



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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 July 2025

Welcome to St John's



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10

'Next year your wife Sarah will have a son'

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:24-28

A mystery hidden for generations has been revealed to God's saints

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all

that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

Martha works; Mary listens

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

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

Recently Deceased:

Fr Davidanthony Davies & Fr David Catterall.

Anniversaries & Special Intentions: Julio, Eliza & Jose Teixeira, Angela (Anne) Hannan, Joseph, Tony & Tania Formosa.



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Ashleigh Lace, Bobbi Bates, Ava & Evelyn Mitchell, Coah & Charlie Castro.

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



THE JOURNEY – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast

The Journey is the weekly podcast for parishioners in the Diocese of Wollongong. Just go to www.jcr.org.au and we will send it to you each week.

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



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 31st of August and winners notified from there. We thank you for your support!!

CATECHIST MEETING

The next catechist meeting is on Monday 21 July at 10am in the parish meeting room. All catechists encouraged to attend.

menALIVE Regional Weekend 9 – 10 August 2025

Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong Come along to our menALIVE weekend and be impacted by an encounter with the Gospel in the presence of other good men seeking to be renewed in faith and life. For more information and to register: <https://menalive->



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

2025 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 24 August 2025 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room. Please register online at <https://dow.sh/MA2025> by no later than Monday, 11 August 2025.

Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au

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 or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see everything that is on around our Diocese!



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH

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



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

Positions Open – Diocesan Youth Council The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC)

DYC is a vibrant team of lay people, clergy, and religious who serve as both an advisory body and implementation team to the Bishop for youth and young adult ministry in the Diocese of Wollongong. Meeting quarterly, the DYC helps guide, support, and implement initiatives that foster mission, faith, and community among young people. Members have the opportunity to be co-partners in shaping diocesan priorities in this important area of ministry. The Bishop is currently seeking to appoint four new members to the Council. Selections will follow a structured process that ensures a broad representation of voices, experiences, and demographics across the diocese. Applications are now open and will close on 4 August. To apply, visit: dow.sh/4ewlIkU

VOCARIS 'BEER AND BEADS'

Saturday 9 August 5:30pm – 10pm Inviting all young adults (over the age of 18) to our next VOCARIS Beer and Beads - a Catholic twist on the classic "Paint & Sip" on Saturday 9 August (5.30pm to 10pm). Instead of painting, we will be making your own set of Rosary beads! Please BYO Drinks. Where: Wilton Community Centre: Main Hall. Address: 20 Broughton Street, WILTON, NSW, 2571 (25 minutes from Campbelltown and Wollongong). Please see the registration page using the QR Code for more information or to register.



A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus desires that we, like his friend Mary, would spend time in his presence. Take time regularly to be with Jesus and listen to his living word. (Luke 10:38-42) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

LECTIVO DIVINA IN THE BENEDICTINE TRADITION

– Jamberoo Abbey 3:30pm Friday 18 – 1pm Sunday 20 July 2025 Speaker: Sr Antonia Curtis OSB and Libby Denny (oblate) Both informative and practical this retreat takes a dive into the Lectio experience. Book and pay for this retreat by ringing 02 4236 0011 Extension 114 or email cottagere-treats@jamberooabbey.org.au

FERTILIZER FOR FAITH (3)

The **Shroud of Turin** is a centuries old linen cloth that bears the image of a crucified man. Is it really the cloth that wrapped Jesus of Nazareth, or is it simply a medieval forgery by a very clever artist? It has intrigued people over the centuries and **is** the most studied relic/icon in history. The shroud has verifiable history to the Middle Ages (1353) and a speculative provenance that dates to the crucifixion. There have been many scientific investigations including Radiocarbon and Wide-Angle X-ray Scattering to determine the shroud's age along with analysis of 3D photography, anatomy, pollens, dirt under the blood, the blood stains and the image on the threads of the shroud. Scientific investigation cannot currently determine how the image was formed and so there are many questions remaining. There is no evidence of pigmentation, paint or dye in the iconic image. Some argue that it is a sign for 'modern times' and ample proof of the Resurrection of Christ. **There are many videos on Youtube**, published books as well as scientific reports available online. (see www.shroud.com).

CREATING A CULTURE OF INVITATION:

An evening with Michael Harvey

Date: Monday 21 July (Campbelltown) & Tuesday 22 July (Wollongong)

Time: 7:30pm Speaker: Michael Harvey Registration: <https://www.dow.org.au/events>

Some people in church feel that if people wanted to come to church or get to know Jesus Christ, they would already have done it. But nowadays, it takes a brave person to walk into a church building on their own or start a God conversation with a Christian. This is why building a culture of invitation, alongside a culture of welcome and transformation, is vital. When Jesus called and invited the first two disciples, Andrew was one of them. The first thing Andrew did was invite his brother Simon. That invitation alone has impacted the world today. Jesus is still inviting and calling people today. A culture of invitation is not new; it speaks of the heart of God, who sent Jesus to invite the world into an eternal relationship. Join Michael Harvey and the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation for an incredible evening of wisdom, insight, and practical steps to becoming people who are willing to extend God's invitation.

Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

26/27 July	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	C Honeysett	T Kadmon	T Kadmon, P Portelli, C Daly	M Harnett A Haranett D Errington
Sun 7.30am	E Brennan	D Barry	G Teixeira, E Brennan, D Clegg	
Sun 9.30am	C Negro	A Negro	L Negro, L Foy, S Iverson	
Sun 6pm	K Gurney	A Chatham	A Chatham	

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 Mass 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**.

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