



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

5 November 2023

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***



Parish Office Hours

Mon - Closed | Tues - Fri 9am - 4pm

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 23:1-12

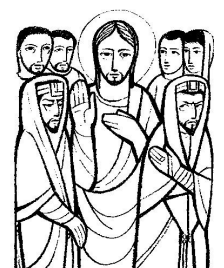
They do not practise what they preach

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
O Lord.



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

Recently Deceased: Thomas Rafferty



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Zara Tran

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy Sunday 9:30am. 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.



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 printed and placed in the book on the Altar during the month of November.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

The new Summer Edition of Australian Catholics Magazine has just arrived and its available in the foyer for gold coin donation

BE HELPED OR WANT TO HELP - VINNIES

The Dapto Conference is operating for crisis help (food, furniture, clothing).

A phone service is available:
Mon – Fri, 9.30am - 11.30am.
Ph: 0412 912 641



New members welcome

PARISH CELEBRATION DAY – 26th November 2023

As a Parish our annual Parish Celebration will take place on Sunday November 26th. We will celebrate as a community with Mass under the covered area at 10am. 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 parish celebration as we have in previous years. The table below is designed so that we have a balance of food provided by parishioners. We have decided to ask parishioners to bring food according to the first letter of their surname. Please see the table below.

Parish celebrations: Lunch arrangements
Surnames beginning with the letters:

A to F - BBQ chicken and sandwiches

G to L - Salads: Potato, Greek, fried rice,

M to R - Savoury slices, crackers and dips

S to Z - Desserts: slices or cakes, fruit platters

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

If parishioners have a gluten intolerance and need the parish to provide alternative food please contact the presbytery ASAP.

Mass times for the weekend of the Parish Celebration are as follows:

Saturday: 5pm | Sunday: 10am

THE SIGN Advent Program - Available now



Discover the profound spiritual journey of Advent and Christmas with **The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023**—a captivating 80-page book containing spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December 2023) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2024). The Sign also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Caravaggio, Di Pietro, Carolsfeld, Copley, Le Brun and Fra Angelico, with enlightening “Artwork Spotlight” reflections written by the popular Monsignor Graham Schmitzer. Available now in the foyer - \$4 Each.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Invites all Living and Loving. A Christian life program knowing and following Jesus. Commencing 15 October at 1pm in St John's Chapel. Enquiries please contact Ronnie 0468 541 758 or Kevin 0405 305 677.



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH



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

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

WEST DAPTO CATHOLIC CEMETERY - THE LATER FAMILIES PRE-PUBLICATION OFFER

Wendy and Terry Nunan are now taking orders for the upcoming publication of their new book 'West Dapto Catholic Cemetery - The Later Families'. Save \$10 off by ordering now (until 25/11/23). Order forms available in the foyer of the church. There is also a combined purchase offer for those looking to purchase the first set. For more information please contact Wendy & Terry on 4257 0042.

ADVENT BEGINS YEAR B & THE GOSPEL OF MARK

To prepare come and meet Mark, his Gospel and his Jesus Three Tuesday evenings: 7.30pm - 9.30pm via ZOOM 21 & 28 November, 5 December
Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLYVL> before 1pm 20 Nov.

This course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation.

Further information: Emilia 0418 120 902

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATECHIST MASS

The Annual Catechist Mass and awards ceremony will occur on Saturday 11 November, at 10am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. We look forward to welcoming all our Life Members, award recipients, active and retired Catechists, special guests and their families.

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord and concelebrated by clergy of the Diocese. A light luncheon will follow in the Xavier Conference Rooms. Please check your email for your invitation. To RSVP click here or for more information please contact Helen Bennett on helen.bennett@dow.org.au

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL FAMILY, FOOD & RIDES NIGHT

St John's primary school is having a family, food and rides night on Friday 10 November from 4pm - 8pm. Rides for all ages, show bags, food trucks, farm animals and chocolate wheel.

If there are any businesses who would like to donate for the chocolate wheel, please contact Jodie Maloney on 0404 846 106 or jodie_druery@hotmail.com



CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psycho-social needs.

'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.'

Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413



RETREAT DAY "LET THERE BE LIGHT" - Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo

This day is especially set aside as a day of reflection with Christmas in mind. We see it as, a day to visit hope, a day to look forward toward the light that may just have escaped us during this past year, and yet still shines brightly beyond the clouds, beckoning us toward all that is good in the time ahead. There will be three input sessions by the Sisters along with time for quiet reflection and a guided meditation by one of the Sisters as well.

WHERE: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo

WHEN: Saturday, 2 December

TIME: 10am-3.30pm

MASS: 9am for anyone who would like to come

MORNING TEA: Provided

LUNCH: Bring your own, plenty of tea and coffee here

COST: \$30

TO REGISTER: Phone number: 4236 0011 ext106 (Just leave your name and number)

WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

For sick calls/anointing - Fr Stork - 0475 815 506

Wollongong public and private hospital

THE JOURNEY, 5 November 2023 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast

On The Journey This Week: Fr Mike Delaney's Gospel reflection on the way we present ourselves to God and others, Mother Hilda's story about an ant hiding in a sugar bowl just like we try to hide from God. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Mark Raue and the bush deacon, Josh Clayton.

The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

Those offering their time - Thank you

4/5 November	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	C Honeysett	T Kadmon	P Portelli, D Kadmon, S Druery	L Negro S Parker
Sun 7.30am	S Wilson	D Barry	S Wilson, G Teixeira, E Brennan	
Sun 9.30am	S Iverson	L Negro	M Fleming, L Negro, L Foy	
Sun 6pm	H Knowles	J Knowles	G Knowles	

CATHOLICARE FOSTERING FUTURES

The Fostering Futures team are urgently looking for a forever home for Ollie* who is 8 years old. Ollie is a very engaging, outgoing, polite and active boy. Ollie enjoys swimming, going to the park, playing Nintendo, watching movies, colouring in, and trying new foods. Ollie would love to learn to ride a bike and play soccer or Oz Tag. Ollie is looking for a forever home with carers who are kind, caring, calm, and patient who can give him a sense of security and belonging. You can find out more by calling 0418 783 956, email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au for more information. Fostering Futures will support you every step of the way. *name has been changed for privacy

CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS WOLLONGONG

Cathedral Books & Gifts shop has a wide range of gifts for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Missals, books, rosaries, medals, statues, plaques, cards for various occasions, holy cards etc.

Operating hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am – 2pm

Entry via 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong.

For any enquiries, please contact 4222 2484.

MASS TIMES

Tuesday	Mass	5pm
Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Thursday	Mass	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