St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

4 October 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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

SECOND READING Philippians 4:6-9

If there is anything you need, pray for it.
There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people,
'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?
'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

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

Recently Deceased: Joe Mateo, Barry Leslie, Joseph Quang Hoang, Daphne Hamilton.

BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Felix, Asher & Hazel Dijkmans-Hadley, Alirah & Kallie Whiteley, Bowie Ryan

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NRL Grand Final

Everyone is welcome.

Sunday 4th Oct, behind the presbytery.

BBQ from 6:30pm. Kickoff at 7:30pm. Come and enjoy the company, the food and the Game.

Contact: Martin 0412101566 or Grant 0419125376

CHURCH ROSTER

Hard copies of the new roster is now available for collection in the foyer of the Church. Roster can also be viewed from our website stjohnsdapto.org.au

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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.

POETRY 101

Dear Parishioners

Thank you for supporting the parish and SVDP over the last couple of weeks by ordering Poetry 101. Donations have raised almost $1000.

About 10 uncollected copies of the book will be retained at the Piety Shop. If you haven't received your book, please approach a member of the St Vincent De Paul Society this weekend. You will receive your copy/copies as per your order.

Also, copies can still be purchased from the Piety Shop in the weeks ahead for $10 each.

Many thanks

Steve Leonard

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - Monday, 5 October at 9:30am

As usual, the Blessing of Animals will take place on the Monday of the long weekend, 5 October at 9:30am at the Parish of Saint Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. All animals under 800kg and their carers are welcome, though please keep the larger crocodiles on a tight leash.

The feast of St Francis of Assisi is celebrated with special Masses on Saturday, 3 October at 5:30pm and on Sunday, 4 October, at 8:00am – pets are welcome at both Masses.

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an

Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

PUBLIC ROSARY

Everyone is invited to attend A Public Rosary to celebrate the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima on Saturday 10 October at 9.30am at the main bus stop (Southbound) outside Dapto Mall on the Princess Highway. For more information please ring Paul on 0418 113 947. Please invite your family and friends. Thank you.

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

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH

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

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

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI JUBILEE – Three Presentations – October 2026

As part of the Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi, the Parish of St Michael, Thirroul, is hosting three presentations exploring the life, spirituality and legacy of Saint Francis on October 8, 15 & 22, 7.30pm-9pm. Presented Franciscan Friars — Andrew Granc OFM, Paul Rout OFM and Ken Cafe OFM — the evenings will offer an opportunity to reflect more deeply on the Franciscan tradition and its relevance for our lives today. The presentations will be held live at St Michael's Parish Hall, Thirroul, but you can also participate via Zoom. For full details, including presentation topics, dates and Zoom information, please go dow.sh/sfjform

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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 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 to receive the latest updates and announcements.

MARRIAGE ENTICHMENT WEEKEND

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 9 – 11 October 2026 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

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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 about what's happening around our Diocese!

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catholic mission

In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship.

You will also meet Fr Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival.

Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to **catholicmission.org.au/united**.

PLANNED GIVING

There are many ways that you can support the works of our parish. One way is to contribute to parish giving via the two collections at Sunday with cash or planned giving envelopes. As we move more and more into a cashless society, many may prefer to contribute to parish giving electronically instead of the traditional forms of putting cash and planned giving envelopes into the collection baskets during Mass.

There are a number of ways you to easily give electronically on a regular basis or as a one-off gift.

- Credit Card via the DOW App (regular and one-off).
- Credit card online (regular and one-off).
- Direct Debit (Regular)
- DIY via internet banking (regular and one-off).
- Donation Tap machine in the foyer.

If you would like more information, please contact the parish office or visit dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/

A reminder that the **First Collection is to support the Clergy** and the **Second Collection is to support the Parish.**

BEACHHOUSE – A Post-School Getaway for Year 12 Graduates

Finishing Year 12 can bring big changes. BEACHHOUSE is a relaxed threeday beach house experience helping school leavers build faith, friendship and community as they begin life beyond school. Jesuit Villa House, Gerroa 16–18 February 2027. $275 (includes accommodation & meals) Year 12 graduates. Only 20 places available A chance to slow down, connect with other young Catholics and start the next chapter well. More details & registration: dow.sh/beachhouse

Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

10/11 Oct	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	C Honeysett	T Kadmon	L Mammone, S Druery, D Kadmon	D Barry P Bahlmann
Sun 7.30am	Ri Gilmore	D Clegg	G Teixeira, E Brennan, D Clegg	
Sun 9.30am	S Iverson	L Negro	M Nicholson, L Foy, S Iverson	
Sun 6pm	H Knowles	J Knowles	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

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.

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: .....

TELEHONE:.....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