



SAINT JOHN  
the Evangelist  
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

# St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

## *A Living Community*

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

19 November 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

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

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

### FIRST READING Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

#### **A perfect wife - who can find her?**

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She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff,  
her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have worked  
for, and let her works tell her praises at the city  
gates.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

### SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians

5:1-6

**God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus**

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are

saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you,  
says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-15,19-21

**You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more.

"Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.



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

**Recently Deceased:** Joseph Portelli

**Anniversaries:** Brayden Chater, Tony Farrugia, Julio, Eliza & Jose Teixeira



### **BAPTISMS**

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Elouise Nguyen & Rocco Mele

### **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.



### **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 printed and placed in the book on the Altar during the month of November.

### **ALL SOULS MASS - WEST DAPTO CEMETERY**

Everyone is invited to celebrate mass with Bishop Brian at the annual All Souls Mass at West Dapto Catholic Cemetery next Saturday 25 November at 10am

### **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**

### **PARISH CELEBRATION DAY – 26th November 2023**

As a Parish our annual Parish Celebration will take place on Sunday November 26th. We will celebrate as a community with Mass under the covered area at 10am. At the conclusion of Mass we will gather for lunch and a day of community.

The Pastoral Council has decided to organise lunch for the parish celebration as we have in previous years. The table below is designed so that we have a balance of food provided by parishioners. We have decided to ask parishioners to bring food according to the first letter of their surname. Please see the table below.

Parish celebrations: Lunch arrangements  
Surnames beginning with the letters:

**A to F** - BBQ chicken and sandwiches

**G to L** - Salads: Potato, Greek, fried rice,

**M to R** - Savoury slices, crackers and dips

**S to Z** - Desserts: slices or cakes, fruit platters

The Parish will supply a BBQ along with the food items that are brought along by parishioners. Soft drink and water will also be provided.

If parishioners have a gluten intolerance and need the parish to provide alternative food please contact the presbytery ASAP.

Mass times for the weekend of the Parish Celebration are as follows:

**Saturday: 5pm | Sunday: 10am**

### **VOLUNTEERS FOR PARISH CELEBRATION DAY**

**Volunteers:** There will be a list in the narthex if you would like to volunteer and help out during the parish celebration day mass (e.g. readers, ministers of the eucharist etc).

**Musicians/choirs:** We are having a combined choir/musicians for parish celebration day mass and warmly welcome anyone who would like to join us. If you're interested please contact Carla via email on [canco\\_is@hotmail.com](mailto:canco_is@hotmail.com) or the Parish office as soon as possible for more details.

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Every Tuesday after the 5pm Tuesday Mass in the Sacred Heart chapel – from 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

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).



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CATECHISTS

Congratulations to the following catechist who received awards last weekend at the Catechist mass celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord.

10 Years – Elizabeth Negro & Jennifer Monaro

25 Years – Kevin Brennan

30 Years – (Life Membership) – Grace Teixeira

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## CATECHIST MEETING

Next meeting Monday 20 November in the parish meeting room at 10am. This will be the last meeting for the year.

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## B THE CHANGE FOR BRAYDEN

Your help is needed to protect children against Meningococcal B in NSW. Help get Meningococcal B on the NSW state immunisation plan. Please sign the petition in memory of Brayden. Scan the barcode to sign or go to [meningitis.com.au/b-the-change-for-brayden](http://meningitis.com.au/b-the-change-for-brayden)



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## CatholicCare are currently looking for Community SupportWorkers.

Becoming a CatholicCare Community Support Worker will give you a career that you love, whilst providing a valuable connection to people living with a disability or the aged in our Diocese. If you want to find out more about becoming a Community Support Worker go to [catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/careers/](http://catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/careers/) or call 4227 1122.

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## RETREAT DAY “LET THERE BE LIGHT” | Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo - Saturday 2 December 10am-3:30pm

This day is especially set aside as a day of reflection with Christmas in mind. We see it as, a day to visit hope, a day to look forward toward the light that may just have escaped us during this past year, and yet still shines brightly beyond the clouds, beckoning us toward all that is good in the time head. There will be three input sessions by the Sisters along with time for quiet reflection and a guided meditation by one of the Sisters as well.

MASS: 9am for anyone who would like to come

LUNCH: Bring your own, plenty of tea and coffee here

COST: \$30 (Morning Tea provided)

To register please phone 42 360011 Ext 106 (Just leave your name and number)

## CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY - Thursdays 7:30-9pm - Xavier Conference Room, Wollongong Cathedral commencing 9 November

You are warmly invited to join us in studying the Bible from the mind and heart of the Catholic Church. The Study is open to anyone who is interested in engaging more intimately with the living Word of God in an atmosphere of prayer, discussion, and reflection. Discover the joy that comes with belonging to the People of God, whose story the Bible is a story that we continue to live and make today. The Catholic Bible Study is a work of the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community.

To register your interest please SMS/call: Tom Kadmon on 0413 927 086.

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## THE SIGN Advent Program - Available now

Available now in the foyer - \$4 Each. Only a few copies left!

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## POSITION VACANT | Safeguarding Support Officer

OPSS is looking for an organised and articulate professional to join the team as a Safeguarding Support Officer. The successful applicant will provide case support, project support and represent the office at professional development sessions. The Safeguarding Support Officer will be part of a team that assists the pastoral works of the Diocese to safely carry out the evangelising mission of making Jesus known and loved in the Illawarra, Macarthur, Shoalhaven and Southern Highlands.

If you are interested in finding out more about this position, please email [safeguarding@dow.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@dow.org.au) and the Application Pack will be emailed to you. The position description for this role is also available on the Diocesan website – [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au) Applications close at 5pm on 21 November 2023

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## WEST DAPTO CATHOLIC CEMETERY - THE LATER FAMILIES PRE-PUBLICATION OFFER

**BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION!** - Please contact Terry and Wendy to organise collection otherwise books can be collected at the All Souls Mass next Saturday at West Dapto Cemetery. Books are still available to order. Save \$10 off by ordering now (until 25/11/23). Order forms available in the foyer of the church. There is also a combined purchase offer for those looking to purchase the first set. For more information please contact Wendy & Terry on 4257 0042.

*Those offering their time - Thank you*

25/26 November	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	M Harnett	A Harnett	P Portelli, D Kadmon, S Druery	M Harnett A Harnett D Errington
Sun 7.30am	PARISH CELEBRATION DAY			
Sun 9.30am				
Sun 6pm				

**“PURPOSE CONFERENCE” - Free Bus from Wollongong/  
Macarthur - 18-35 Years Old**

The 'Purpose Conference' will feature world renowned Catholic speakers Jason Evert and Matt Fradd, and hundreds of young adults from Sydney and all over Australia. We are also providing a free bus from Wollongong Diocese where you can connect with other local young adults on the way to the event. Tickets to the event are limited and so are spots on the bus, so register for both as soon as you can!

Book your tickets: Book your own ticket to the conference via: [dow.sh/Purpose23](http://dow.sh/Purpose23)

Book your travel on Free Gong Bus: Feel free to make your own way to the Conference on Thursday 7 December, but be sure to reserve your spot on our Free Gong Bus for Friday 8 December by registering here ([dow.sh/YA-BUS](http://dow.sh/YA-BUS)) and connect with other young adults from our Diocese on the journey - departing from West Wollongong Parish at 4pm or Rosemeadow Parish at 4.45pm.

Deadline for booking a spot on the bus is 3 December.

Contact Fr Duane and the team at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au) if you have any questions.

**MASS TIMES**

<b>Tuesday</b>	Mass	5pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mass	9.30am
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Mass	9.30am
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b> Rosary <b>Mass</b>	<b>11am - 12pm</b> 4.30pm 5pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Mass  <b>Baptisms</b>	7.30am 9.30am - <b>(Children's Liturgy)</b> 6pm <b>Every Sunday 11am</b>

**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*