



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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 August 2025

Welcome to St John's



Parish Office Hours

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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

Vanity of vanities; all is vanity

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities.
All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully
and successfully must leave what is his own to someone
who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and
great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and
strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all
his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights?
This, too, is vanity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ,
you must look for the things that are in heaven, where
Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be
on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the
earth, because you have died, and now the life you have
is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is
revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed
in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs
only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion,
evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing
as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies.
You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old
self, and you have put on a new self which will progress
towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the

image of its creator; and in that image there is no room
for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the
circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian
and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he
is everything and he is in everything.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

Fool! This very night your soul will be demanded of you

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother
to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he
replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator
of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on
your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is
not made secure by what he owns, even when he has
more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man
who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to
himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to
store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will
pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all
my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul:
My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many
years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good
time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the
demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of
yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores
up treasure for himself in place of making
himself rich in the sight of God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord, bread
from heaven,
endowed with all delights and
sweetness in every taste.



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

Anniversaries & Special Intentions: Joseph, Tony & Tania Formosa



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Lettie Borg, Peyton Duggan, Lily & Cara Boylan

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.



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



THE JOURNEY – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast

The Journey is the weekly podcast for parishioners in the Diocese of Wollongong. Just go to www.jcr.org.au and we will send it to you each week.

CHARISMATIC EUCHRISTIC ADORATION - the Source and Summit of our Faith.

Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St Wollongong Friday 8 August 2025 Praying for the Bishop's Vision Join us for 90 minutes of Charismatic praise, Scripture, and silence to implement our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese. There will also be an opportunity for individual prayer and cuppa. Everyone welcome. 7:00-8:00pm Adoration and Praise 8:00-8:30pm Individual prayer and a Cuppa Info: Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404



Make sure you check out our Father's Day Raffle!! Tickets are available in the foyer, they are one ticket for \$2 or three tickets for \$5. The raffle will be drawn on the 31st of August and winners notified from there. We thank you for your support!!

CCD LEVEL 1 CATECHIST COURSE (Term 3)

via Zoom starts on Monday 4 August for four Mondays. Dates: Mondays, 4, 11, 18, 25 August (via Zoom) Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm. Beginning and experienced SRE Catechists are invited to register by following this link: [CCD Level 1 Course Aug 2025](https://ccdlevel1courseaug2025.com) or contact Sue Clark at support@ccdwoollongong.com. Please note that the first day of the Level 1 course includes the Child Protection and Classroom Management training update that must be revisited by SRE Catechists every three years.

2025 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 24 August 2025 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room. Please register online at <https://dow.sh/MA2025> by no later than Monday, 11 August 2025.

Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au

COMPASS: "Bush" family camping weekend

Friday 5 – Sunday 7 September 2025 Guntawang - Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility We are excited to be returning for the second of our 2025 Catholic family camping weekends at Guntawang Catholic Youth Centre. This weekend is designed to bring together families of all ages, including couples with or without children, single parents with their children, and grandparents, to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. Mark your calendars for a wonderful opportunity to connect with families from across the diocese in a laid-back setting. Enjoy shared meals, games, music, prayer, and Mass together. To secure your spot, register now. dow.org.au/events/compass-bush-family-camping-weekend Cost: \$50 per adult or \$100 per family RSVP: Friday 29 August 2025



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH



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

POSITIONS OPEN – Diocesan Youth Council The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC)

DYC is a vibrant team of lay people, clergy, and religious who serve as both an advisory body and implementation team to the Bishop for youth and young adult ministry in the Diocese of Wollongong. Meeting quarterly, the DYC helps guide, support, and implement initiatives that foster mission, faith, and community among young people. Members have the opportunity to be co-partners in shaping diocesan priorities in this important area of ministry. The Bishop is currently seeking to appoint four new members to the Council. Selections will follow a structured process that ensures a broad representation of voices, experiences, and demographics across the diocese. Applications are now open and will close on 4 August. To apply, visit: dow.sh/4ewILkU

VOCARIS 'BEER AND BEADS'

Saturday 9 August 5:30pm – 10pm Inviting all young adults (over the age of 18) to our next VOCARIS Beer and Beads - a Catholic twist on the classic "Paint & Sip" on Saturday 9 August (5.30pm to 10pm). Instead of painting, we will be making your own set of Rosary beads! Please BYO Drinks. Where: Wilton Community Centre: Main Hall. Address: 20 Broughton Street, WILTON, NSW, 2571 (25 minutes from Campbelltown and Wollongong). Please see the registration page using the QR Code for more information or to register.



A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus calls us to be generous with the gifts that he has given. When we share our treasures with others, we will have true treasure in heaven. (Luke 12:12-21) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDIES | Thursdays, 7:30-9pm

Xavier Centre, Conference Rooms (Come and explore the Bible with the mind and heart of the Church in an open and friendly environment. All are welcome. A missionary work of the Disciples of Jesus. Contact Tom Kadmon 0413 927 086

* Thursdays during school term

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

– Registrations Now Open!

Join the Diocese of Wollongong's pilgrimage to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF), taking place at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre from 30 November to 2 December 2025. ACYF is a national celebration of faith, drawing together thousands of young people (Year 9 to 25 years old) from across Australia for a powerful experience of encounter, formation, prayer, and community. Each day includes dynamic speakers, workshops, music, Mass, and an interactive expo. Travel and accommodation are being organised through Harvest Journeys, with a full package including your ACYF ticket, return flights, transfers, 4 nights' hotel accommodation, daily breakfast, and dinner on arrival (the night before the Festival). Spots are limited and must be finalised by mid-September. To register or find out more, visit dow.org.au/cymw or contact Arnie Hurdoyal at arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au.

menALIVE Regional Weekend 9 – 10 August 2025.

Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong Come along to our menALIVE weekend and be impacted by an encounter with the Gospel in the presence of other good men seeking to be renewed in faith and life. For more information and to register: <https://menalive-weekend2025>

NEWMAN LECTURE 2025

Hosted by the Bulli Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) "THE LEGACY OF POPE FRANCIS" Guest Speaker: Bishop Brian Mascord (Wollongong Diocese)

Date: Saturday, 6 September 2025

Time: 2:00 PM Venue: Xavier Centre, Wollongong Live-streamed nationally 40-minute presentation

- Q & A session following the lecture
- Open invitation to all parishioners and friends across the Wollongong Diocese
- Live-stream link to be advised closer to the lecture
- For free bookings, use: <https://www.trybooking.com/DDQBT> For further information, contact: Denis Bristow 0412699929

WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE?

Check out upcoming formation courses, youth events, walks, camping and jubilee events – too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see everything that is on around our Diocese!

Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

9/10 August	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	M Harnett	A Harnett	T Kadmon, P Portelli, C Daly	L Negro S Parker
Sun 7.30am	Ri Gilmore	E Brennan	E Brennan, D Clegg, M Whatman	
Sun 9.30am	L Foy	M Howe	S Iverson, M Fleming, L Negro	
Sun 6pm	J Knowles	H Knowles	A Chatham	

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.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Tuesday after the 5pm Mass in St John's chapel – from 5.30pm –6.30pm.

BENEDICTION

Every Thursday straight after the 9.30am mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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