



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 September 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***



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING

James 1:17-18,21-22,27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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

Recently Deceased: Sr Marie Griffiths (former St John's Sister), Leslie Forman, Antoinette Campbell, Roslyn Heyhoe, Victor Iera, Tony Villa.

Anniversary: Patrick Irwin

Father's Day Intention: Anthony Farrugia, Anthony Cutajar



Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen

BLESSING OF ANIMALS - Monday 7 October at 9.30am

As usual, the Blessing of Animals will take place on the Monday of the long weekend, 7 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 900kg and their carers are welcome, though please keep fleas well-muzzled. The feast of St Francis of Assisi is on Friday, 4 October, with Mass at 9:30am – animals are welcome at that Mass.

A VOCATION VIEW

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only."

The reception of the Word of God demands a living response, for the Word is active and alive, spurring us on to action. (James 1:22)

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

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



FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who supported our Father's Day Raffle!!

The winners are:

1st place: Chris Smith

2nd place: Joan Sorrentino

3rd place: Sue Farrugia

4th place: Daisy Wilson

Prizes can be collected from the foyer.

CROSS + GENERATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

This program is a partnership between CatholicCare, Catholic Education DoW, Corpus Christi (Oak Flats) and Holy Spirit College (Bellambi). The program pairs students with seniors to assist you with technology. Bring in your device, either your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident and familiar with downloading apps, sending messages, using google maps or other help you may need.

Refreshments will be provided at each session.

AVAILABLE SESSIONS:

Corpus Christi, Oak Flats

Fri 25 Oct 11am-1pm, Fri 8 Nov 11am-1pm, Fri 22 Nov 11am-1pm, Fri 6 Dec 11am-1pm.

Holy Spirit College, Bellambi

Thu 24 Oct 9.30am-11am, Thu 7 Nov 9.30-11am, Thu 21 Nov 9.30-11am, Thur 5 Dec 9.30-11am

Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect with seniors, and students for some information sharing in a fun relaxed setting here at the high school. Places will fill quickly, so please contact Jane Hollier Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417018152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

– Parish Secretary Parish of St Paul's Albion Park

Albion Park parish is seeking the services of a part-time secretary for 16 hrs per week – Tuesday to Friday, start and finish times negotiable.

The position requires skills in administration, bookkeeping, maintaining a database, and high skills in MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The parish secretary needs to be a person who is supportive of the Catholic ethos of the Parish, who bears witness to Christ and Christian values in their own lives and in their work.

If interested, please make contact via email to request an application pack for this position to frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au

Applications close 5pm Tuesday, 3 September 2024

THE JOURNEY, 25 August 2024 – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast

On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista says this Gospel highlights while we may deceive others, we cannot deceive God. Mother Hilda says we're called to trust in God's promises even in times of uncertainty. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Trish McCarthy, and Deacon Josh Clayton. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

SOCIAL JUSTICE POINTS

While young people do seek beauty, many young people have abandoned the physical spaces of Church into which we continue to try to invite them, favouring instead online spaces. This has implications for how we try to engage them and seek to offer them formation and catechesis. This is something to consider from a pastoral perspective. - 'XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS' (Synodon Synodality) Synthesis Report.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Friday 13 September 2024, Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St, Wollongong 7:00pm Praise and Worship 7:30pm Holy Mass.

A warm invitation is extended to all prayer groups, Alpha graduates, Cursillo, Couples for Christ, Disciples of Jesus, and all members of the public who would like to join us in charismatic praise for our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Paul Clark. There will also be an opportunity for individual healing prayer after Mass and cuppa.

PARTIAL SPONSORSHIP TO ATTEND "IGNITE" CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

St John's Dapto Parish are looking to sponsor a few young people (16-35years old) to attend the upcoming "Ignite" Catholic Youth Conference in Sydney 26-29 Sept 2024.

Sponsorship amounts will vary depending on the amount of suitable applicants but can be up to \$195 to cover the registration fee to attend the whole conference.

There will be a Youth Group travelling up from our diocese accompanied by youth leaders you are welcome to join. Additional accommodation can be arranged through them costing \$200 pp.

Interested applicants can write a letter addressed to the Parish Council answering 2 main questions:

- How would attending this conference benefit you?
- Why do you think young people are important in our church today?

Send **applications or any inquiries** via email to dapto@dow.org.au by **Monday 2 Sept 2024**.

Successful applicants will be notified by Wednesday 3 September.

CATECHIST RETREAT 2024: Known and Loved 9:30am – 2:30pm

All who support the Catechist ministry, including SRE Teachers, Helpers, Prayer Partners, and Spouses are invited to attend what will be an excellent Catechist Retreat, Known and Loved. Facilitated by Katherine Stone MGL, the retreat will help us to gain a greater understanding of who Jesus is and who we are in the light of Jesus. The retreat will include Mass, reflections, prayer, and friendly discussion.

Morning Tea will be provided, but please BYO lunch.

There are two options to attend the retreat:

- Illawarra-Shoalhaven Retreat Monday 23 Sept 2024 St Mary Star of the Sea Church, 166 Fern St, Gerringong Registration is essential. Please register: dow.sh/KnownLoved2024. For more information please email support@ccdwoolongong.com

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2024: Rise Up! (Sydney)

26-29 September 2024

A conference for everyone, from leaders to first-time believers. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission. This is God's people united with one heart. Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship. Join with young people from our Diocese and over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church.

The Diocese of Wollongong is taking a group 30 young people to the conference at a subsidised cost.

There are a few spots left, if you would like to join us, know someone who would, or would like to sponsor someone to attend, please contact

Arnie Hurdoyal, Diocesan Youth Ministry Leader,
Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au or 0431 611 128.

WEEKEND RETREAT JAMBEROO ABBEY

The Jamberoo Abbey invites all people to come and join in a face-to-face retreat at the Abbey this September 2024, titled "Encountering God in Lectio Divina". The retreat will be co-ordinated by local author Sr Antonia Curtis, who has put together an amazing weekend of prayer, learning and reflection. The retreat will make use of the new resource written by Sr Antonia. There is also the option of staying on at the Abbey for private reflection after the retreat ends on Sunday afternoon 28 September 2024.

Please note that cottage accommodation must be vacated by Monday

THE ST JOHN'S JOURNAL - Coming Soon!

Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

7/8 Sept	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	M Harnett	A Harnett	C Daly, L Mammone, S Druery	L Negro S Parker
Sun 7.30am	C Needham	D Clegg	D Clegg, M Whatman, Ru Gilmore	
Sun 9.30am	A Negro	C Negro	S Iverson, M Fleming, L Negro	
Sun 6pm	E Burns	L Burns	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

Sick Calls – Please contact Fr Francis or the parish office.

Wollongong Hospital Chaplain – Fr Stork - 0475 815 506 or hospitalchaplain@dow.org.au

West Dapto Catholic Cemetery - Plots are for sale. Please contact the Parish Office.

MASS TIMES

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



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH



Facebook search: **St John’s Catholic Parish Dapto**
Instagram search: **St John’s Parish Dapto**

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