# St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

## *A Living Community*

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

**18 October 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**

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

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**FIRST READING** **Isaiah 45:1,4-6**

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Give the Lord glory and honour.

**SECOND READING** **1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

**We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope**

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 22:15-21**

**Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar**

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.



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



***Recently Deceased***: Joe Mateo, Barry Leslie, Joseph Quang Hoang, Daphne Hamilton.

***Anniversaries & Special Intentions:*** Julio, Eliza & Jose Teixeira

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**BAPTISMS**

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Isla Hardiman & Archer Knick

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**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 displayed for the month of November.

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**CATECHIST MEETING**

The next Catechist meeting is on Monday 19 October at 10am in the parish meeting room. All catechists encouraged to attend.

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**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.



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**POETRY 101**

Thank you for supporting the parish and SVDP over the last couple of weeks by ordering Poetry 101. Donations have raised almost $1000.
About 10 uncollected copies of the book will be retained at the Piety Shop. If you haven't received your book, please approach a member of the St Vincent De Paul Society this weekend. You will receive your copy/copies as per your order.
Also, copies can still be purchased from the Piety Shop in the weeks ahead for $10 each.
Many thanks, Steve Leonard

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS:**

**CHURCH WORKING BEE (all welcome). Sat 24 October 2026 (9am-12pm).**
Cleaning, organising, gardening, repairing, painting. BYO tools + we'll have some available too.

**ALL SOULS DAY CANDLE VIGIL + ROSARY**
**Sat 31 October 2026**
Anytime between 3pm - 4.30pm (Quiet prayer + Light a candle + place the name of those you would like to pray for it on it).
4:30pm Rosary followed by 5pm Mass.

**LAKESIDE CEMETERY MASS WITH THE BISHOP**
**Sat 7 Nov 2026. (10.30am)**

**PARISH CELEBRATION DAY**
**Sunday 22 Nov 2026 (10am mass).**
(No 7.30am, 9.30am or 6pm mass this day).
Lunch + light entertainment showcase after mass.
If you're interested in doing a performance (eg. Dance/Musical performance/other-then please use contact details below).

**WEST DAPTO CEMETERY MASS 28 Nov 2026. (10am)**

**Contact details for any of above events:**
**Parish office (Details on front of bulletin) or**
**Carla Stringer - St John's Dapto Parish Council. M. 0401 682 311 or e. Canco_is@hotmail.com**

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**RETURN & EARN**

So far this year we have made $2,180 which has surpassed the total amount earnt last year. Thank you to all those who drop their bottles and cans off for recycling and thank you to all our volunteers who assist in taking the to the depot for cash. All money raised goes back to the parish.

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**SOCIAL EVENT AFTER SUNDAY 6pm MASS – Young Adults 18 - 35 yrs - Sunday 25th October**
The parish would like an expression of interest from young single adults (18+) who would like to participate in a social event in the Inspiration Garden between 7pm and 8pm after Sunday Mass for 1 hour.
The parish hopes that this event could occur monthly.
The parish will provide pizzas and soft-drink.
To assist with catering matters, please register by providing your name/names on the clipboard in the foyer after any of the Sunday masses over the next couple of weeks.
The Parish Council.

**BEACHHOUSE – A Post-School Getaway for Year 12 Graduates**

Finishing Year 12 can bring big changes. BEACHHOUSE is a relaxed three day beach house experience helping school leavers build faith, friendship and community as they begin life beyond school. Jesuit Villa House, Gerroa 16–18 February 2027. $275 (includes accommodation & meals) Year 12 graduates. Only 20 places available A chance to slow down, connect with other young Catholics and start the next chapter well. More details & registration: dow.sh/beachhouse

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**World Youth Day Seoul 2027 – Diocesan Pilgrimage One Year to go until World Youth Day Seoul 2027!**

Applications are open for the Diocese of Wollongong's pilgrimage. If you're interested in joining thousands of young Catholics from around the world for this once-in-a-lifetime experience of faith, community and pilgrimage, visit dow.org.au/wyd27 for information on the itinerary, costs, travel arrangements and FAQs. An information night will be held on Wednesday 2 September 2026 from 6-8pm at the Xavier Conference Rooms (38 Harbour St Wollongong) to provide further information and provide a chance for potential pilgrims to meet each other. Anyone looking to apply is required to attend this session. Join our mailing list at dow.sh/wyd27 to receive the latest updates and announcements.

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**A VOCATION VIEW**

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Our lives ultimately belong to God; let His love shine through all that you do. (Matthew 22:21) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

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**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND.**

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.



**Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.**

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**CATHOLIC MISSION - INVITATION TO ATTEND MASS WITH FR MATTHEW SEMBA**

Catholic Mission is proud to welcome Fr Matthew Semba from the Diocese of Chikwawa in Malawi to Wollongong. He is leading critical initiatives across his diocese in areas of education, farming, and food security.

Fr Matthew will celebrate Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Wollongong at 12:10pm on Friday 30th October. We warmly invite parishioners from St John the Evangelist Dapto, their families, and friends, to join Fr Matthew for Mass and refreshments afterwards.



To assist with catering, please advise of any allergies or requirements with your RSVP to Matthew Gibson at mgibson@catholicmission.org.au or 0416 455 423.

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**VOCARIS YOUTH OCTOBER 2026**

Do you have a high school-aged young person who you would love to see grow in their faith, discover the beauty of the Catholic faith and make like-minded friends? Then they won't want to miss VOCARIS Youth - a free, fun and faith-filled day for students in Years 7-12 on Saturday, 31 October, 10:00am-3:00pm at Wilton Community Centre, featuring a Cookie Station, Sausage Sizzle Lunch and Ice Cream Topping Bar! For more information or to register, visit https://dow.sh/VocarisYouth or scan the QR code.

## *Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you*

| 24/25 Oct | 1st reader | 2nd reader | Extraordinary Minister | Counters |
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| **Sat 5pm** | M O'Connor | P Farrugia | L Mammone, S Druery, D Kadmon | D Croft<br>E Caruana<br>D Ritter |
| **Sun 7.30am** | D Barry | D Clegg | E Brennan, D Clegg, M Whatman | |
| **Sun 9.30am** | P Stephens | P Udeh | M Nicholson, M Fleming, L Negro | |
| **Sun 6pm** | K Gurney | R Daffara | 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

**Hammond Care:** 3rd Thursday of month at 11am.

**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.

**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.

**MASS TIMES**

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| **Tuesday** | Mass | 5pm |
| **Wednesday** | Mass | 9.30am |
| **Thursday** | **Mass**<br>**Followed by Benediction** | **9.30am** |
| **Friday** | Mass | 9.30am |
| **Saturday** | **Reconciliation**<br>Rosary<br>**Mass** | **11am - 12pm**<br>4.30pm<br>5pm |
| **Sunday** | Mass<br><br><br><br>**Baptisms** | 7.30am<br>9.30am - **(Children's Liturgy)**<br>6pm<br>**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: .....

TELEHONE:.....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*