

11th Sunday Ordinary Time
13 - 14 June 2015

**Our Parish
Mission**

The parish of St John XXIII is a faith community with the Eucharist as its heart. Inspired by John XXIII's prophetic opening of the windows of the Church, we welcome the fresh air of the Holy Spirit, inviting every person to share in the responsibility of enriching the life and faith of our community by sharing their gifts and talents."



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Mass Times

Monday to Friday 9:00am

Also Wednesday 9:00am Holy Cross

Primary during school term

Saturday 9:00am, 6:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

6:00pm (Youth)

Baptism 12:00pm Sunday by appointment

Reconciliation (First Rite)

Saturday 5:00 - 5:45pm

And after any weekday masses

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 8.30 - 4.00pm

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Devotions & Prayers

Novena Masses

Tuesday 7:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

First Friday 7:30pm

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30pm

First Friday 6:30pm followed by

7:15pm Benediction

Saturday 8:00 - 9:00am (*Vocations*)

Sacrament of the Sick

First Saturday 9:00am Mass or upon request

Divine Office

Friday 12:00pm with Adoration

Sunday 8:15am

Praise & Worship

3rd Saturday 7:30pm

led by SJ23rd Prayer Group

2nd & 4th Saturday 7:30pm

led by CRL (*Community of the Risen Lord*)

Prayer Group

Friday 7:00pm at the Church kitchen

led by Pauline Camilleri 📞 0407 417039

Sunday after 7:30am mass

From the Pastor's desk

We return to Ordinary Time this weekend.

Ordinary Time is anything but 'ordinary'. It refers to our celebration of the Lord's Public Ministry – and we listen to all that Jesus said and did in Galilee and Judea leading up to Jerusalem.

This week we are challenged to place God in the centre of our lives, rather than the all-too-human tendency to put ourselves in the middle of everything and everyone.

Let's try to do whatever we can in the coming week to listen to the Lord in our times of prayer, so that we will do what God wants of us in all things.

- This Sunday (14th June) it is one year since the unforeseen and unfortunate sudden death of Fr. Dave Hume. Many were very upset on this day one year ago; and many still mourn the man who loved this parish community so much. Let us continue to keep Fr. Dave in our prayers as we remember his care and concern for all in St. John XXIII Parish community.
- Wednesday mass time for this week only (17th June) will be 9am in the Church and 10am at Holy Cross School.
- Next weekend we will be having the first Parish Census in some time. This is a very important occasion as we strive to update our records and get more information that will help us be of service one to the other. Please come prepared to spend a little bit of time filling in the details of the census forms.
- On Wed 24th June in St. Patrick's Cathedral two young men (Pio and Thomas) will be ordained priest to serve the Diocese of Parramatta. Let us keep these men in our thoughts and prayers over this time; and pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send more labourers to His Harvest!

Let us continue to pray and support one another in our joint mission of evangelisation to this world of ours. May God bless you all in your endeavours

Fr. John



(More on the Pope's announcement of the Year of Mercy, and his reflection on the concept of Mercy)

This is the opportune moment to change our lives! This is the time to allow our hearts to be touched! When faced with evil deeds, even in the face of serious crimes, it is the time to listen to the cry of innocent people who are deprived of their property, their dignity, their feelings, and even their very lives. To stick to the way of evil will only leave one deluded and sad. True life is something entirely different. God never tires of reaching out to us. He is always ready to listen, as I am too, along with my brother bishops and priests. All one needs to do is to accept the invitation to conversion and submit oneself to justice during this special time of mercy offered by the Church.

It would not be out of place at this point to recall the relationship between justice and mercy. These are not two contradictory realities, but two dimensions of a single reality that unfolds progressively until it culminates in the fullness of love. Justice is a fundamental concept for civil society, which is meant to be governed by the rule of law. Justice is also understood as that which is rightly due to each individual. In the Bible, there are many references to divine justice and to God as “judge”. In these passages, justice is understood as the full observance of the Law and the behaviour of every good Israelite in conformity with God’s commandments. Such a vision, however, has not infrequently led to legalism by distorting the original meaning of justice and obscuring its profound value. To overcome this legalistic perspective, we need to recall that in Sacred Scripture, justice is conceived essentially as the faithful abandonment of oneself to God’s will.

For his part, Jesus speaks several times of the importance of faith over and above the observance of the law. It is in this sense that we must understand his words when, reclining at table with Matthew and other tax collectors and sinners, he says to the Pharisees raising objections to him, “Go and learn the meaning of ‘I desire mercy not sacrifice’. I have come not to call the righteous, but sinners” (*Mt 9:13*). Faced with a vision of justice as the mere observance of the law that judges people simply by dividing them into two groups – the just and sinners – Jesus is bent on revealing the great gift of mercy that searches out sinners and offers them pardon and salvation. One can see why, on the basis of such a liberating vision of mercy as a source of new life, Jesus was rejected by the Pharisees and the other teachers of the law. In an attempt to remain faithful to the law, they merely placed burdens on the shoulders of others and undermined the Father’s mercy. The appeal to a faithful observance of the law must not prevent attention from being given to matters that touch upon the dignity of the person.

The appeal Jesus makes to the text from the book of the prophet Hosea – “I desire love and not sacrifice” – is important in this regard. Jesus affirms that, from that time onward, the rule of life for his disciples must place mercy at the

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centre, as Jesus himself demonstrated by sharing meals with sinners. Mercy, once again, is revealed as a fundamental aspect of Jesus' mission. This is truly challenging to his hearers, who would draw the line at a formal respect for the law. Jesus, on the other hand, goes beyond the law; the company he keeps with those the law considers sinners makes us realize the depth of his mercy.

The Apostle Paul makes a similar journey. Prior to meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus, he dedicated his life to pursuing the justice of the law with zeal (*cf. Phil3:6*). His conversion to Christ led him to turn that vision upside down, to the point that he would write to the Galatians: "We have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified".

Paul's understanding of justice changes radically. He now places faith first, not justice. Salvation comes not through the observance of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, who in his death and resurrection brings salvation together with a mercy that justifies. God's justice now becomes the liberating force for those oppressed by slavery to sin and its consequences. God's justice is his mercy (*cf. Ps51:11-16*).

Mercy is not opposed to justice but rather expresses God's way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe. The experience of the prophet Hosea can help us see the way in which mercy surpasses justice. The era in which the prophet lived was one of the most dramatic in the history of the Jewish people. The kingdom was tottering on the edge of destruction; the people had not remained faithful to the covenant; they had wandered from God and lost the faith of their forefathers. According to human logic, it seems reasonable for God to think of rejecting an unfaithful people; they had not observed their pact with God and therefore deserved just punishment: in other words, exile. The prophet's words attest to this: "They shall not return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me" (*Hos11:5*). And yet, after this invocation of justice, the prophet radically changes his speech and reveals the true face of God: "How can I give you up, O Ephraim! How can I hand you over, O Israel! How can I make you like Admah! How can I treat you like Zeboiim! My heart recoils within me, my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger, I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come to destroy" (*11:8-9*). Saint Augustine, almost as if he were commenting on these words of the prophet, says: "It is easier for God to hold back anger than mercy". And so it is. God's anger lasts but a moment, his mercy forever.

(more next week)

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!



Gospel
Mark 4:26-34

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowd, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come."

He also said, "What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade."

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Special intentions

Born to eternal life:

Lily Fernandes.

Anniversary:

Paul Vella, Joseph Vella,
Mr Edward & Mrs Judith Saldanha.

For the sick:

Mark De Jesus, Maurice De Niese,
Helen Hill, Jun Botongbacal,
Melchor Batongbacal Jr.

Weekday Mass intentions - June

Mon Marius Rushnal,
Roshnal Perera (*Rec Dec*)

Tues Mr Edward Mrs Judith
Saldanha (*Anniv*)
Anotonia Parungao (*Anniv*)

Wed Aurelio Gopez Jr (*Anniv*)

Thur Joseph Vella (*Anniv*)

Fri Paul Vella (*Anniv*)

Paying our debt together

Weekly collections

1st Collection: \$ 2,188.05

Funds go to Priest Remuneration Fund, to support the priests of our Diocese.

2nd Collection: \$ 5837.65

Loose \$ 1640.00

PG Envelopes \$ 2156.65

PG by EFT \$ 2041.00

Pays parish debt and on going running costs, including wages of staff.

Please contribute more on the Second Collection as this helps the parish community

If you would like to be a part of the church's plan giving program, an **SJ23rd form** (white) is available at the church foyer or contact the parish office.



All three readings for this Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) encourage us to 'let go and let God'; that is, to surrender our all-too-human tendency to be in the centre of everything and thus place *God* in the position of importance, trusting that God will look after us no matter what!

Ezekiel reminds the People of Israel that God is the one who chose them, planting the shoot that became Israel herself. The Lord is faithful to what he promises: "I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it". That is, God will take care of the special people that He has chosen.

Paul encourages the Christians of Corinth to imitate him, and not be overly concerned about death ('exile from the body'); rather, the Corinthians (and, by extension, we today) are called to be 'full of confidence', for whatever happens, God will not desert those He has chosen.

And Jesus uses the two parables of the Seed Growing without Human Effort and the Smallest Seed become the Greatest Shrub to remind his hearers that it is not all up to us; God plays a necessarily important part in the unfolding of life – a life that is all part of God's plan for his chosen ones.

Naturally, the human condition leads us to be full of anxieties about life: what shall we eat, what shall we drink, what shall we wear, what shall we do?! Yet the Scriptures, and especially the Gospel of Jesus Christ, challenge us to always place things in perspective. That is, we should strive to see that all experiences are under the control of our loving God who will always bring good out of every situation, and who will take care of those God has chosen!



I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not
made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he
came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'and became man', all bow.*

**and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and
became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and
was buried, and rose again on the third
day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead and his
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from
the Father and the Son, who with the

Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the
prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead and the
life of the world to come.

Amen.

15 Mon 11th ordinary time

1st Reading 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Psalm Ps 97:1-4

Gospel Matthew 5:38-42

16 Tues 11th ordinary time

1st Reading 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Psalm Ps 145:2, 5-9

Gospel Matthew 5:43-48

17 Wed 11th ordinary time

1st Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Psalm Ps 111:1-4, 9

Gospel Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

18 Thurs 11th ordinary time

1st Reading 2 Corinthian 11:1-11

Psalm Ps 110:1-4, 7-8

Gospel Matthew 6:7-15

19 Fri 11th ordinary time

1st Reading 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30

Psalm Ps 33:2-7

Gospel Matthew 6:7-15

13 Sat 11th ordinary time

1st Reading 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Psalm Ps 33:8-13

Gospel Matthew 6:24-34

If you or a family member is
homebound and would want to
receive communion in your home
please contact the parish office.

The world has need of goodness. The Lord came on the earth to teach it to us. Goodness is sacrifice, obedience, patience and discipline of the spirit. – St. John XXIII, 25 Sept 1952

We remember a good man that was sent to be our pastor and shepherd, the late Fr. Dave Hume on the first anniversary of his passing as well as what would have been his tenth anniversary of ordination. We remember his goodness, his friendship and the caring he showered upon us during his stay with us, so we invite you to lay a rose underneath his plaque on the Wall of Remembrance and say a prayer for his eternal repose.

Next weekend, the 20th & 21st of June, we will be conducting a parish census. It has been awhile since we conducted one, and with the rapid growth of our suburbs, we need to update our parish records so we can address the needs of our parish accordingly. We will be calling on the assistance of Acolytes, Servers, EMCs and other lay volunteers in distributing and collecting census cards to and from parishioners during the weekend Masses. We ask for everyone's support in ensuring that this census is a successful and

meaningful one.

We welcome with anticipation, the completion of the Alpha Leaders Training Program by Nanette Gamboa and May Dalusag. We look forward to their launching this program for our parish community in the second half of this year.

We wish to remind those parishioners aged 16-35 who expressed their interest to join WYD 2016 that the last two Pilgrim information evenings will be held on Monday, 15 June at St. Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta and on Tuesday, 16 June at Our Lady of the Angels Parish at Rouse Hill, both from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. It is important that you attend these evenings so you are fully aware of the timeline and requirements of the event. There has been a terrific response from young parishioners and it looks like our parish may be fielding a substantial contingent next year.

Thanks to those who responded to our call for hosting of the Rosary Statue this month. We still need host families for June 30 and July.

Have a blessed week! Bart

Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Tuesday nights beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6.30pm, Evening Prayer of the Church at 7.00pm, Rosary at 7.15pm, sung Benediction Mass 7.30pm and Novena prayers at 7:40pm.

If you want the opportunity of having the statue visit you in your home contact Bart Sarlabus. Pick up the statue during the novena and return before the novena.

Rosary Statue Family Roster

16 June Reddy Family	23 June Musca Family	30 June <i>still open</i>
7 July <i>still open</i>	14 July <i>still open</i>	21 July Sebastian Family

By Dr Taylor Marshall, Phd

Why do Catholics have devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus? I call this “cordial devotion” (from the Latin *cor*, *cordis* meaning “heart”). English words such as “cordially” mean “heartfelt,” and our word “core” meaning “center” also comes from this Latin word.

What Did the Heart Signify to the Jews?

The human heart is considered to be the symbolic center of the person and as such signifies the will. When we are excited or scared our heartbeat rises. In times of stress or sorrow, we can feel a pain in our chest.

In the Old Testament and in Hebrew idiom, the “heart” (*Hebrew: leb*) is often used as a synonym for the “soul.” For example: *“My heart is troubled, my strength hath left me, and the light of my eyes itself is not with me.” (Psalm 37:11, D-R)*

In fact, most languages parallel this usage. Now don’t think that ancient people were entirely ignorant of human anatomy. They knew full well that the heart was a vital organ responsible for human animation. For example: *“But early in the morning, when Nabal had digested his wine, his wife told him these words, and his heart died within him, and he became as a stone.” (1 Samuel 25:37, D-R)*

In Hebrew, the heart also signifies the human conscience. For example, the heart “smites” David (*2Sam24:5*). Likewise in the New Testament, as in 1 Jn 3:20, where the Apostle speaks about “whenever our hearts condemn us.” Thus, the heart functions as the seat of the moral life. This is why the Bible is so fond of the phrase “pure of

heart” (*Hebrew: bar lebab*). Moreover, the natural law is “written on our hearts” (*Rom 2:15*).

Is the Sacred Heart Devotion Biblical?

No doubt, Protestants sometimes take objection to “heart devotion” saying that it is odd to have devotion for a “body part” of Christ our Lord, How do we respond?

The Heart of God in the Old and New Testaments

The theme of “God’s heart” emerges in First Temple Judaism, particularly with the advent of King David – the royal type of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Although the Jews did not believe that God had a human body, the Scriptures speak as if God had a heart. For example, God seeks holy ones who “seek after his own heart” (*1Sam13:14*). Likewise, God wants priests who seek the heart of God:

“I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my mind” (*1Sam2:35*). Sin wounds the heart of God (*Lam.3:33*). God’s heart is also depicted in Hosea 11:8 “my heart recoils within me.”

H.W. Wolff explains, “God’s heart, his free resolve of love, turns against his decision of anger. So Hosea promised that decision in the heart of God which has been sealed for all nations in Jesus Christ.”{1}

The fact that God was made man in our Lord Jesus Christ fulfills the Old Testament expectation for that tender heart of God toward mankind. No longer is the “heart of God” an

anthropomorphic analogy. In Christ, the heart of God lovingly beats for us. Thus, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is truly devotion to the Divine Mercy of God. This is why images of the Divine Mercy reveal blood and water flowing from His Sacred Heart. Likewise, devotion to the Immaculate Heart reveals how Mary the Mother of God is also the Mother of Mercy and that her heart is perfectly united to the merciful mission of her Divine Son. As the New Adam and New Eve, the hearts of Jesus and Mary reveal the redemptive love of God for each of us. This is why God is intent in inspire devotion to the Holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary. This is why the message of the Immaculate Heart stands at the center of the messages of Our Lady of Fatima.

When Christ was crucified and the spear pierced his Sacred Heart on the cross, so also a sword pierced Mary's Immaculate Heart. This twin piercing is the hope of all Christians in the last ages. My guess is that this is why there is an increase in devotion and awareness toward the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary. The greatest devotion in this regard is First Friday Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart and First Saturday Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy us. *PS: Canterbury Tales blog is solemnly consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary* {1} H. W. Wolff, Anthropology of the OT (Engtr 1974), p. 58.

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Our St Mark's Senior Students of embrace our Inaugural Winter Sleepout to support the St Vincent De Paul Society Winter Appeal.

When: Friday, 19th June 2015

Where: At the College

Who: Our Year 11 and Year 12 students, supported by over 30 of our College staff.

Target: \$2000

We would appreciate your assistance in achieving this goal.

Parish Notices

Social Justice Corner

1. We will be part of organising Migrant Sunday this year! We are looking for parishioners willing to share their refugee story for Migrant Sunday. If you have feedback or any comments about past Migrant Sunday's let us know.
2. Interested in being part of the team? We meet every 3rd Thursday of the month. Join us!
3. We are bringing to light the hidden issue of Domestic Violence in our community this month. Parent Line is open to anyone wanting information about parenting with counsellors available at the end of the phone from 9am until 9pm on weekdays and 4pm and 9pm at weekends. For more information on how Parent Line assists parents and in particular those who are experiencing family violence call 1300 1300 52 during these hours or visit www.parentline.org.au.

Looking forward to hearing from you.
Email us at sj.john23rd@gmail.com

BE PART OF THE TEAM!

Are you interested in learning about Catholic social teaching and taking action on justice issues? Get involved with the Social Justice Committee! Email sj.john23rd@gmail.com and provide your name and phone number. We meet every 3rd Thursday of the Month from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Kitchen.



Gardeners Needed

Thank you to the people that take care of the Church gardens, we need more volunteers to help if interested please call Parish Office on 9852 0580.

FREE morning tea

Every 4th Sunday during the 9:00am mass. Hosted by SJ23rd Prayer Group

SJ23rd Prayer Group Praise & Worship

We are the Easter People, and HALLELUJAH is our song! We continue to be people who praise GOD in every circumstance, wherever we are.

Come and join us as we **CELEBRATE a NIGHT OF PRAISE & WORSHIP**

Our Theme: "Do You Want To Be Well?"

When: SATURDAY, 20 JUNE 2015,

Time: 7:30pm

Where: St. John 23rd Parish, Stanhope Gardens

Growing in our Faith Series with HEALING SERVICE

Our Guest: Fr. Meng Barawid



Catholic Pastoral Care

Did you know that the Diocese of Parramatta provides the ministry of a Catholic Chaplain as well as Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist to all major hospitals?

Teams of Catholic Pastoral Carers are professionally trained, provided especially for you by the Diocese of Parramatta, so as to support you in times of trauma, illness and uncertainty in a hospital setting. Care is given pastorally, emotionally, sacramentally and spiritually following your needs and wishes. If you discern that you might be able to assist in the delivery of these pastoral services please ring for more information 0448 822625.

Monsignor John Boyle (02)9634 2622

Position Vacant

Communications Officer

The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta is inviting applications for a full-time Communications Officer. Ideally the person will have experience in media, communications, public relations or journalism; relevant work experience in a similar role covering traditional and social media; sound experience and skills with online and digital media; video, radio, photography and multimedia production skills are highly desirable.

Applications closes on Monday 15 June.

For further information about this and other positions in the Diocese visit the **Employment** section at: www.parra.catholic.org.au

2015 Parish Council Meeting Schedule

Executive (*Council leaders*)

22 Jul 18 Nov 16 Sep

General (*all Parish Council members*)

18 Aug 7:30pm - 9:00pm

St Marks College Staff room

During the General Meeting, our School Executives and Finance committee are invited to provide updates. **Parishioners are all invited** to come and be part of this meeting.



President Bart Sarlabus

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Council Team Leaders

Community Bldg Techie Sarlabus

Comms & Media John McCartney

Evangelicum tba

Faith Formation Rose Franco

Fundraising Rodi Orantia

Liturgy Ray Samonte

Pastoral Care tba

Social Justice Qwayne Guevarra

Youth Corner

GTK Youth Group

GTK is the youth group of St John XXIII Parish. It is where the young people of our parish get to know God, the Catholic faith and each other.

A typical session includes: Gospel reflection, music, Mass, games and food!

So, if you are in years 4 - 9, come along to one of our sessions and see what it's all about.

When: 2nd (choir) and 4th Sunday

Where: St Mark's Staff Room

Time: 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Contact: gtk youth@gmail.com

Info: <http://www.gtk youth.com/>

CRL

(Community of the Risen Lord)

Praise & worship

When: 2nd & 4th Saturdays

Where: Church

Time: after 6:00pm vigil mass

YFC

(Youth for Christ)

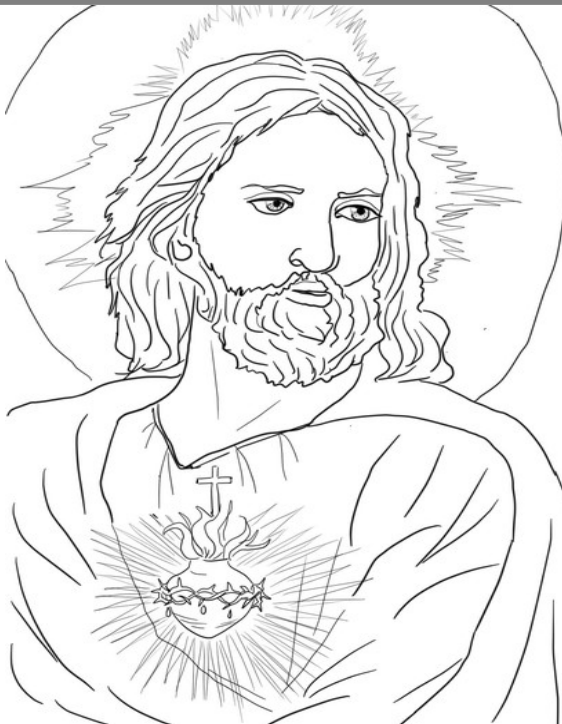
When: Meets every 3rd Sunday

Where: St Mark's Staff Room

Time: 1:00pm for Break open the word

6.00pm Youth Mass

Colour this in



God sows the seeds of our faith

A Q E F O S T O R I E S M A C G E
 D I B G L T B J U G Y H I R O F N
 M U S T A R D E A N R U S E L A U
 E J M O R R L I Q D G O C B D S B
 P F A K G E D T N E J K U V T M I
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