



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

Divine Mercy Sunday

7 April 2024

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

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

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The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is –

keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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

Special Intentions & Anniversaries:

Philomena Fox, Massi Dimech, Walter Hiscocks



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Ivy Merola, Charlie Blevin, Kali Viselli, Memphis & Hadley Banks

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.



A NEW VISION FOR PARISHES

Bishop Mascord has supplied multiple copies of Come and See Go and Make - A vision for Parishes in the Diocese of Wollongong for distribution amongst the faithful. Further to this, a short introductory video message from Bishop Mascord may be viewed / downloaded at <http://dow.sh/CSGMvision>
Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes resources may be found at <http://dow.sh/CSGMresources>

COMPASS: Catholic Family Camping Weekend 17 – 19 May 2024 at Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility, Oakdale

Join with families of all ages and stages to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (regardless of size)

Enquiries: Jude Hennessy (02 4222 2407 / jude.hennessy@dow.org.au)

Camping & Bunk Room Options: You may like to pitch a tent, stay in a caravan, camper or swag. There are also male and female dormitory rooms with bunk beds. These will be allocated during registration on a first-come-first-served basis and will require strict supervision of children by parents/guardians. Come and join in the fun with other awesome people from around the Diocese.

To register: dow.org.au/events/compass-catholic-family-camping-Weekend



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH

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



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

HOLY WEEK MASSES – Thankyou!

Thankyou to everyone who helped with everything over Holy Week Masses-readers, Eucharistic ministers, musicians, helping us setup and pack up and everyone who helped behind the scenes or were involved in services. Your collective effort helped St John's Dapto Parish celebrate the Easter mystery. Thankyou for sharing your time and talents!

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

The Parish Council is hosting a Mother's Day Raffle. The tickets are \$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5. Proceeds from the raffle will go towards some exciting parish events.

The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday the 7th of May, in time for the winners to pick up their prizes for Mother's Day.



A VOCATION VIEW

Second Sunday of Easter; Divine Mercy Sunday

Despite our lack of faith, Christ still calls and gives the strength to respond. Bring your questions to Him, that He might answer your doubts with His gentle, but persistent love. (John 20:19-31). If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

CATECHIST TRAINING COURSE LEVEL 2

The Level 2 Course is a chance for all SRE Teachers and Helpers to take their knowledge of teaching and the Catholic Faith deeper. It focuses on a variety of topics to help you grow as a Catechist and Catholic. Mondays – Wollongong – Xavier Centre (36 Harbour St, Wollongong)

Fridays – Campbelltown – Emmaus Centre (Suite 3.01, Building B, Level 3, 4 Hyde parade Campbelltown)

Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Dates:

Week 1 - Mon 29 April / Fri 3 May

Week 2 - Mon 6 May / Fri 10 May

Week 3 - Mon 13 May / Fri 17 May

Week 4 - Mon 20 May / Fri 24 May

Week 5 - Mon 27 May / Fri 31 May

Week 6 - Mon 3 June / Fri 7 June

Please register your attendance at either the Level 2 Course in Wollongong or Campbelltown by going to the link below, noting that you can attend either course and that if you miss one day, you can attend the other course so as to not miss any topics.

<https://web.thankqportal.com/cdowa/ccd-level-2-course-2024/#/stepper?pageId=13217>

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



CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS 12 April 2024 Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart Street, Wollongong 7pm Praise and Worship 7:30pm Holy Mass

A warm invitation is extended to anyone who would like to join us in charismatic prayer for our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord. There will also be an opportunity for healing prayer after Mass. Info: Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404 (Coordinator for the Wollongong Charismatic Leadership team)

THE JOURNEY, 7 April 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast

On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista's Gospel reflection placing ourselves in Thomas's position. Mother Hilda says to call out like Elijah when we're lost. Fr Tony Percy and two resurrection effects, Plus, Trish McCarthy and Fr Mike Delaney. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

CWL MEETING

Catholic Women's League, Dapto Branch, meeting will be on Monday 8 April, 2024 commencing at 10.00 am in the meeting room at the Parish Presbytery. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT | Welcoming and Information – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong

An exciting opportunity exists for a suitably experienced and qualified person to apply for the role of Executive Assistant | Welcoming and Information. Please visit the website dow.org.au/JOBS/

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS AT ST COLUMKILLES' PARISH CENTRE, CORRIMAL | 6 April (each month a different devotion)

April is devoted to Divine Mercy with a video presentation at 3 pm. Enjoy shared afternoon tea at 4 pm, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, International Rosary, Benediction, Anointing of the Sick at 4:30 pm. Reconciliation starts at 5:30 pm, leading to Holy Mass at 6 pm. All are welcome! Please bring a plate to share if possible.

COULD YOU PROVIDE A FOREVER HOME?

CatholicCare's Fostering Futures program are seeking separate forever homes for two boys, Lachlan* aged 11 years and Jacob* aged 9 years.

Lachlan is a happy, loving boy would like a family who can take him to the park to ride his scooter, kick a football around or push him on the swing. An ideal carer for Lachlan is someone who can help him find his feet in new surroundings.

Jacob has a strong connection to his Samoan heritage. He loves to play Pokemon on his Nintendo switch and watch superhero movies. He enjoys swimming, soccer and basketball. Your consistency and stability will help create an environment that is loving, predictable and somewhere Jacob feels safe.

There is a critical shortage of foster carers at the moment and Lachlan and Jacob have both been waiting for a long time for their forever homes. They are currently living with a roster of staff who are meeting their basic needs, but like all kids they deserve a home where they feel safe, secure and loved.

CatholicCare have over 30 years' experience helping carers give vulnerable children a loving home and a brighter future. Carers receive comprehensive support including training, regular case worker support and career allowance for the child's day-to-day financial needs.

If you can provide a safe and supportive home for Lachlan or Jacob, or kids like them, we'd love to hear from you.

Please call 0418 783 956 or

email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au for more information and we will support you every step of the way.



THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting



Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling



1800 024 413.

Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

13/14 April	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	T Sumner	C Stringer	D Kadmon, T Kadmon, P Portelli	M Harnett A Harnett D Errington
Sun 7.30am	C Needham	D Clegg	D Clegg, M Whatman, Ru Gilmore	
Sun 9.30am	M Howe	S Parker	M Fleming, L Negro, L Foy	
Sun 6pm	E Burns	L Burns	G Knowles	

SOCIAL JUSTICE POINTS

Collaboration among all Christians is crucial in addressing the pastoral challenges of our time. In secularized societies, this enables the voice of the Gospel to have greater force. In contexts of poverty, it impels people to join forces in the service of justice, peace and the dignity of the least.

In all instances, it is a resource for healing the culture of hatred, division and war that pits groups, peoples and nations against each other.

-- 'XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Tuesday after the 5pm Mass in St John's chapel – from 5.30pm –6.30pm. Matthew Nicholson (0459735640).

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