



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 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

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7

The blind shall see, the deaf hear, the dumb sing for joy

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

God chose the poor according to the world to be rich in faith

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.'

Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



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.

Special Intentions: Maya Borja, Julio, Eliza & Jose Teixeira



THE ST JOHN'S JOURNAL

This new publication is now available via the St John's Parish and St John's School websites. Some paper copies are available in the foyer of the church.

As previously indicated, each edition (published once per school term), will feature the profiles of 4 students, a staff member, and a parishioner. We are grateful for those who have shared of themselves, and we celebrate them and draw from their words to help us, along our own journeys.

This project involved close collaboration between the school and parish, developing our sense of community. Special thanks to Ms Angela Boyd-Skinner and her team of student reporters, who gave their time to be part of this project. **Grab a copy and have a read!**

CWL MEETING

Catholic Women's League, Dapto Branch, meeting will be on Monday 9 September, 2024 commencing at 10.00 am in the meeting room at the Parish Presbytery. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

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

The encounter with Jesus never leaves one unaffected, but our ears must be opened to receive His word. (Mark 7:31-37)

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



"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!

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

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

The Parish of St John's and the Diocese of Wollongong are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

THE JOURNEY, 8 September – Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast

On The Journey This Week: Fr Simon Apablaza says the readings today emphasize the profound healing and renewal that God offers. Mother Hilda sees unexpected spiritual beauty in a dirty window. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Byron & Francine Pirola, and Fr Mike Delaney. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

SOCIAL JUSTICE POINTS

It is important to create collaborative networks of influencers that include people of other religions or indeed who may profess no faith, but who wish to collaborate on common causes to promote human dignity, justice, and care for our common home. - 'XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS' (Synod on 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.

More Information contact Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404

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.



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@ccdwoollongong.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 morning at 9am. For more information, please visit jamberooabbey.org.au

Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

14/15 Sept	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	M O'Connor	C Stringer	A Johnston, D Kadmon, T Kadmon	D Barry P Bahlmann
Sun 7.30am	D Barry	S Wilson	S Wilson, G Teixeira, E Brennan	
Sun 9.30am	L Negro	P Stephens	L Foy, S Iverson, M Fleming	
Sun 6pm	K Gurney	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	11am - 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