



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 July 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

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING

Amos 7:12-15

'Go, shepherd, and prophesy to my people Israel'

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

God chose us in Christ before the world was made

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace,

his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their

course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 6:7-13

'Take nothing with you'

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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

Recently Deceased: Fr Geoff Allen, Alfio Russo, Charlene Russo, Maria Damiani, Hugh McNamee, Frank McGregor, Val Hovey



Anniversaries: Mary Dimech



THANK YOU - ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

All members of the Dapto Conference of the St Vincent De Paul Society would like to sincerely thank all the parishioners who so generously contributed to the Winter Appeal held in our Parish. Your continued support and generosity will assist us to continue to help those in need in the Dapto area.

The total amount given in the bucket collection and in donations received for the Winter Appeal leading up to last weekend was \$2972.95. Thank You!

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**

COULD YOU PROVIDE A FOREVER HOME?

Fostering Futures, CatholicCare are looking for a forever home for a 10-year-old girl, Jessie*. Jessie is a lovely, sociable girl who enjoys listening to music, riding her bike and loves animals. She is smart, energetic and loves to chat! She needs patient and loving carers who can give her time, consistency, and support so she can thrive and achieve a positive future. (*Child's name has been changed for privacy) To find out more about becoming a carer with Fostering Futures: call **0418 783 956** email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au or go to <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au>

2021 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS



If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage this year, and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on Sunday, 8 August 2021 at 2pm, please register online at www.dow.org.au/events/, or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403, or via email helen.bennett@dow.org.au by no later than Monday 12 July. Once you have done so, an invitation and official online registration procedures can be sent to you.

For those who missed out in 2020

In this year of St Joseph and the Family, we are exploring the possibility of hosting two (2) sessions to enable as many couples as possible, and some limited members of their family, to attend the Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass. Furthermore, this also enables us to invite couples who reached one of these significant milestones in 2020 to contact Helen Bennett and register their interest.

As you would appreciate, due to the possibility of heightened COVID-19 restrictions, our plans are subject to change and even cancellation. We kindly urge you to register as soon as possible in order to receive an invitation and enable appropriate planning for this important celebration.

COVID CHURCH RESTRICTIONS

As per the NSW Government COVID-19 lockdown, all churches in the Macarthur and Illawarra (including Shellharbour region) will be closed to the public from 6pm on Saturday 26 June 2021 until at least midnight on **Friday 16 July 2021**.

You can watch mass 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>

A VOCATION VIEW

God will provide for you on your journey. Trust that you will receive the grace to carry out the mission. (Mark 6:7-13)

If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

THE JOURNEY - 11 July 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast

Msgr Graham Schmitzer – makes a welcome return to the show this week challenges, along with a great personal faith journey sharing from Sharon Brewer from the ACCB. Some fabulous uplifting music on this week's show too. Be encouraged in difficult times by the Journey - Listen at jcr.org.au or your local Christian Radio station.

SENIOR ENROLMENTS—ST MARYS HIGH SCHOOL

Thinking about a change of high school for Years 11 & 12?

St Mary's is now enrolling for Senior College in 2022. Come to the Subject Selection Information Evening on 20 July 2021 from 6pm in the SGN Hall, 15 Harbour St, Wollongong and talk to staff and students about the many courses we offer. You could also apply for a St Mary's Senior Academic Scholarship.

Application forms available online and the closing date is 13 August 2021. **Contact us on 4228 6011 or visit www.stmarys.nsw.edu.au for much more information.**

SPRITUAL & PASTORAL CARE TRAINING

Interested in growing your capacity to be fully present to others?

An Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered online via zoom and would be suitable for kind-hearted people wanting to learn more about providing holistic spiritual and pastoral care to patients in hospital, residents in aged care facilities or people in the parish.

This 40-hour course will commence on Thursday 22 July 2021 and comprise of 6 consecutive weekly sessions ending on the 26th August 2021. Applications are now invited. For more information, please contact Carmen Karauda at ckarauda@gmail.com or phone: 0419 430 676.

Call to Connect - Catholic Women's Ministry

Are you looking for an avenue of prayer and sharing the faith journey with a group of female friends, online or face to face? "Call to Connect" Catholic women's ministry is a ministry that offers prayer, hospitality and sharing the faith journey for women through its prayer/sharing group structure. Their aim is to strengthen the relationship between women and facilitate a deepening walk with God.

There are Starter Kits available with all you need to form prayer/sharing groups. For more information contact Bronnie Schlager on calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com or

<https://womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/womens-prayer-groups/>

THE CHOSEN – A TV SERIES ABOUT JESUS

The Chosen is a new 'free to view', television program that creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and is receiving acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen> to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via *The Chosen app download*

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION (CPE) 400 Hour Foundational Unit

Are you interested in:

Growing in knowledge, understanding and developing skills that will enable you to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care.

Deepening your awareness of God's presence in your life and of people's needs, hopes, and concerns during times of illness.

Becoming more aware of your own values, attitudes and assumptions.

CPE Foundational Unit will be offered as a blend of both online and face to face sessions conducted on two consecutive days per month from 7 September 2021 to 24 May 2022.

Please contact Carmen Karauda at ckarauda@gmail.com or phone: 0419 430 676 for more information and/or application form. Applications are now open. Please apply early. Applications close 20 August 2021.

GO DEEPER IN FAITH!

FREE 6-week course in the Catholic Faith

This course is designed for any Catholic who is looking to discover more about their Catholic Faith. Over six consecutive Mondays or Fridays, we will explore the following topics with great guest speakers:

Morality: Life in the Spirit (Mr Seth Harsh), Church: Mission of the Holy Spirit (Sr Susanna Edmunds OP), Christ: Heart of Catechesis (Fr Bernard Gordon VG), Creation: Work of the Trinity (Sr Bernadette Toohey MGL), Reconciliation: Forgiveness of Sins, Healing (Sr Therese Mills MGL), Communion: Eucharist - Source & Summit (Fr Mark De Battista)

In the past, this course was only available to Catechists, but we have now opened it up to all interested people. We hope that you can join us. There are two opportunities to attend:

Mondays: Commencing Monday 19 July 9:30am-1:30pm
CCD Regional Centre, Micah House
35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown (Dates: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23)

Fridays: Commencing Friday 23 July 9:30am-1:30pm
Xavier Conference Centre 38 Harbour St, Wollongong (Dates: July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27)

If you would like to attend please register by clicking here, RSVP by Friday 16 July.

Executive Assistant – Welcoming and Information | Catholic Diocese of Wollongong

Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Executive Assistant – Welcoming and Information in the Diocese of Wollongong.

For more information and a detailed role description, please go to www.dow.org.au/jobs

Any enquiries please contact Helen Bennett 0407 438 434 or email recruitment@dow.org.au



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 office is open from Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 4pm.

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

THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* (*With a Father's Heart*), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. You are encouraged to visit the ACBC year of St Joseph page at <https://www.catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph> including Monthly reflections on - various aspects of St Joseph's life and character and prayers



You are encouraged to read the beautiful pastoral Letter from Pope Francis – with a Father's Heart http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT



2021/22 - Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor

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. More info and link for pre-orders for hard copies online (deadline 8 July) here [Social Justice Statement 2021-22 - Office for Social Justice \(catholic.org.au\)](https://www.catholic.org.au/social-justice)

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