



SAINT JOHN  
the Evangelist

CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

# St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

## *A Living Community*

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

23 August 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

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day  
long.

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

**I place the key of the House of David on my servant's  
shoulder**

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of  
the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your  
post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son  
of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash,  
entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a  
father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House  
of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder;  
should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no  
one shall open.

I drive him like a peg into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of  
your hands.

#### SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

**All that exists comes from him; all is by him and from  
him.**

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom  
and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his  
motives or understand his methods! Who could ever  
know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his  
counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend  
him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by  
him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

**You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he  
put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say  
the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John  
the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of  
the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?'  
Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said,  
'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of  
Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh  
and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in  
heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this  
rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the  
underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you  
the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind  
on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever  
you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in  
heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to  
tell anyone that he was the Christ.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the  
fruits of your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the  
earth and wine to cheer the  
heart.



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

Anniversaries / Special Intentions: Angela & Wally Scott



### **POT LUCK DINNER**

Everyone is invited to attend the next Pot luck dinner on Friday 4 September at 6pm at the back of the presbytery. Cook your favourite dish, bring a plate/meal/drinks to share.

### **PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF DEACON SETH HARSH**

All parishioners are warmly invited to share in the great joy of the **ordination to the priesthood of Deacon Seth Harsh**, celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord, on **Saturday 12 September 2026 at 10:30am at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow.**

Please come and support Seth with your presence and prayers as he takes this beautiful step in his vocation and begins his priestly ministry.

**RSVP is essential by 1 September 2026**

[rsvp.dow.org.au](https://rsvp.dow.org.au) (preferred) or phone (02) 4222 2400.

### **ST CARLO ACUTIS RELIC AND DISPLAY COMING HERE IN DECEMBER!**

Our diocese is excited to be hosting the International Carlo Acutis Major Relic Pilgrimage between 14-21 September 2026. The relic will visit the parishes of Oran Park (Mon 14th), Rosemeadow (Tue 15th) Nowra (Wed 16- Thurs 17th), and the Wollongong Cathedral (Fri 18 - Mon 21), with opportunities for veneration of the first-class relic of St Carlo, participating in the sacraments, and visiting St Carlo's own Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. Everyone, but especially students and young adults will be amazed and drawn into a deep experience of faith in encountering St Carlo's story, relic and the display. Go to <https://www.stcarloaustralia.com/> for more information.

### **FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE**

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 30th of August and winners notified from there. We thank you for your support!!

### **ORDERS FOR POETRY 101**

Dear Parishioners

Orders for Poetry 101 can be made by putting the order form and money into an envelope and placing it in the box in the church foyer over the next few weeks

Alternatively, those wishing to order digitally simply make a payment to our parish fundraising account BSB: 066711 Account: 002846 using your surname as your reference. A payment of \$30 indicates that your order is for 3 books.

Orders will be accepted until Monday 7th September.

Books will be available for pick up at all masses on the weekend of 12th/13th September. If you are unable to attend Mass that weekend, you will be able to collect your copy from the piety shop in the foyer.

Several retailers are advertising the book. Their cost is in excess of \$20 a copy.

To assist with marketing, please consider giving the book a plug on social media.

Warm regards,

Steve Leonard

### **EUCCHARIST28 UPDATE: Eternal Life in the Eucharist**

The International Eucharistic Congress ('Eucharist28') is coming to Sydney in 2028! At every Mass, the celebration of the Eucharist is a moment of communion, where we are united in Christ, who's body and blood we share. In the Scriptures, Jesus tells us, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day." (John 6:54) Through the Eucharist, Christ unites us to Himself and draws us into the eternal life He promises. This invitation is for everyone, even those who have died. At each Mass, the Church offers the Eucharistic sacrifice for the faithful departed, that they may experience eternal life and unity with Christ. To help your parish and community experience this moment of Eucharistic renewal on the journey to Eucharist28, head to [eucharist28.org](https://eucharist28.org) for more.



**STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH**



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

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

## COMPASS CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND

Registrations are now open for our next CCFC Weekend planned for Friday 16 - Sunday 18 October. Join with families from across the Diocese for a relaxed weekend of family fun, faith and food! For more information and to register go to: [dow.sh/familycamping26](https://dow.sh/familycamping26)

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## MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION

CatholicCare's Marriage and Relationship Education support couples to strengthen and renew their relationship. Guided by experienced facilitators, you'll build connection through practical tools and shared learning. Choose Prepare for couples planning marriage or Enrich to deepen and strengthen your bond. To learn more or register, call 1800 967 894

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## KLETOS 2026 - Chosen Pre-Conference

A half-day gathering with music, games, food, fellowship, and formation to ignite you and set the tone for the CHOSEN CONFERENCE 2026. It will be a power-packed preview of what is to come at the CHOSEN National Youth Conference in Melbourne. CHOSEN is a National Youth Conference run by Jesus Youth Australia, bringing together young people from all over the country to experience God in a real and powerful way, build friendships, and grow in faith. What: KLETOS pre-conference program When: 22 AUGUST 2026, 11am to 3.30pm Cost: Free! Where: Our Lady Help Of Christians Catholic Church Hall, Rosemeadow Rego link for KLETOS: [dow.sh/KLETOSRosemeadow](https://dow.sh/KLETOSRosemeadow)

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## JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS

Warrawong and Thirroul parishes warmly welcome pilgrimage groups to visit them during the Jubilee Year of St Francis. A plenary indulgence is available, under the usual conditions, to all the faithful "who, with a heart detached from sin, participate in the Year of Saint Francis by visiting, in the form of a pilgrimage, any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship anywhere in the world dedicated to Saint Francis" (Decree, 10 January 2026). Both parishes will be celebrating the Feast of St Francis with special Mass on **Sunday 4 October 2026**. Please contact the parish/es to arrange a time for your group's visit.

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**What's on around the Diocese?** Check out upcoming Diocesan events and courses - too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop [dow.sh/stayingconnected](https://dow.sh/stayingconnected) about what's happening around our Diocese!

## 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](https://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](https://dow.sh/wyd27) to receive the latest updates and announcements.

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## HOMECOMING SILENT RETREAT 28 – 30 August Carmel House, Varroville

*"His father saw him, ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." Lk 15: 20*

Your heavenly Father waits for you to come away with him for a weekend of silently soaking in his great love for you. Embrace this opportunity for encountering deep peace and serenity. This retreat is for men and women aged 18+. Hosted by the MGL Sisters. Choose from a weekend retreat or extend your time with a 5-day retreat option.

w/e: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIDBK>

extended: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIDBU>

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## Renewed & Sent: Parish Renewal Summit

**Bishop Brian Mascord invites you to the Renewed & Sent Parish Renewal Summit, to be held at St Gregory's College, Campbelltown, from 1–3 October 2026.**

Join clergy, religious, lay leaders, ministry volunteers and parishioners from across the Diocese of Wollongong for three days of inspiring keynote presentations, practical workshops, prayer, and opportunities to connect with others who share a passion for the future of our parishes.

This opportunity aligns with Bishop Brian Mascord's *Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes*, helping us to grow as communities where people encounter Jesus, become his disciples, and are sent to share the Gospel.

Whether you come on your own or as part of a parish team, you'll leave encouraged, inspired, and equipped with practical ideas to help your parish grow in faith, mission, and community.

For the full program and registrations, visit

[renewedandsent.com.au](https://renewedandsent.com.au).

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

| 29/30 August | 1st reader | 2nd reader | Extraordinary Minister        | Counters                         |
|--------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat 5pm      | M O'Connor | P Farrugia | L Mammone, S Druery, D Kadmon | D Croft<br>E Caruana<br>D Ritter |
| Sun 7.30am   | A Peeyer   | Ri Gilmore | D Clegg, M Whatman, L Negro   |                                  |
| Sun 9.30am   | S Parker   | M Howe     | E Gill, M Fleming, L Negro    |                                  |
| Sun 6pm      | J Knowles  | H Knowles  | G Knowles                     |                                  |

### MASS TIMES

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

**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.



#### 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*