



# St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

## *A Living Community*

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

25 January 2026



S A I N T J O H N  
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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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### ENTRANCE ANTIphon

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 8:23-9:3**

### In Galilee of the nations the people has seen a great light

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase;  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor –  
these you break as on the day of Midian.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

### Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is

clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

**Matthew 4:12-17**

### He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

*'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!*

*Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,*

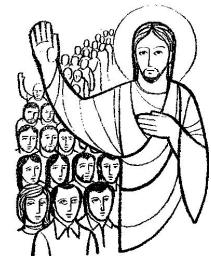
*Galilee of the nations!*

*The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;  
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death  
a light has dawned.'*

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

### COMMUNION ANTIphon

Look toward the Lord and be  
radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.



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

31 Jan/ 1 feb	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
<b>Sat 5pm</b>	T Sumner	C Stringer	L Mammone, S Druery, D Kadmon	D Barry P Bahlmann
<b>Sun 7.30am</b>	D Barry	D Clegg	Ru Gilmore, G Teixeira, E Brennan	
<b>Sun 9.30am</b>	M Rodwell	A Negro	E Gill, L Foy, S Iverson	
<b>Sun 6pm</b>	S Seritti	K Gurney		

### **Please Pray For the Repose of the Souls of the Faithful**

#### **Departed—**



**Recently Deceased:** Colleen Villa, Adam Cooper

**Anniversaries & Special Intentions:** Anthony Cutajar



#### **BAPTISMS**

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Tayeni Betham & Marni Coleman

#### **DAPTO PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY - CAN YOU HELP OUT?**

Dapto Parish is looking for a volunteer to accompany the St John's Choir that sings on Sunday mornings 9.30am fortnightly. Pianist, guitarist or something similar would be most welcome.

If you could help out a few times a year or would like more information please contact Carla (from the Parish Council) on m. 0401 682 311 or [canco\\_is@hotmail.com](mailto:canco_is@hotmail.com).

Also we would love to welcome anyone interested in joining any of our choirs or musicians at Dapto Parish. For more info use the same contact details above.

#### **POT LUCK DINNER**

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

**Catholic Bible Study** returns to the Xavier room behind the Cathedral on Thursdays 7.30pm sharp during term. First Term begins on Thursday January 29th. Now is a great time to join or renew one's participation, as we launch into a new three year cycle in the Church and three year study period with the Bible. Come and study the scripture from the heart and mind of the Catholic Church, and help establish this activity as standard fare in the Diocese of Wollongong - which is, after all, what the popes have been calling the laity to do. Direct any enquiries to Tom Kadmon on 0413927086.

#### **STOUTHEARTED MEN'S PROGRAM**

Stouthearted is a new Jesus-centred men's 8-week program designed to meet a desperate need in men. Stouthearted fosters learning, discussion, prayer, reflection, healing and builds essential practical strategies. In addition to the main sessions, there are short daily reflections that include video input, bible study, and self-reflection.

**When:** Monday nights from February 2nd

**Where:** Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St, Wollongong

**Time:** 6.30pm- 8pm

**Who:** Any men aged 18 and over

**Cost:** \$15 per night or \$55 upfront

The first session is free and is a great chance to check it out and discern if the course is right for you before committing to the course.

Register now: [dow.sh/stouthearted](http://dow.sh/stouthearted)

#### **CATECHIST LEVEL 1 COURSE**

The Level 1 course is essential for all new volunteers to the catechist ministry and is also helpful as a refresher for experienced SRE Catechists.

On the first day of the course, Safeguarding and Classroom Management training will occur, which must be revisited by SRE Catechists every three years to remain active in the ministry.

The course will run from 9.30am till 1:30pm in Rosemeadow and Wollongong on the following dates:

**Wollongong: Mondays 9, 16, 23 February and 2, 9 March**

To register for the 5-week Level 1 course: [dow.sh/ccd\\_one](http://dow.sh/ccd_one)

Alternatively, register for the Safeguarding and Classroom Management update only: [dow.sh/ccd\\_sg](http://dow.sh/ccd_sg)