St John the Evangelist

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Sunday 12, Year A | 21 June 2026

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Mass Today

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

FIRST READING | Jeremiah 20:10-13
He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | *Psalm 68*
Lord, in your great love, answer me.

SECOND READING | Romans 5:12-15
God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL | Matthew 10:26-33
Do not fear those who can kill the body.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

This Week

9:30 am Mass – **Mon 22 June - Ss John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs [Mem]**
9:30 am Mass – Tues 23 June
9:30 am Mass – **Wed 24 June - The Nativity of St John the Baptist [Solemnity]**
** ***Congratulations Fr Richard for 20 years of priestly ordination*** **
9:30 am Mass – Thur 25 June
9:30 am Mass – Fri 26 June

READINGS NEXT WEEK – Thirteenth Sunday in Year A
2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5 pm
Sunday 7:30 am; 9 am; 10:30 am & 5 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday – Friday 9:30 am

Adoration

Friday 10 am – 11 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 11 am – 12 pm *(with Adoration)*

Be Not Afraid

Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test. We will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in today's First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap and trip us up.

For His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts—even in our own homes, we hear in today's Psalm. As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love.

"Do not be afraid," Jesus assures us three times in today's Gospel. Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us today, everything unfolds in His providence, under His watchful gaze—even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him.

Steadfast in this faith, we must resist the tactics of Satan. He is the enemy who seeks the ruin of our soul in Gehenna, or hell.

We are to seek God, as the Psalmist says. Zeal for the Lord's house, for the heavenly kingdom of the Father, should consume us, as it consumed Jesus. As Jesus bore the insults of those who blasphemed God, so should we.

By the gracious gift of Himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress. In His great mercy, He will turn toward us, as well. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked.

That is why we proclaim His name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus' promise—that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our heavenly Father.

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In the spirit of reconciliation we acknowledge the Dharawal people as traditional custodians of this land. We pay our respect to all Elders, past and present, and extend that respect to all First Nations peoples today.

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Supporting the Mission of St John's Parish

Dear Parishioners,
As we come to the end of another financial year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity, support, and commitment to our parish community.

Over the past year, together we have celebrated the Eucharist, welcomed new members through Baptism, accompanied families through weddings and funerals, supported our sacramental programs, nurtured our children and young people in faith, and continued the many ministries that make St John's a vibrant and welcoming parish. None of this would be possible without your prayers, involvement, and financial support.

I am particularly grateful to those parishioners who faithfully contribute through our Planned Giving Program. Your regular support enables the parish to meet its ongoing expenses, maintain our church and parish facilities, and continue the mission entrusted to us by Christ.
As costs continue to rise, we are increasingly dependent on the generosity of parishioners. I would like to invite those who are not currently part of the Planned Giving Program to consider joining. Even a small regular contribution can make a significant difference when many people participate.

Planned Giving is not simply about money. It is an expression of gratitude to God for the blessings we have received and a practical way of supporting the mission of our parish. It allows us to plan confidently for the future and continue serving our community effectively.
If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, please contact the Parish Office or speak to me after Mass. Information and enrolment forms are available at the church entrances.

I also encourage parishioners to consider becoming involved in one of our parish ministries. The parish thrives not only through financial support but also through the generous sharing of time, talents, and gifts.
Thank you once again for your continued support, generosity, and commitment to St John's Parish. May God bless you and your families abundantly.
Yours sincerely,
Fr John Ho
Parish Priest

SVdP Winter Appeal

All Masses this weekend: 20-21 June. Please help us by giving a donation. No amount is too small. **Thank you for all who have donated blankets - more than 90 were received.** Your kindness is greatly welcomed by those in need.

Renewed & Sent

***Invite from* Bp Brian Mascord**

Join delegates from across Australia and many other countries. "We have the greatest news the world has ever known: Jesus Christ is alive, he loves us, and he sends us. At the **Parish Renewal Summit (1-3 Oct)**, my hope is that we will be reminded of this truth, renewed in our own discipleship, and encouraged to share this hope with others. I warmly encourage you to be part of this gathering as we seek together the renewal of our parishes and the mission of the Church."

renewedandsent.com.au

Children's Mass

10:30am Sunday 28 June

The Mass will involve children from Years 5–8 participating in various liturgical roles, including altar serving, welcome, prayers of the faithful, and the offertory procession. Following the Mass, there will be a short gathering in the parish hall with some fun activities and pizza for the children.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect your new set of envelopes for the 2026-7 financial year, which are available in the foyer of the church this weekend. If you would like to join planned giving — either using the envelopes or making a regular EFT donation — please complete the giving form.

Rosters

Sunday 28 June

Acolyte

Vigil *Volunteer please*
7:30 Brian Thompson
9 Bernard Augustine
10:30 Gavan Hill, Andrei Valderrama
5 Tom Hunter

Extraordinary Ministers

Vigil Graeme & Roseleen Goldie
7:30 Karen Schneider, Ken Fernandez
9 Diana & John Hill
10:30 Norma McNally, Imelda Landrigan
5 Rowena & Patrick Cooke

Readers

Vigil Marie Cassar, Sheila Fonseca
7:30 Jean Reid, Cathy Porter, Ian Star
9 Marie Joseph, Nathan Cox, Cherima Lucilo
10:30 Martin Shields, Ella Talamaivao, Children (Universal Prayers)
5 Tess Valesini, Val Alcantara

Musicians

Vigil Ben McKenzie & John George
9 Glynn Family
10:30 Joe Talamaivao
5 Filipino Choir

Servers and Acolytes

If you would like to serve in the ministry of Server or Acolyte, please speak with Fr John or Fr Richard after any Mass.
Formation is provided.
Available to men or women.

Parish Luncheon

As a way of developing community, we will gather for lunch on the Second Friday of each month in the Parish Hall, after the morning Mass and adoration. There will be a time for prayer together, using the ancient practice of *Lectio Divina*.
We will then share lunch together.
Please bring a plate of food to share.
Friday 10 July, 11:30am - 1:30pm

Soup Night

We will also have a soup night after the Vigil Mass on the third Saturday, starting on 18 July. Food will be provided!

Prayer Intentions

SPECIAL INTENTIONS & THE SICK
Phillip W, Sean Logan, Joan Samuel, Maria Noida Carmona, Helen Barnes, Ronald Elliott, Jack Wheeler, Roslin, Gina Marie Bellon, John Moore, David Jones, Nathan Taylor, Cathy Hurst, John Wagner, Alan Johnson, Allan Marquinez, Carmela Labrador, Karen Milenkovic,Josefino Pangilinan.

RECENTLY DECEASED
Vernis Palana Zabala Snr, Benita Rivera Cervantes, Shane Boyd, Dennis Noble, Raymond Halls.

ANNIVERSARIES & THANKSGIVING
Ryan Connor McCarthy, Noel D'Cruze, Aggie D'Sa, Michael Lucilo, Philip Collings, Keith Percival, Samuel McCullins, Leonila Macadang Dang, Judith Jones, Joe Dawson, Mauro Sr, Purificacion.

Upcoming Events

Anointing Mass
10am Sat 4 July in the Parish Hall
10am Sat 12 September ***(new date)***
Prayer Ministry
11:30am Sunday 12 July & 9 August

Ignite Conference Sydney 2026

Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong is gathering a group of youth and young adults to attend Ignite Conference Sydney, Australia's largest and most dynamic annual Catholic conferences. Join over a thousand young people, families, clergy, religious, teachers, and ministry leaders from across the country for four days of inspiring speakers, powerful worship, practical faith formation, and vibrant community.
9–12 July, Light of Christ Centre, Waitara
Cost: $240 subsidised conference ticket (includes meals) + $270 accommodation.
For high school students and young adults (18–35). Limited places remain.
Registrations close 22 June.
For details and registration, visit **igniteconference.com.au** and enter the coupon code CYMWHigh or CYMWAdult to reveal the Wollongong group ticket.

Catholic Business Connections

Join us for the next CBC event which will feature Stan Grant as the Guest Speaker
Topic: Privacy of faith and the public nature of its expression. Fri 26 June
City Beach Function Centre, Wollongong
cbc.dow.org.au

Fear and Trust

A little boy was frightened by a thunderstorm during the night. He called out, "Mum, can you come and sleep with me?"
His mother replied, "No, son. You have to sleep by yourself. God is with you."
There was a long silence,
and then the boy said,
"Okay, then, can you send God in there and you sleep with me?"

Who is the Man Behind of the Shroud?

5:30pm–8:30pm Saturday, 27 June 2026
Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong
Come join us for this inspiring evening with renowned Catholic speaker **Francine Pirola** as we explore the mystery of the Shroud of Turin and what it reveals about the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Enjoy a wine and cheese reception, view a rare life-size replica of the Shroud, connect with others, and conclude the evening with Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral. *This is a free event, but registration is essential.*
Register: **dow.sh/summitshroud**

Caritas Australia End of Financial Year Appeal

As we approach the end of the financial year, Caritas Australia invites you to help families facing conflict, hunger and displacement. Your support is needed to get critical aid into countries like Sudan, which is facing the largest humanitarian crisis in the world today. Over 30 million people are in urgent need of assistance, the healthcare system has collapsed, and families are facing chronic food insecurity. Your tax-deductible gift this End of Financial Year can provide lifesaving essentials such as nutritious food, clean water and vital medicines to families in need. Make a donation today at **caritas.org.au/make-hunger-history**

Join Our Mission – Diocesan Director Opportunity

Caritas Australia is still seeking a successful candidate to fulfill the Diocesan Director for Diocese of Wollongong. This paid casual position averages 3.75 hours per week across the year, with extra hours during our Project Compassion appeal (February–May). We are seeking someone who: • has a strong commitment to the mission of Caritas Australia, the ethos of the Catholic Church and Catholic Social Teaching • has a desire to represent Caritas Australia in the Diocese with flexible work hours depending on the project • has a preparedness to work collaboratively with Diocesan authorities and other agencies, parishes, schools and the wider community • has experience presenting to various age groups, including children.
If you're committed to social and ecological justice, we'd love to hear from you!
caritasau.bamboohr.com/careers/178

News from the Diocese

A vocation view

God calls us not to fear but to trust in his loving care. Listen for his voice and courageously follow where he leads. (Matthew 10:26–33)
If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact Fr Duane Fernandez, the diocesan vocations director, **vocations@dow.org.au**

Ageing with Confidence

What's age got to do with it?
Wed 22 July Campbelltown Catholic Club
Join CatholicCare for a free community event with Dr Emily Steel from the Australian Human Rights Commission, sharing practical approaches to ageing well. Doors open at 9am to chat with community partners, and the presentation will commence at 10am. Morning tea included.
Register via the QR code, call 1800 967 894 or **catholiccare.dow.org.au**
Enquiries to Jane Hollier 0417 018 152 or **janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au**

A priest told his parish, "Don't be afraid!"
After Mass, someone asked,
"Father, are you ever afraid?"
He replied,
"Only when I look at my to-do list—and realise God has more faith in me than I do!"

Please donate to support our parish

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