



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*

6th Sunday of Easter

25 May 2025

Welcome to St John's



### Parish Office Hours

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

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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 15:1-2,22-29**

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise you!

### SECOND READING

**Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20**

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed

their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.

'I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning.'

The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come.' Then let all who are thirsty come: all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free. The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus

### 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 14:23-29**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

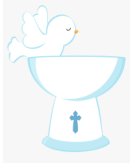
### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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:** Maureen Coughlan

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



### BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Xavier Hughes, Isabel Poriotis, Elsie Cluff & Leonardo Anzalone.

### STATE OF ORIGIN - GAME 1

Everyone is welcome.

28th May, back of the presbytery.

BBQ from 7pm. Kickoff at 8:05pm

Come and enjoy the company, the food and the Game.

Contact: Martin 0412101566 or Grant 0419125376



### RCIA 2025 UPDATE

The parish RCIA program is up and running this year with a number of adults keen to be initiated into the Catholic Church. Already, Joel and Craig have completed the program. We will soon initiate and welcome the family of Skye, Audrey and Erik as well as Ashleigh and Tori.

A new small group of Michael, Eleanor and Ellan will begin their initiation towards the middle of the year. Could you please pray for these participants and continue to make them welcome in our parish.

### 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



### SVDP WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting their Annual Winter Appeal in the form of a bucket collection at all Masses in Dapto Parish on the weekend of May 31st/ June 1st.

Thankyou for your continued generosity and prayerful support.

### FR FRANCIS' 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION CELEBRATIONS

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of Fr Francis's Ordination. As a community, we will celebrate this monumental occasion on **Saturday, 28th of June.**

This occasion will be marked with a Mass at 11am, followed by a community lunch under the COLA.

All parishioners and community members are invited to celebrate this occasion with Father Francis.

RSVP is required for the lunch for catering, this can be done after Mass in the foyer. Members of the Parish Council will be available to take your RSVP, dietary requirements, and provide you with a ticket for the luncheon. **There is no cost for this event. RSVPs will close on the 8th of June.**

A present is being organised to commemorate this occasion. If you would like to contribute towards a present for Fr Francis, there will be a lockbox in the foyer for cash donations. Donations can also be made to the following account for this purpose.

Acc Name: Dapto Parish Gifts/Donations

BSB: 066 711

Acc : 003 134

The Parish Council looks forward to seeing you all and celebrating this special occasion with Fr Francis.



### DAY OF REFLECTION

Jamberoo Lay Carmelites invite you to join them for a Day of Reflection on Saturday, 24 May in St Matthew's Hall, Jamberoo, 9:30am – 3:00pm.

Topic: "Scripture is all about Relationships" Speaker: Laurie Woods, recently retired from the school of Theology, ACU Strathfield. Donation:

\$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Please bring a plate to share for lunch, with morning tea provided.

RSVP: Mary Clarke on 4232 2970 or email:

[pandmclarke@gmail.com](mailto:pandmclarke@gmail.com)



### STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH

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

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



### **THE MARRIAGE COURSE– Via Zoom**

Want to build a strong, better marriage? The Marriage Course is for any couples married for 2 -102 years. Over 1.5 million couples have done this amazing course. It runs over 7 sessions covering topics such as resolving conflict, impact of family and the art of communication. It's a great way to strengthen your marriage, learn practical tools to deepen your connection from specialists starting Mondays 26 May - 7 July at 7.30pm.

Register now at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/DOW/Marriagecoursedow>

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### **Spiritual Exercises retreat in daily life given by an Ignatian Spiritual Direction formation candidate**

A fellow parishioner and Ignatian Spiritual Direction formation candidate invites you to a Spiritual Exercises retreat in daily life—a personal journey to deepen your relationship with Jesus. The retreat is individually guided over 6–9 months through weekly 30–45 minute meetings (in person or via Zoom), tailored to your pace. Cost: \$40 for the full retreat.

For more information email [meriden168@gmail.com](mailto:meriden168@gmail.com) or 0411 845 118

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### **FEEDBACK ON BISHOPS VISION AND PARISH LIFE**

Bishop Brian invites all parishioners across the Diocese, to take the time to prayerfully reflect on his vision for renewed parishes, 'In the Parish I see', by completing the online activity @ [dow.sh/csgmactivity](https://dow.sh/csgmactivity) The activity takes approximately 30-45 minutes and will help you both engage with Bishop's Vision and share your valuable perspectives. Take part today

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### **THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG CURSILLO MOVEMENT**

Is celebrating 25 years of guidance by the Holy Spirit. We would like to invite anyone who has been involved with the CM in the past 25 years to join us for Mass and a reunion luncheon on 21st June at 11am. Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul's Church Camden with lunch in the church hall. Please call Dianne for further details. 0418640373

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### **THE JOURNEY – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast**

The Journey is the weekly podcast for parishioners in the Diocese of Wollongong. Each week it brings you great music, formation in faith, with an array of fantastic presenters from our Diocese and around Australia. Just go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) and we will send it to you each week.

### **AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE – a CatholicCare initiative**

**Friday 13 June 10am – 1pm The Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow.**

Join Robert Fitzgerald AM, Age Discrimination Commissioner, as he explores the critical issues facing older Australians today - including elder abuse and ageism - while offering practical insights and strategies for ageing with dignity, purpose and positivity. To register for this free community event including morning tea, please use the QR code or call 02 422771122 or follow the link below. <https://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/events-calendar/ageing-with-confidence-2025wollongong/> For any other information, please contact Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

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### **HEAR FROM POPE LEO XIV**

Sunday Echo is a limited-release resource the Diocese has developed that contains, using the Holy Father's most recent homily or reflection and accompanying discussion questions. Each issue will be released the day after Pope Leo XIV gives a homily or reflection on the most recent Sunday Gospel readings go to <https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/> to access or sign up to have sent straight to you.

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### **A VOCATION VIEW**

If we love, we know the presence of God. Take time to be aware of God's loving presence. Be open to the Holy Spirit. (John 14:23-29) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

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### **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](https://dow.sh/stayingconnected) or visit [dow.sh/weeklybulletin](https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin) to see everything that is on around our Diocese!

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### **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

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

31 May / 1 Jun	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	C Stringer	T Sumner	D Kadmon, P Portelli, C Daly	M Harnett A Harnett D Errington
Sun 7.30am	E Brennan	D Barry	G Teixeira, E Brennan, D Clegg	
Sun 9.30am	S Iverson	M Rodwell	L Foy, S Iverson, M Fleming	
Sun 6pm	A Chatham	K Gurney	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 Stork - 0475 815 506 or hospitalchaplain@dow.org.au

**West Dapto Catholic Cemetery** - Plots are for sale. Please contact the Parish Office.

### MASS TIMES

<b>Tuesday</b>	Mass	5pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mass	9.30am
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mass Followed by Benediction</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>

### BENEDICTION

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



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

### 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*