



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 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

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 7:7-11

I esteemed Wisdom more than sceptres or thrones

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God cuts more finely than a double-edged sword

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-27

Give everything you own to the poor, and follow me

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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 - 10 October 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast

A jam packed show this week as Fr Mark De Battista breaks open the Gospel and reminds us we are called to Great Things, Mother Hilda talks compassion and Fr Mike Delaney addresses how we can make Jesus real for others. Plenty of great 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.

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

A VOCATION VIEW

The rich young man desires to live a virtuous life. It requires letting go of what gets in the way of following Jesus wholeheartedly. Are you able to say "yes?" (Mark 10:17-30) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

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 Spirituality 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 2 consecutive days per month, Tuesday and Wednesdays from 9 November 2021 to 27 July 2022. (Limited spaces still available – clinical pastoral placement required)

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 22 October 2021.

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 *Season of Creation* begins **September 1**, on the designated **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**. It concludes on **October 4, the Feast of St. Francis**.



The Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace have created five prayer cards which focus on the themes of the statement. This week's prayer focuses on [God is a Trinity of Love](#)

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

ACU CENTRE FOR LITURGY PUBLIC LECTURE (Online)

The Australian Catholic University (ACU) will be hosting an online public lecture on Monday 18 October 2021, from 10am-11:30am.

It will be presented by Bruce T. Morrill, S.J., and will be on the topic: "Ritual Bodies as 'Reasonable Worship': Putting Liturgy in Proper Ethical Perspective".

Registration is essential by Thursday 14 October 2021 via acu.edu.au/publiclecturecf.

Urgent - JOIN IN OPPOSITION TO EUTHANASIA IN NSW BEFORE OCTOBER 11

The move to make Euthanasia / Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) legal will be introduced into the NSW Parliament in coming days. 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. Each week, the importance of praying for the Plenary Council and its members will be remembered, amongst many important prayer intentions for the Church and the world. 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, 12 October, Sr Sue Barker SGS will lead us in Lectio Divina. Come and listen to God speak to you, wherever you are at, through the Scriptures, in the beautiful practice of Lectio Divina.



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

CO-OP SAFE This project was funded by a Wollongong City Council Grant. **wollongong** city of innovation

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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