



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 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

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:5-9

I offered my back to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn
away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to
those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by
the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be
shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start
proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to
condemn me?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the
living.

SECOND READING

James 2:14-18

If good works do not go with it, faith is quite dead

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never
done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will
that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the
sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to
live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well;
keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving
them these bare necessities of life, then what good is
that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it
is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say
you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to
you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds –
now you prove to me that you have faith without any
good deeds to show.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord
Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to
the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-35

The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round
Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his
disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him.
'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again,
one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you
say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the
Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone
about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was
destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders
and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to
death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all
this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started
to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his
disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind
me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way
but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If
anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce
himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone
who wants to save his life will lose it; but
anyone who loses his life for my sake, and
for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in
the shadow of your wings.



Please Pray For the Repose of the Souls of the Faithful Departed & Special Intentions -

Recently Deceased: Leslie Forman, Antoinette Campbell, Roslyn Heyhoe.

Sick: Maya Borja



THE ST JOHN'S JOURNAL

Digital copies available via the Parish and School websites. Limited paper copies have been available in the foyer. Hopefully, many of you have had a chance to have a read. We would love to get some feedback about the journal, and a clipboard has been placed in the foyer for this purpose.

Thank-you!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Peter Houweling, a long-time member of our parish and of SVDP Dapto conference. Peter has been appointed as the new state president of the NSW St Vincent De Paul Society.

RETURN & EARN

Thank you to Parishioners and St John's School for supporting this project. We are helping the environment, continuing to develop our strong relationship between parish and school, as well as raising money to support the parish.

This successful endeavour **needs a couple more volunteers**, who can assist with this, to join our roster. We especially need someone who has access to a ute or trailer and is able to physically transport the bins to the Unanderra Recycling Centre. If this is how you can **'do**

your bit' for the parish, or you would like some more information, could you please **TEXT Dave on 0424 041 284.**



A VOCATION VIEW

"The Lord GOD is my help." When Christ calls one to follow as a priest or religious, He also gives the strength to overcome the obstacles that are sometimes in the way, but we must ask to receive this strength! (Isaiah 50:5-9)

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



NO MASS - WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

There will be no 9.30am mass next Wednesday 18 September.

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.

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

"COME & SEE, GO & MAKE" Formation Opportunity! Introduction to Parish Renewal (Module 103)

What is "parish renewal"? How do we recognise and honour all that is good in our communities and courageously move forward into the future? Then we can walk the path of renewal of heart, culture, and practice, and rediscover our reason for being.

Campbelltown – Tuesday, 1 October, 7-9:30pm

Wollongong (& Zoom) – Wednesday, 2 October, 7-9:30pm

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL: <http://dow.sh/oct2024>

All welcome!

THE JOURNEY, 15 September – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast

On The Journey This Week: Fr Sheldon Burke CRS says Jesus reminds us that life involves suffering. Mother Hilda calls all to go to church on Sunday instead of worshipping a God of another kind somewhere else. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Fr Dave Callaghan, and Peter Abela. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

SOCIAL JUSTICE POINTS

Jesus chose to speak in parables in order to announce the Reign of God.

He found image to speak of the mystery of God in the ordinary experiences of human life: the natural world, the workplace, elements of the everyday. In this way, he let us know that the Reign of God transcends us yet is not distant from us. Either we see God's Reign in the things of this world, or we will never see it.

- 'XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.

A DAY RETREAT: Benedictine Values – fertile soil for an integral ecology, Saturday 5 October 2024

Time is moving on and the cry of the earth and the poor is intensifying.

The appeal of Pope Francis in "Laudato Si" and "Laudato Deum" is now an imperative. There is a wisdom in the Rule of St Benedict that can provide fertile soil for an integral ecology for our time. Come, let us listen to Mother Earth during this day of retreat.

Presenter: Sr Mechtild Crawford

Register at <https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/events/2024-10-05/>

I GIVE YOU MY WORD: Encountering God in Lectio Divina Friday 27 – Sunday 29 September 2024.

A weekend retreat, Jamberoo Abbey Retreat Centre

Presenters: Sr Antonia Curtis OSB and Oblate Libby Denny Lectio Divina is sacred reading. It is a way of prayer whereby we allow the Word of God to touch our hearts and change our lives. It is a dialogue of love between the person and God as heart speaks to heart through the Word. This weekend retreat focusses on the process of Lectio Divina by engaging participants in the ancient art of reading/praying with the word of God in scripture.

To register contact 02 4236 0011 Extension 114 or email cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

– Parish Office Administration Parish of St Michael's Nowra

Nowra parish is seeking the services of a part-time Parish Office Administration for 12 hrs per week – Tuesday to Friday, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

The position requires skills in administration, maintaining a database, and high skills in MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

The parish office administration 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 Wednesday, 25 September

FOSTER CARE WEEK 2024 – A Call For Foster Carers

Foster Care Week, beginning on 8 September to 15 September, aims to raise awareness of the urgent need for foster carers. In NSW, over 350 children and young people are urgently seeking foster care, with close to 100 of those children and young people living in our diocese alone.

CatholicCare is doing all it can to meet this need – but more carers are desperately needed. Bishop Brian has recorded a short video that outlines the challenges of the foster care system and is urging all parishioners within the Wollongong Diocese to discern if you can help: <https://dow.sh/bmfc24>.

For more information on becoming a foster carer, please contact CatholicCare on 02 4227 1122 or Email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au.

CatholicCare will provide you and your family with training, emotional support, and financial assistance to ensure that you are supported every step of the way.

SPRINGTIME CREATIVE RETREAT, 11 - 13 October 2024

Come and experience the healing power of creativity as we step into the blossoming wonders of Spring. Nurture your inner self and watch the boundless possibilities that emerge from spending time co-creating with God.

Venue: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW

Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/CNSWN> (by 27 September)

Contact: Judy - mglisisters.sydney@gmail.com

Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

21/22 Sept	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	T Kadmon	C Honeysett	P Portelli, C Daly, L Mammone	M Harnett A Harnett D Errington
Sun 7.30am	Ri Gilmore	E Brennan	D Clegg, M Whatman, Ru Gilmore	
Sun 9.30am	L Foy	S Parker	L Negro, 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

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