



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

6th Sunday of Easter

14 May 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

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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 8:5-8,14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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 17:1-11

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Father, the hour has come:

glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him.

And eternal life is this:

to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do.

Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was.

I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me.

They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you;

for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me.

I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you:

all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified.

I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

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: Max Croft, Jan Devane

Anniversaries: Rosie Spiteri, Josephine Formosa, Joseph Formosa, Tony & Tania Formosa.



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Alora Vicary.

CATECHIST MEETING

The next Catechist meeting will be at 10am Monday 15 May in the parish meeting room. All Catechists encouraged to attend.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new year of planned giving envelopes will be prepared soon. If you would like to join planned giving either with a box of envelopes or electronically please contact the parish office.

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.



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



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH



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

Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUT FUNDRAISER

We would like to thank our community and its support of our fundraising for the new music licence for our choir!! We are very close to achieving the required amount to purchase this licence.

This week we are starting our final fundraiser for the choir, a Krispy Kreme Doughnut Drive.

Please collect an order form from the foyer, orders close on Sunday the 4th of June and Doughnuts can be picked up on Saturday the 1st of July at 5pm Mass. Completed order forms can be placed in the box in the foyer with correct money, or money can be deposited into the fundraising account (please use surname as reference), and the order form placed in the box. (If money is deposited directly into the fundraising account, please indicate this on your order form)



MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Thank you to all members of the community who supported our Mother's Day Raffle!! We raised over \$600 in support of the Parish Choir.

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle:

1st Place: Sonja Agius

2nd Place: Bill Skeers

3rd Place: Jim Howe

ROSARY - MONTH OF MAY

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

CHURCH ROSTER

The new church roster will be put together soon and if you would like to volunteer to read at mass or if you are a eucharistic minister and would like to assist, there is a form in the foyer of the church to put your name down.

Those who are currently on the roster and are unable to fulfil their role, there is also a section on the form for you to have your name removed or adjusted to a mass time that suits you.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS – Walk for Life Friday 19 May 2023

We walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues - the elimination of abortion, euthanasia, family breakdown, and to pray for Australia's Government. We unite our prayers with sacrifice and entrust everything to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

You are warmly welcome to join us praying along the Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km).

B.Y.O Lunch, snacks, water and hat. Support vehicle provided all the way, shuttle cars return pilgrims to Kiama.

BENEFITS: Mass. Prayer. Hymns. Exercise. Spectacular scenery. Joyful fellowship. Blessings in abundance.

START: 9:30am Kiama Catholic Church (Holy Mass)

FINISH: 3:30pm Gerringong Catholic Church (Benediction, confession also available).

For information contact Gabriella De Battista: 42612500, Sue Hill: 0435 336 195

A VOCATION VIEW

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to embrace our Faith with a whole heart, but we must receive this gift in humility. (John 14:15)

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Commencing in June after the 5pm Tuesday Mass.

I am initially looking for interested parties to partake in a regular Holy Hour commencing on June 6 after the 5pm Mass (6pm – 7pm) on Tuesday evenings in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Please feel free to bring whatever devotional material you wish to read and reflect upon in the Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament – many thanks, Matthew Nicholson (0459735640)



THE JOURNEY - 14 May 2023 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast

On The Journey This Week: Fr Rob Galea on the way life works through the Holy Spirit. Mother Hilda says we just need to find the good and concentrate on that. Plus, MenAlive Growing Good Men weekend, Trish McCarthy, and Deacon Josh Clayton.

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

THE ILLAWARRA CHORAL SOCIETY

The Illawarra Choral Society is sending out a Call to Peace with a new and truly moving concert at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Saturday 27 May 2023, 2pm.

The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins, draws on texts from various sources and includes the Christian Mass and the Islamic Call to Prayer. It was originally written in 1999 and dedicated to the victims of the Kosovo conflict. Its message is as relevant today as when it was first commissioned, and it continues to inspire and move audiences around the world.

The event will be held at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Harbour Street Wollongong.

The performance will commence at 2pm on Saturday 27th May. All are welcome to attend.

For further details and tickets please visit the Illawarra Choral Society's website illawarrachoralsociety.com

CENTENARY CELEBRATION FOR ST MICHAEL'S PARISH, THIRROUL

St Michael's parish Thirroul will be celebrating the parish centenary on 28 October 2023 at 5.30pm. Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord followed by community picnic/BBQ in school grounds.

Seeking parish stories and photos for a centenary publication. Please contact Judy Bull judy.bull@bigpond.com, 0407672417.

AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE – Free Information

Sessions 9.00 – 12.30pm

CatholicCare, with the assistance of the Committee for the Aged will be holding a FREE Information session for Parishioners. Guest speakers will include representatives from My Aged Care, CatholicCare, a local funeral director and a solicitor.

Campbelltown – 10 May 2023

Wollongong – 24 May 2023

Nowra – 7 June 2023

Morning Tea will be provided

To register, call: 02 4227 1122

Or online: <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events>

Those offering their time - Thank you

| 20/21 May | 1st reader | 2nd reader | Extraordinary Minister | Projector | Counters |
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| Sat 5pm | T Sumner | C Honeysett | S Druery, A Johnston, T Kadmon | | |
| Sun 7.30am | S Wilson | D Barry | E Brennan, D Clegg, M Whatman | | D Croft E Caruana |
| Sun 9.30am | L Foy | S Parker | S Iverson, M Fleming, L Foy | | |
| Sun 6pm | K Gurney | Je Jogen | G Knowles... | | |

MASS TIMES

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| 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 |

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Indifference is in stark contrast to an example of the preferential option for the poor attributed to Cardinal Oscar Romero: you are watching a house on fire and are concerned for the people inside. When you find out your mother and sister are inside, your attitude changes completely... And you'd do anything to rescue them even at the cost of getting charred.

That's what it means to be truly committed. If we look at poverty from the outside, as if we're looking at a fire, that's not to opt for the poor, no matter how concerned we may be. We should get inside as if our own mother and sister were burning. Indeed it's Christ who is there, hungry and suffering. Pope Francis warns us about indifference, speaking to us about the need to learn from the experience of the rich man in the biblical story, particularly during Lent: "Indifference to our neighbour and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience" (Pope Francis Lenten Message 2015).

<https://justiceandpeace.org.au/lent-easter-social-justice>

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