



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

The 6th Sunday of Easter

22 May 2022

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

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.'

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning.

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come.' Then let all who are thirsty come: all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free.

The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 17:20-26

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father, I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me.

May they all be one.

Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.

I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one.

With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you loved me.

Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me.

I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia

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

Recently Deceased: Patricia Donoghue, Mona Errington, Philomena Fox

Anniversaries: Valda Hovey

Sick: Daniel Sharkey, Mark Errington

Special Intention: Carlos & Angelina Sangco (40th wedding anniversary)



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Harlen Purcell, Jaxxon Gibb, Cooper Pemberton, Lennox Fischer

A PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine suffering from war.

May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure their suffering and hardship.

Transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate the violence and oppression.

Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.

We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Everyone is invited to come and say the rosary together during the month of May every Saturday evening at 4.30pm in honour of our lady. If you would like the statue of our lady in your home during May please call Paul on 0418113947.

VINNIES HELP

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

A phone service is available:

Mon – Fri, 9.30am - 11.30am. Ph: 0412 912 641

EUCCHARIST - The Sacrifice We Offer

Join Bishop Mascord and people from across the Diocese for a Workshop on Saturday 11 June 2022 Xavier Conference Centre Wollongong (38 Harbour St), 9:30am - 2:30pm, presented by Sr Carmel Pilcher RSJ, PhD Lunch and Morning Tea provided. An opportunity to make a donation to assist in covering costs will be provided towards the end of the workshop. At this workshop we will seek to understand what the early church understood by priestly participation in the liturgy. Namely that each of us, together with our sisters and brothers in Christ, bring to the celebration the joys and hopes, grief and anxieties of our week. Ritually we place these on the Eucharistic table along with bread and wine to become the mystery of Christ's sacrifice. From the communion table we go to continue our priestly role as witnesses of Christ's love. This is a great opportunity for formation for anyone who wishes to deepen their appreciation of Eucharist.

Register by Tuesday 7 June 2022: dow.org.au/events
Enquires: Anthony Rewak anthony.rewak@dow.org.au / 4222 2465

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL - 28TH/29TH MAY



St Vincent de Paul will be conducting their annual Winter Appeal here in Dapto Parish on the weekend of 28th and 29th May.

The collection will be in the form of a bucket collection at each of the weekend Masses.

There will also be a dedicated EFTPOS terminal available for anyone who would like to donate by card.



All funds collected will towards assisting those in need in our local community.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MR WARWICK HANSEN OAM

Friends are warmly invited to attend a special Mass and Supper that will be held in commemoration of Mr Warwick Hansen OAM's significant service to the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong, and his retirement, on Friday 17 June 2022. 6pm Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour Street, Wollongong, will be followed by a light supper in the Xavier Centre's Function Room.

To rsvp to attend, please visit <https://dow.sh/HansenMass> by Tuesday 7 June 2022.

If you are unable to attend and would like to leave Warwick a message, please visit <https://dow.sh/3Eg4J7S> by 3PM Friday 17 June 2022.

For all enquiries call: 4222 2400.

PLANNED GIVING

What is it? Financially supporting our Parish

There are two collections:

The money received from first collection is for the Diocese to go towards the allowances paid to priests. The donations from second collection is for the upkeep of our parish.

How do we do it?

1. We use the two buckets that are near the entrance to the church. Planned Giving envelopes as well as coins and notes can be placed in them as you enter or leave church.
2. We can make use of the tap system adjacent to the table at the front of the church. As your card is swiped \$10 is automatically deducted from your card to our parish.
3. You can contact the parish office in business hours and direct debit can be arranged. Jenny Gibson, our parish secretary, can assist you to set this up.

Please note:

Our pre-Covid system of passing the collection containers from parishioner to parishioner along our pews, cannot return, due to Covid safe practices.

Important Information

Currently, our Planned Giving donations have reduced to about 50% of pre-Covid levels, whilst, as you would be aware, the cost of living has increased. Added to this we understand that many people are moving towards cashless transactions.

As our parish slowly emerges from the Covid lockdown situation we welcome the return of many parishioners to our weekend masses. The parish is not asking you to increase your existing donations, but to recommit to regularly contributing in a way previously mentioned.

If you have any questions or need further assistance please talk to Fr Francis, Jenny Gibson or any member of the Parish Council at your convenience.

The Parish Council

WORKING BEE – Church facilities

A working bee has been arranged for Saturday 18th June from 9-11am. We are keen to repaint and generally improve the toilet facilities for parishioners. We hope to revamp some of the storage facilities in the church.

If you have some spare time on that morning, please come. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are looking to restart Children's Liturgy to coincide with the evening masses on Saturday and Sunday. We are anticipating beginning at the start of Term 3 (about half-way through July). If you are interested in assisting, please leave your contact details with Jenny at the office and we will get back to you. Please note: You will need a current Working with Children number or be willing to shortly obtain one.

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Even though we are moving towards the colder months we are keen to soon resume tea/coffee after the Sunday morning masses in the Inspiration Garden. We just need one or two volunteers to check we have the basics ready and perhaps be willing to keep this important aspect of our parish running smoothly. If you are keen to assist, please see Martin, Sarah, Steve or Liz at mass over the next couple of weekends.

CWL - 50th ANNIVERSARY

Catholic Women's League, Dapto Branch will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary with a Mass & Luncheon on Thursday 23rd June 2022. Mass will be celebrated at 11.00 am and the Luncheon will follow at Dapto Leagues Club (Sinclair Function Room) at 12.30 pm. Everyone is most welcome to join us on this occasion.

RSVP together with luncheon cost of \$50.00 is due on Friday 3rd June 2022 to President Carolyn Young at 28 Glenview Street, Dapto. Mobile No. 0438 107 252.

INVITATION - PENTECOST SUNDAY

On Pentecost Sunday, 5 June, Bishop Brian invites all those who were baptised or received into the Catholic Church over the last twelve months to celebrate, together with family and friends. This celebration will take place in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 2.30pm followed by refreshments in the Xavier Conference Centre.

CHURCH ROSTER

Our church roster for volunteers for reading and eucharistic ministers and money counters has been on hold for some time now due to the pandemic. We plan on restarting the roster and over the next few weeks we will be taking names of those who wish to be included on the new roster. We understand that there may be some people who were on the old roster who may not wish to return to their role and also those who would like to volunteer and be apart of the masses.

There is list in the foyer of the church, if you would like to be included in a role, please write your name and contact phone number/email down and which mass you can assist.

NO RECONCILIATION

There will be no Reconciliation on Saturday 4 June (11am -12pm) due to a funeral.

MASS TIMES

Tuesday	Mass	5pm
Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Thursday	Mass	9.30am
Friday	Mass	9.30am
Saturday	Reconciliation Rosary Mass	11am - 12pm 4.40pm 5pm
Sunday	Mass	7.30am 9.30am 6pm

CARITAS AUSTRALIA UKRAINE APPEAL

The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. In a matter of days, over half a million people have been forced from their homes and at least 400 civilians have lost their lives. Our longstanding partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.

Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

THE JOURNEY, 22 May 2022 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast

On The Journey This Week: Fr Anthony Crook says the Easter Gospels have been leading us towards the imminent return of the glorified Jesus to the Father; today Jesus gives us his peace and promises the Advocate. Mother Hilda on how music triggers all sorts of memories for us. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney, Cathy Jenkins, Pete Gilmore, and more great music! The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au

A VOCATION VIEW

If we love, we know the presence of God. Take time to be aware of God’s loving presence. Be open to the Holy Spirit. (John 14:23-29)

If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au



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**

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation every Saturday between 11am - 12pm.

URGENT EUTHANASIA PETITION (Paper Version for Signing)

Please urgently consider signing the petition opposing Euthanasia in NSW that is available for signing near the entrances to the Church.

For more information contact Dominica Connor, Right to Life NSW on

P: 02 9299 8350 or via www.righttolifensw.org.au

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The Church has the right to be a teacher for mankind, a teacher of the truth of faith: the truth not only of dogmas but also of the morals whose source lies in human nature itself and in the Gospel. – Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

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