



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 October 2021

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

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

I will guide them by a smooth path where they will not stumble

The Lord says this:
Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
'The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!'
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-6

'You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever'

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he

has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: *You are my son, today I have become your father*, and in another text: *You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever*.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

Go; your faith has saved you

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

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

Recently Deceased: Valerie Brown, Brian Barlow, Fr Peter Caruana.



CHURCH REOPENING AND COVID RESTRICTIONS

St John's will reopen from the **Saturday 30 October** and from this date all mass times will be the same as prior to the lockdown.

As before, you will be required to sign in using the QR code at the door and we will be following the 4sqm rule which means that we can accommodate 112 people in the church. Face masks are still mandatory and hand sanitiser is readily available in the foyer.

We ask that you please do not attend if you are not feeling well or have any flu like symptoms.

Mass is available to watch online via the following link:

DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG MASS ONLINE

For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website <https://dow.sh/dailymass>

THE JOURNEY - 24 October 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast

A jam packed show this week as Mother Hilda Scott asks us to be the Amen, Fr Mike Delaney addresses Social Prejudice and Darren McDowell invites us to lead with vision. Plenty of uplifting music on this week's show - the Journey available at www.jcr.org.au.

VINNIES HELP

The Dapto Conference is still operating for crisis help (food, furniture, clothing).

A phone service is available:
Mon – Fri, 9.30am - 11.30am. Ph: 0412 912 641



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH

Facebook search: **St John's Catholic Parish Dapto**
Instagram search: **St John's Parish Dapto**
Website: **www.stjohnsdapto.org.au**

CatholicCare - Have you thought about becoming a foster carer?

We need foster carers who provide love, care and support to help these children thrive and reach their full potential. Carers receive comprehensive support from the Fostering Futures team to ensure they have a full range of resources and networks to nurture their forever home. Our team have over 30 years' experience helping carers give vulnerable children a loving home and a brighter future.

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus hears our cry for help. What do you want Jesus to do for you? How will you show your gratitude? (Mark 10:46-52) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

LITURGY BRISBANE: Online Liturgical Formation & Training

The team from Liturgy Brisbane have launched an excellent online training platform titled 'Learn + Discover'. Learn at your own pace with comprehensive, multi-modal, and engaging training, all from the comfort of your own home. A certificate will be issued on course completion. The current courses on offer are as follows: Ministers of the Word (Readers) Course, Lay Ministers of Communion Course, and Combined Course: Ministers of Word & Communion. To learn more and to purchase access to one of these online courses, please visit: <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/online-courses/>

EARTHCARE FAMILIES LAUNCH WEBINAR

This year the [Laudato Si Action Platform](#) launches on the 14 November. Caritas Catholic Earthcare for years has been helping parishes and schools on the path to an integral ecology. The Action Platform names seven other groups that they would like to see live out Laudato Si and become part of an integral ecology. One of those groups are families. Catholic Earthcare is therefore launching another program - [Earthcare Families](#) to support them to engage in the Action Platform and Laudato Si. To launch this program, you are invited to a webinar to learn about the program. We will discuss how you can participate if you are interested, or how you can promote the program if you represent a parish or school. The launch will be held on the 29 November 7:30pm AEDT, 6:30pm AEST. To register, please go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/BUMMY> Please also feel free to share this event with others.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love you more than anything in the world, but since I cannot receive communion at this moment, feed my soul spiritually.

I unite myself to you now as I do when I actually receive you. Never let me drift away from you.
Amen

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour". It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>



DONATION DROP BOX

There is a drop box safe in the foyer of the parish office for anyone who would like to drop off their planned giving envelopes. The foyer will be open from 9.30am to 4pm.

DIVINE RENOVATION AUSTRALASIA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 2021

Called to Discipleship Saturday 20 November 2021 | 9:00am-12:30pm

Join us for a spirit-filled time of prayer, live keynotes, inspiring panel sessions. The virtual conference will aim to support priests, parish teams and individuals in their journey of parish renewal, while encouraging and equipping you in your Catholic faith.

For more and information and registration: <https://www.divinerenovation.org/dr-aus-called-to-discipleship-conference>

GET CONNECTED WITH WHAT IS ON AROUND THE DIOCESE

Every week, there are many great opportunities to be part of special events, courses, free resources and to nurture and encourage you and your family in your faith. A simple way of staying informed and connected is to subscribe at <https://dow.sh/stayingconnected> to receive regular stay connected updates or visit <https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin> to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly

SYNOD OF BISHOPS:

Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at: <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

EUTHANASIA OPPOSITION

Urgent - Join in Opposition to Euthanasia in NSW. The move to make Euthanasia / Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) legal has been introduced into the NSW Parliament. We are called to stand up for the sanctity of life and oppose 'the culture of death'. Bishop Mascord urges the faithful of the Dioceses to contact their local state MPs without delay, asking them to vote NO. Advocates of Assisted Suicide, are similarly working very hard to influence local MPs and without similar efforts for those who uphold the value of life from conception to natural death, it is likely that this terrible bill will become law.

Go to www.dow.org.au/euthanasiabill to receive contact details of your State MPs, as well as speaking points for a phone call which is by far the most impactful form of communication. Emailing is a less impactful, but still valuable option. This is a most urgent call to brave action, with this bill infringing many religious freedoms and worse still the sanctity of human life.

PRAYER SEMINARS TO EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT PRAYER STYLES – All Welcome

There has been an overwhelming response to the Prayer Seminar series that runs each Tuesday evening, 7pm - 8:30pm via Zoom. Prayer Seminars are hosted by the CCD Team but are open to anyone and everyone in the Diocese to attend. Each week a different presenter will lead us in a style of prayer that is meaningful to them. The seminars will include information, but also the opportunity to be led by an expert in the prayer experience. You are welcome to come to any or all of the seminars. Registering does not require you to attend every seminar.

Please follow the link to register for Prayer Seminars: <https://www.dow.org.au/events>.

Please register before the day of the seminar, to ensure you receive your zoom link on time.

Next Tuesday, 26 October, Sr Kerry Gardiner RSJ, will lead us in Prayer Journaling. Be sure to bring a journal (paper) and something to write with.



AN INVITATION TO JOIN ELECTRONIC PARISH PLANNED GIVING

Given that some parishioners are unable to attend Mass in our church, many who support our parish planned giving envelope program have asked how they can continue to financially support the parish. So, we respectfully encourage all parishioners to join our electronic parish planned giving program to help us ensure that we limit the financial pressure this current situation will impose on our parish.

Please visit www.dow.org.au/plannedgiving to learn of the two simple ways you can give to our parish electronically.

REGULAR OR ONE OFF PAYMENTTS CAN BE MADE BY FOLLOWING THE ABOVE LINK.

Importantly, we are mindful that some of our parishioners will sadly be experiencing a change in their financial circumstances. Please contact the Parish Office 4261 1315 or dapto@dow.org.au if you need to decrease/discontinue your planned giving contribution, but mainly to let us know how we can support you. For those who are not able to give electronically but would still like to continue their weekly giving, the foyer in the office is open and donations can be left in the secure drop box.

There is a locked drop box safe in the foyer that you can safely leave your donation.

CareWays
community

EMERGENCY FOOD AND CARE PACKAGES

Our Neighbourhood Centre Team are providing free packages of fresh food and other products, such as toiletries and sanitary items.

Contactless pick up only.

If you would like a food or care package, please call 4261 8426 or email help@careways.org.au

This project was funded by a Wollongong City Council Grant.

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FORMED (Free for DoW parishioiners)

Join hundreds of other families around the Diocese of Wollongong in nurturing your faith at home, in your own time and at your own pace? FORMED.org is a large Faith Formation Resource library website containing thousands of faith formation documentaries, courses, movies, audio and books covering all aspects of our Catholic faith. Materials for both adults and children. Sign-up for Free using our Diocesan Subscription by contacting darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

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

The Church is the People of God

COVID-19 ROADMAP FOR THE DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG AS OF 14 OCTOBER 2021

On the 27th of September 2021, the NSW Government released a roadmap regarding reducing the current lockdown COVID-19 restrictions. These gradual reduction in restrictions are outlined below. When considering these restrictions and our actions as we move more freely in our church communities, we must always act with a sense of love to our neighbours. The Catechism teaches that “Life and physical health are precious gifts entrusted to us by God. We must take reasonable care of them, taking into account the needs of others and the common good.” (n.2288)

When following these guidelines, the faithful must consider the safety of themselves and others, compliance with the law and strict hygiene practices as core principles. All faithful in the diocese are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Mass on Sundays. (canon 87 §1, canon 1248 §2)

The following summary documents the key guidelines as we meet each milestone set by the NSW Government. It is important to note that these guidelines include decisions by the Diocese, apart from Government orders, that are designed to maintain the dignity and physical health of all within our church communities.

	70% Vaccination Stage 1	80% Vaccination Stage 2	90+% vaccination Stage 3
Churches open for Masses ¹	✗	✓	✓
Capacity / density limits	n/a	4 sq metres	2 sq metres
Public reconciliation	✗	✓	✓
Private reconciliation (by appointment)	✓	n/a	n/a
Baptisms	✗ (unless urgent)	✓	✓
Weddings (see #20)	✓ (max 100 or 5 unvaccinated)	✓ (max 100 or 5 unvaccinated)	✓
Funerals (see #21)	✓ (max 100 or 10 unvaccinated)	✓ (max 100 or 10 unvaccinated)	✓
Parish gatherings & meetings	✗	✗	✓
Sacramental preparation	✗ (unless online)	✗ (unless online)	✓
Congregational singing	✗	✗	✓
Choirs (see #25)	✗	✓ (up to 10 singers)	✓
Masks	✓	✓	Optional but recommended (see point 5 below)
Strong hygiene practices (see #5-14)	✓	✓	✓
QR Registration (see #23)	✓	✓	✗
Monitors (incl capacity monitoring)	✓	✓	✓
Visitation to Sick and Homebound	✗ (clergy only)	✓ (Double Vax Ministers only)	✓ (Double Vax Ministers only)
Churches open for private prayer	✗	✓ (only if Monitor is available and times are advertised)	✓
Parish offices open	✗	✗	✓ (Staff to wear a mask when greeting visitors)

¹ and other devotions held before or after the Mass (or devotions held outside of Mass - that would require a Monitor to be present)
DoW COVID-19 Guidelines 14 October 2021