



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

5th Sunday of Lent

6 April 2025

Welcome to St John's



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in
the field and a powerful army which lay there never to
rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past, no need to think about what
was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light;
can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the
wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in
the wild) to give my chosen people drink.

The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with
joy.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I
look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have
Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying
for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that
comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that
comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and
based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the
power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by
reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I
can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the
dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet

won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for
which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my
brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won.
All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for
what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the
prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ
Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,

for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he
appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people
came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who
had been caught committing adultery; and making her
stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus,
'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of
committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the
Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning.
What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test,
looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent
down and started writing on the ground with his finger.
As they persisted with their question, he looked up and
said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him
be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down
and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this
they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest,
until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained
standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where
are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she
replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away,
and do not sin any more.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no
more.

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

Recently Deceased: Dot Inskip.

Sick: Nancy Kelleher, Fr John Pickering, Kathy Houghton

Anniversaries & Special Intentions: Joan Whittington, Massi Dimech, Joseph, Tony & Tania Formosa



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Everleigh Walsh, Tia Zohar, Valli Merlino, Zara and Oscar Pugh

PASTORAL HOME VISITS

Please call Fr Francis 0413 449 821 or the parish office 4261 1315 to organise a visit for sick or home-bound in the lead up to Easter.

CWL LENTEN GROUP

The Catholic Women's League is hosting a Lenten very Friday in the chapel straight after the 9.30 am Mass during Lent. Everyone is invited to attend.

NO MASS WEDNESDAY

Father will be attending a funeral of a friend in Sydney on Wednesday 09/04/25, so there will be no 9.30am mass.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday through Lent at 6pm in the Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EASTER MASSES

Sign up sheets in the foyer for those who would like to volunteer for any of the Easter masses. Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.



PARISH DEFIBRILATOR

Thank you to the significant number of parishioners who stayed back after mass last week to learn how to use the defibrillator. You can have a follow up session at home by viewing the YouTube video link below. There are many guidelines on the internet for you to read as well. Just keep in mind our model is the AED defibrillator. Please view this 5 minute video on Youtube so that you can assist a parishioner in need of this machine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7CEGmvDxjY&t=7s>

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE



Tickets in our Mother's Day Raffle are available in the foyer. Tickets are \$2 for one ticket or three tickets for \$5. There are some great prizes on offer.

ST JOHN'S PARISH PEACE EGG

This year a St John's Parish Peace Egg will be sold in the lead up to Easter.

It will be accompanied by an Easter Reflection by Fr Francis, encouraging us to Come and See & Go and Make.

Our Peace Eggs will be sold for \$5 and are available in the foyer.



FR FRANCIS' 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION CELEBRATIONS

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of Fr Francis's Ordination. As a community, we will celebrate this monumental occasion on Saturday, 28th of June. This occasion will be marked with a Mass at 11am, followed by a community lunch under the COLA.

All parishioners and community members are invited to celebrate this occasion with Father Francis.

RSVP is required for the lunch, this can be done after Mass in the foyer. Members of the Parish Council will be available to take your RSVP, dietary requirements, and provide you with a ticket for the luncheon (there is no cost for this event). RSVPs will close on the 8th of June.

A present is being organised to commemorate this occasion. If you would like to contribute towards a present for Fr Francis, there will be a lockbox in the foyer for cash donations. Donations can also be made to the following account for this purpose.

Acc Name: Dapto Parish Gifts/Donations
BSB: 066 711
Acc #: 003 134



The Parish Council looks forward to seeing you all and celebrating this special occasion with Fr Francis.

PALM SUNDAY IS SOON APPROACHING...

In an effort to encourage all Parishioners to really integrate ones personal life with their faith, we ask that you bring in leaves or palms from your own home/garden so they can be blessed with water during these Palm Sunday masses.

Fifth Sunday of Lent - 5th and 6th of April 2025

The life-changing work of Caritas Australia is only made possible by the unwavering generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our local partners on the ground. Our partners are the true heroes, working tirelessly on the frontlines every day to transform lives and build brighter, more hopeful futures for their communities.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413



ASHES TO EASTER: Peter Kearney Lenten Concert-Reflection, Saturday 12th April, 6.30pm (after vigil Mass and sausage sizzle) in St. John the Evangelist Church, 24 Jerematta Church, Dapto. Peter's concert will weave songs, hymns, stories and reflections on Lenten & Easter themes. *Comments: "A beautiful*



Lenten reflection" ... "prayerful and spiritual" ... "a worthwhile part of our Lenten journey". Gold coin donation. Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter, singer and guitarist who has sung widely through Australia, also overseas. Some of his compositions are included in the 'As One Voice' hymnal.



Free Counselling Session at CatholicCare

CatholicCare's counselling service provides support to children, adults, couples and families who are experiencing:

- grief and loss
- family, relationship and marriage difficulties
- stress/anxiety/depression
- changes in personal or family situations
- pregnancy loss

Our skilful and compassionate counsellors are qualified professionals experienced in couple, family and individual counselling. First session is free and subsequent sessions are charged at a flexible, mutually agreed fee. Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

Go to <http://www.dss.gov.au> for more information.

Embracing the Canonisation of Carlo Acutis: Sunday 27 April

Watch the Boy from Milan (Released April 2) and hundreds of other great Catholic documentaries for FREE. Go to www.formed.org / Click 'Formed for Individuals' button / Enter your email address / Submit / Type 'Wollongong' into the box / Click the Diocese's name and address (38 Harbour St) / Click Next / Enter your name and email address / Respond to your confirmation email/ Sign in and then follow the prompts / Watch The Movie – The Boy from Milan - or any of the Hundreds of Catholic Programs

**CREATIVE ART GROUP - Monday Mornings 9am - 12pm
Scribbly Gum Room Ribbonwood Centre**

The aim is to provide respite from the cares of living with cancer and to provide access to other people in similar situation and to share gentle support - no art experience necessary. Morning tea /coffee provided. It is a place to relax, enjoy a laugh and companionship. There is also respect for emotions and an expectation of trust and confidentiality.

To Register please contact: Faye on 0417 042 762 or Irma 0403 695 764

Illawarra Cancer Patient Support Group

TRIBUNAL

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote that "charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her." The Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney, which has an Office in the Diocese of Wollongong, is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church. The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, and remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church.

Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Wollongong Office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified. Brochures are available from the church foyer. The Wollongong Office of the Tribunal is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to contact the Tribunal on 4222

2409 or tribunal@dow.org.au or visit www.tribunal.dow.org.au

Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

12/13 April	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	M O'Connor	P Farrugia	T Kadmon, L Mammone, S Druery	D Croft E Caruana D Ritter
Sun 7.30am	A Peeyer	Ri Gilmore	D Clegg, M Whatman, Ru Gilmore	
Sun 9.30am	P Stephens	S Parker	M Fleming, L Negro, L Foy	
Sun 6pm	A Chatham	K Gurney	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

Lenten Reflection

What I absolutely want is to suggest that before it's anything else, redemption is god mending the bicycle of our souls; God bringing out the puncture repair kit, re-inflating the tyres, taking off the rust, making us roadworthy once more. Not so that we can take flight into ecstasy, but so that we can do the next needful mile of our lives.

Francis Spufford

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