



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

The Most Holy Trinity - Year A

24 May 2026

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

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion'

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Glory and praise for ever!

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 3:16-18

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world

not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned

already,

because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are children of God,

God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.



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

Recently Deceased: Fr John Pickering, Kevin Douglas

Sick: Peter Anderson, Lian, Chelsea Jones.

Anniversaries: Mary Dimech



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Bridget & Ronan Stepanov

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society are conducting our Annual Winter Appeal, in the form of a **BUCKET COLLECTION** this weekend **30/31/MAY**. We are also looking for donations of blankets, jackets and jumper to support those in need in our area. Donations can be left at the Piety shop in the foyer of the Church . Thank you for your support.

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.



WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE?

Check out upcoming Diocesan events and courses - too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected about what's happening around our Diocese!

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



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH

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



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

PIE DRIVE

Our Pie Drive for 2026 has kicked off!!!! Don't forget to pick up your order form this week for our Pie Drive. Orders close on Sunday 12th July and pies are being delivered on Friday 14th of August (between 1pm and 4pm).

Correct payment can be placed in the box in the foyer or money can be transferred electronically into the fundraising account on the form.

All proceeds raised will go towards parish activities and equipment. Pies and cakes are made by Queen Street Bakery.



CWL MEETING

Catholic Women's League, Dapto Branch, meeting will be on **Monday 01 June, 2026** commencing at 10.00 am in the meeting room at the Parish Presbytery. **Please Note the Date of Meeting.** Everyone is most welcome to attend.

AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE 2026

is a free CatholicCare event for older people, families, and carers that focuses on ageing with dignity, confidence, and choice. It provides practical guidance on navigating care systems, raises awareness of ageism, and offers tools, support, and local connections to help people age well at home and in the community.

Registration required.

Details: Wollongong (9 June 2026) and Campbelltown (22 July 2026), both 9am-1pm.



PERMANENT PART-TIME ROLE:

Clergy Care Coordinator Assistant

The Office of the Bishop | Catholic Diocese of Wollongong is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced Registered or Enrolled Nurse to join the team as an assistant to the Clergy Care Coordinator. This is a permanent part-time position, starting at two days per week with the possibility of extended hours in the future. The role involves providing general healthcare assistance including phone and email enquiries from clergy, providing transport for medical appointments and assisting with Clergy Health Assessments. Please note this role may be required to cover annual or personal leave relief for the Coordinator as required. For further information or to request a full position description, please email louise.macdonald@dow.org.au

IGNITE CONFERENCE SYDNEY 2026

Every year, Ignite Youth hosts one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth conferences. Ignite Conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, forming them and sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong will once again lead a cohort of youth and young adults to the conference at a subsidised price. If you'd like to be part of the group or would like more details, please contact youth@dow.org.au or visit igniteconference.com.au. When: Fri 9 July 5pm- Sun 12 June 1pm Where: Light of Christ Centre/St Leo's College, Wahroonga Cost: \$220- subsidised conference ticket, accommodation cost TBC For who: High school aged students & Young Adults (18-35)

EUCCHARISTIC FORMATION OPPORTUNITY - Real Presence

Join the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation for Rediscover the Real Presence, a FREE four-part Zoom series exploring Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. Three sessions feature a FORMED.org video series, with a final deep dive into the riches of the Church's teaching on the Eucharist. Each session includes opportunities to reflect on the content and to connect with other participants. This series is a great means to assist you in your journey towards the International Eucharistic Congress 2028. The series will run on Zoom Tuesdays, 7:00–8:15pm, from 26 May to 16 June. Register here: tinyurl.com/RRPZoomSeries

FORMATION PATHWAY: Small Group Community

Many people quietly wonder, "If I didn't turn up today, would anyone even notice?" Following on from last month's formation on Meaningful Community, this session will explore how small-group community helps people move from simply attending parish life to being known, supported, formed, and drawn deeper into faith. We will look at why smaller communities matter in parish renewal and explore practical models including Faith Circles, Connect Groups, and faith and life sharing groups. Tuesday 2 June, Campbelltown Wednesday 3 June, Wollongong and Zoom 7:00–9:00pm Register: dow.sh/fpjune2026

Ephphatha: Be Opened! - Calling young men 18-35 years old

How can we become more open to discovering God's plan in our daily lives? How do we know if we are called to marriage, priesthood or religious life? This is the first young men's discernment event, for all unmarried young men aged 18-35 to join Bishop Brian Mascord, the priests of the Vocations Team and our Seminarians for lunch, formation, Q&A, one to one chats and Eucharistic Adoration. Register as soon as you can! Where: **St Therese Parish, 2 Powell Street West Wollongong** When: **Saturday 13th June, 12:30pm for 1pm lunch; finishing at 4pm**

Cost: **Free, but registration is essential** – through this QR code or go to dow.sh/Ephphatha

If any young men or women would like help discerning their vocation, contact Fr Duane at vocations@dow.org.au



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 19-21 June 2026 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville – a stunning and tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au



OneSydney | Together in Christ - A Historic Celebration As One

Sunday 14 June 2026 Sydney Opera House (Concert Hall) You are invited to be part of an ecumenical evening of prayer and unity. Christians from Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Anglican, Protestant, Evangelical and Pentecostal traditions will gather as one on Australia's most iconic stage — the Sydney Opera House. programme includes Dr Mary Healy, Matt Maher, Fr Rob Galea, and many more For more information and to register dow.org.au/events/one-sydney-together-in-christ/

SYDNEY RALLY FOR LIFE 2026

Abortion is the leading single cause of death in our nation, with baby girls most likely to be killed, due to the horrific practice of sex selective abortions. This has led to John Ruddick MP to move the first pro-life bill ever in Australia. Please do all you can to attend the Life Rally along with thousands of other people of faith and goodwill, and help to move us one step closer to making abortion unthinkable. **Tuesday, 2 June, 6-7 pm, Macquarie St Sydney.**

Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

6/7 June	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	Ri Gilmore	E Brennan	E Brennan, D Clegg, M Whatman	
Sun 9.30am	L Negro	M Rodwell	L Foy, S Iverson, E Gill	
Sun 6pm		L Burns	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 – Fr Joseph - 0475 815 506

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

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.



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