governors because of my name – and that will be your
opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind:
you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself
shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of
your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You
will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations
and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will
be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a
hair of your head will be lost.
Your endurance will win you your lives.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.



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

Anniversaries & Special Intentions: Brayden Chater, Julio, Eliza & Jose Teixeira



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Tiffany Nguyen, Armani Olsen, Videll Leadbeater, Abigail Henderson

PARISH RAFFLE - 3 NIGHT GETAWAY

We are raffling 3 nights' accommodation at River Bend, Sussex Inlet
Tickets are one for \$2 or 3 for \$5
Proceeds will go towards Parish activities.
The raffle will be drawn on 5th December

WEEKDAY MASSES

From Tuesday 18 November, weekday masses will be held in the Chapel. With the warm weather approaching the air conditioning will make it more comfortable.

The Chapel is open every day for anyone that would like to spend some time in prayer.

ALL SOULS BUSH MASS - WEST DAPTO CEMETERY

The annual All Souls Cemetery Mass will be held at 10am on Saturday 29 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.

SVDP - COLUMBAN CALDENARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

The St Vincent de Paul Society is selling -
Columban Calendars @ \$10 each
Christmas Cards @ \$ 5 per packet
To make a purchase please see a Society member at the back of the Church.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

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



PARISH CELEBRATION DAY - Sunday 23 November

Mass at 10am followed by festivities, including jumping castle and face painting for the kids.

We will celebrate as a community with mass under the covered area. At the conclusion of mass we will gather for lunch and a day of community.

The pastoral council has decided to organise lunch for the day as we have in previous years. The table below is designed so that we have a balance of food provided by parishioners. We are asking parishioners to bring a plate of food according to the first letter of your surname. Please see the list below and bring a plate of food to share:

SURNAMES BEGINNING WITH THE LETTERS	
A TO F	BBQ Chicken & Sandwiches
G TO L	Salads: Potato, Greek, Fried rice etc
M TO R	Savoury Slices, crackers & dips
S TO Z	Desserts: slices or cake, fruit platters

The parish will supply a BBQ along with food items that are brought along by parishioners. Soft drink and water will also be provided.

If anyone has a gluten intolerance and need the parish to provide alternative food, please contact the parish office ASAP. Mass times for the Parish Celebration weekend are as follows:

Saturday: 5pm | Sunday 10am (one mass only)

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.

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.



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.

JAMBEROO ABBEY CRAFT & GIFTS THIS ADVENT

Prepare your hearts and homes for the coming of the Lord with beautiful Advent candles and wreaths handmade by the Benedictine Nuns of Jamberoo Abbey.

Their Abbey Candles Online Shop offers a range of Advent wreaths, carved candles, as well as a variety of spiritual and liturgical resources — perfect for personal devotion or parish use. By purchasing from Jamberoo Abbey, you support the prayerful life and work of the Sisters.

Shop online: jamberooabbey.org.au/shop

Enquiries: 02 4236 0011 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Office of Professional Standards and Safeguarding are currently advertising an exciting new job opportunity. We are looking for a detail-oriented and hard working person, who cares about the safety of others, to join the team as a Safeguarding (Records and Case Management) Officer. For more information, please visit the Diocesan Safeguarding website (www.dow.org.au/safeguarding). Applications are due by 5pm on Friday 21 November

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

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

22/23 NOV	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	M O'Connor	P Farrugia	L Mammone, S Druery, D Kadmon	D Croft E Caruana D Ritter
Sun 7.30am	<div>PARISH CELEBRATION DAY</div>			
Sun 9.30am				
Sun 6pm				

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.

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



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