



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

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time - A

8 February 2026

Welcome to St John's



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:7-10

Then will your light shine like the dawn

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and do not turn from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

The only knowledge I claimed was of the crucified Christ

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of

my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

Your light must shine in the sight of men

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.
'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.



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

Recently Deceased: Elizabeth Cooney

Anniversaries/Special Intentions: Daniel Micallef
& Joe Agius



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Zari & Willa Fomesca, Mia Todd, Willow & Harper Bornemann.

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 this 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 Soares (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).

PARISH CAR PARK

The car park across the road is almost ready for use and will be open very soon! Parking will be available for all weekday and weekend masses.

COMPASSIO – 2026 Lenten Program

Now available in the foyer of the church. \$5 each.

This Lent, enter into the heart of *compassio*—to “suffer with”—a grace-filled invitation to stand with Christ and with one another. Let this beautifully designed, 76-page, full-colour companion guide you through daily reflections, Sunday Gospel readings and reflections, spiritual direction, prayers, and group discussion questions, all crafted to deepen your encounter with God's mercy. Ideal for both individual prayer and group study.



CWL MEETING

Catholic Women's League, Dapto Branch, meeting will be on Monday 10 February, 2026 commencing at 10.00 am in the meeting room at the Parish Presbytery. Everyone is most welcome to attend.



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH



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

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

JOIN OUR MISSION – Diocesan Director Opportunity

Caritas Australia is seeking a passionate person for a paid casual role as Diocesan Director for Diocese of Wollongong. This position averages 3.75 hours per week across the year, with extra hours during our Project Compassion appeal (February–May). In partnership with the Diocese of Wollongong, you'll help end poverty, promote justice, and uphold dignity by sharing Caritas Australia's mission through education, fundraising, advocacy, and building strong relationships with Catholic schools, parishes, and the wider Catholic community. If you're committed to social and ecological justice, we'd love to hear from you! Scan the QR code to learn more about this rewarding role.



LAUNCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

The Australian Church is setting out on the journey toward the International Eucharistic Congress, Sydney 2028 (Eucharist28), a great time of renewal and transformation centred on encountering the Eucharistic Lord. In preparation, Australian Catholics will enter a Year of Prayer from 1 March 2026, focused on rediscovering Our Lord's love in the Blessed Sacrament. The theme, This is My Body, Given for You, calls us to deeper faith, generosity and mission. Learn more about the way ahead at eucharist28.org.

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>

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.



A VOCATION VIEW

'I resolved to know nothing except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.' In the Cross is our salvation, proclaim that salvation in all you do! (1 Cor 2:2)

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

Volunteer with IMPACT

Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!



Join Palms International Volunteering [online](https://palms.org.au/online) in this special session where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](https://palms.org.au/diverse-assignments) suited to your qualifications. Hear from past Palms volunteers how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities and changes lives.

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 19 February 2026

Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEDT

02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au

Want to visit a community first? Join our 13-day **Encounter Tour to Timor Leste!**

Book by **28 February** for the May tour! See palms.org.au/encounters

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@jamberooabbey.org.au

Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

14/15 Feb	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	P Farrugia	M O'Connor	L Mammone, S Druery, D Kadmon	D Croft E Caruana D Ritter
Sun 7.30am	E Brennan	D Barry	G Teixeira, E Brennan, D Clegg	
Sun 9.30am	L Foy	P Udeh	M Nicholson, M Fleming, L Negro	
Sun 6pm	H Knowles	J 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

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