



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 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***



Parish Office Hours

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 53:10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, what the Lord wishes will be done

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over,
he shall see the light and be content.

By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:14-16

Our high priest is one who has been tempted in every way that we are

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:42-45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many

Jesus called the Twelve to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



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 - 17 October 2021 – Your Diocese of Wollongong Weekly Podcast

A jam packed show this week as Fr Joe Murphy breaks open the Gospel and Dr Byron and Francine Pirola remind us of the importance of being committed to being – committed. 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

Whoever wants to be great must serve others. Who are the ones you consider "great?" What can you do to carry on their legacy? (Mark 10:35-45) 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 complete fulfillment of the human person, achieved in Christ through the gift of the Spirit, develops in history and is mediated by personal relationships with other people, relationships that in turn reach perfection thanks to the commitment made to improve the world, in justice and peace. – *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace*



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>

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SYNOD OF BISHOPS:

On Sunday, 17 October, dioceses around the world will launch local preparations for the Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The Catholic Church in Australia will invite the People of God to make submissions via an online portal that will open on 17 October. 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/>

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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, 19 October, Sr Magdalen Mather OSB will lead us on a Benedictine Path to Prayer, live from The Abbey. Come and explore the contemplative way of living prayer that is built on the belief 'that the divine presence is everywhere' (Rule of St Benedict Ch. 19.1).



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