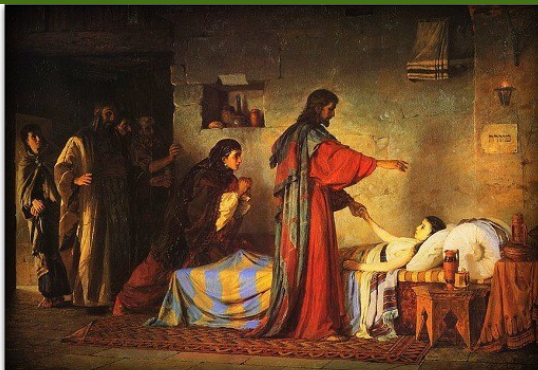


The Catholic Parish of **St John** XXIII
Perfection Ave cor Bentwood Tce, Stanhope Gardens

13th Sunday Ordinary Time
27 - 28 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

Dear Sister and Brothers in Christ

As we continue Ordinary Time, we hear of another episode in the Public Ministry of Jesus: the Raising of the daughter of Jairus. Together with other moments when Jesus raised the dead, this story encourages each of us never to lose faith in the love of God who will raise us up to New Life in Christ when our time comes.

- A big thank you to all those who filled in the Parish Census cards last weekend. There is another opportunity to fill in the census cards for those who, for whatever reason, were absent from St. John XXIII last weekend. PLEASE take the time to fill in the card after mass and place it in the box marked "Census Cards". Alternatively, if you do need to go straight after Mass, please bring a filled-in card back with you at Mass next weekend. Letters and forms have been distributed to all families via the Schools in the Parish as well. All this information will be kept strictly for Parish use, and we will be faithful to the Privacy Act's rules on any information we receive. Again, thanks for your participation in this important exercise.
- Building works on the roof of the church commence on Monday, and will take approximately three weeks to complete. As a result there will be some inconvenience in entering through the front door. Let's be patient as we await a favourable outcome: no more leaks!
- First Friday this week, so Novena Mass of the Sacred Heart on Friday evening at 7:30pm.
- First Saturday this week, so the Anointing of the Sick during the 9am mass, with Adoration and Benediction to follow.
- A reminder to the Pastoral Care Team that we are meeting again on Saturday afternoon at 4pm.



Let's continue to pray for one another. Have a great week, everyone!

Fr. John

LAUDATO SI'

A Summary from the Australian Catholic Bishops' Website.

(There is the possibility of downloading the whole Encyclical from the ACBA Website for those interested)

Pope Francis' recent Encyclical takes its name from the invocation of Saint Francis of Assisi, "Praise be to you, my Lord" which in the *Canticle of the Creatures* reminds us that the earth, our common home "is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us" (1).

We ourselves "are dust of the earth (cf. *Gen 2:7*); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters" (2).

"This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her" (2). Her cry, united with that of the poor, stirs our conscience to "acknowledge our sins against creation" (8). Taking the words of the "beloved" Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the Pope reminds us: "For human beings... to destroy the biological diversity ... by causing changes in its climate ...; to contaminate the earth's waters, its land, its air, and its life – these are sins"(8).

The appropriate response to such penitence is what St John Paul II already called a "global ecological conversion" (5). In this, St Francis of Assisi is "the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically. [...] He shows us just how inseparable is the bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace" (10).

The Encyclical *Laudato si'* (*Praise be to you*) is developed around the concept of integral ecology, as a paradigm able to articulate the fundamental relationships of the person: with God, with one's self, with other human beings, with creation.

As the Pope himself explains in n. 15, this movement starts (ch. I) by listening spiritually to the results of the best scientific research on environmental matters available today, "letting them touch us deeply and provide a concrete foundation for the ethical and spiritual itinerary that follows". Science is the best tool by which we can listen to the cry of the earth.

The next step (ch. II) picks up the wealth of Judeo-Christian tradition, particularly in biblical texts and in theological reflection on them. The analysis is then directed (ch. III) towards "the roots of the present situation, so as to consider not only its symptoms but also its deepest causes". The objective is to develop an integral ecological profile (ch. IV) which, in its various dimensions, includes "our unique place as human beings in this world and our relationship to our surroundings".

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Insisting on transparent and inclusive dialogue, Pope Francis proposes (ch. V) a series of guidelines for the renewal of international, national and local policies, for decision-making processes in the public and business sector, for the relationship between politics and economy and that between religion and science.

Finally, based on the conviction that “change is impossible without motivation and a process of education”, chapter VI proposes “some inspired guidelines for human development to be found in the treasure of Christian spiritual experience”. Along this line, the Encyclical offers two prayers, the first to be shared with believers of other religions and the second among Christians. The Encyclical concludes, as it opened, in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

Each chapter addresses a particular topic using a specific method, but throughout the entire Encyclical, some principal concepts are continually taken up and enriched:

- the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet,
- the conviction that everything in the world is connected,
- the critique of new paradigms and forms of power derived from technology,
- the call to seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress,
- the value proper to each creature,
- the human meaning of ecology,
- the need for forthright and honest debate,
- the serious responsibility of international and local policy,
- the throwaway culture and the proposal of a new lifestyle (16).

(This summary will continue next week!)

First Reading

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.

To be - for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying.

Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R.**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R.**

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything - of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection - so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!



Gospel

Mark 5:21-43

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.



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Pastoral Care

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Social Justice

Qwayne Guevarra

Gospel Reflection

Both the First Reading from the Book of Wisdom and the Gospel from Mark speak to us this weekend of the mystery of death.

The Book of Wisdom is not part of the Jewish Bible, and neither is it part of the Protestant Old Testament. But both Catholic and Orthodox Churches have consistently regarded this piece of Wisdom Literature as inspired by God and worthy to be listed as a Canonical Text – that, Scripture, the Word of God.

The Book of Wisdom expresses the belief that this life is not the end. Indeed, as it says, “God did make man (= humankind) imperishable”. God made us in the image of God’s own nature.

Time to time, as we contemplate the reality of death, such words and concepts about the imperishability of human beings help us transcend finite existence and see the ‘big picture’: that this life is not all there is; there is still something ahead of us when this life is over.

And the Gospel of Mark tells of that episode when the daughter of Jairus is brought back to life through the ministry of Jesus. This is not an isolated episode in the ministry of Jesus for Jesus raised the son of the widow of Nain, the Centurion’s daughter, and Lazarus his friend. And especially through his own death and resurrection, Jesus Christ reveals the full Truth about Eternal Life: Death is not the end, but a beginning; we move from this plane of existence to another eternal one.

Jesus raised the daughter of Jairus

God raised Jesus

God will raise each one of us to New and Eternal Life.

As we go about our daily tasks in the week ahead, let’s remember that each day is a gift. Let’s give thanks for the gift of life, and let’s celebrate being alive. And let’s give thanks to God for the revelation of Jesus Christ that death is not the end, but the beginning of new and eternal life. So, let’s live life fully, enjoying each and every moment, knowing in our hearts that the love of God will support us in all things to come, including death.

Nicene Creed

Readings for next Week

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.

29 Mon 13th ordinary time

1st Reading Acts 3:1-10

Psalm Ps 18:2-5

2nd Reading Galatians 1:11-20

Gospel John 21:15-19

30 Tues 13th ordinary time

1st Reading Genesis 19:15-29

Psalm Ps 25:2-3. 9-12

Gospel Matthew 8:23-27

01 Wed 13th ordinary time

1st Reading Genesis 21:5. 8-20

Psalm Ps 33:7-8. 10-13

Gospel Matthew 8:28-34

02 Thurs 13th ordinary time

1st Reading Genesis 22:1-19

Psalm Ps 114:1-6. 8-9

Gospel Matthew 9:1-8

03 Fri Saint Thomas, Apostle

1st Reading Ephesians 2:19-22

Psalm Ps 116

Gospel John 20:24-29

04 Sat 13th ordinary time

1st Reading Genesis 27:1-5. 15-29

Psalm Ps 134:1-6

Gospel Matthew 9:14-17



Special intentions

Born to eternal life:

David Buttiegieg, Jerry Camilleri,
Baltazar Perillo, Sammy Formosa

Anniversary:

Domenico Surdich & Maria Zec,
Ruben Arevalo, Egbert Crasto,
Cererino Josol, John Camilleri,
Joaljun Macoy, Julian Torning,
Trevor Cherry, Joy Torgos,
Ondoy Sambos, Ada Mansing,
Precy Pantin

For the sick:

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

Thanksgiving:

Ronaldo & Kristine Zamora &
Family, R & JSantos & Family,
Mr & Mrs Conrad Fontanilla



Weekday Mass intentions -

JUNE / JULY

Mon Maurice De Niese (*Sick*)
Tues Jun Botongbackal (*Sick*)
Melchor Batongbacal (*Sick*)
Wed Trevor Cherry (*Anniv*)
Thur David Buttiegieg (*R/Dec*)
Fri Jerry Camilleri (*Dec*)
Sat Ada Mansing (*Aniv*)

Paying our debt together

Weekly collections

1st Collection: \$ 1,588.10

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

2nd Collection: \$ 5,252.65

Loose \$ 2,122.20

PG Envelopes \$ 1,588.10

PG by EFT \$ 1,542.35

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.



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

Parish Pastoral Council Corner

Nourish your faith, my dear children: faith in God, just and merciful, without whom our lives would be like a sunless day, like a universe plunged into darkness; faith in the Church which, through God's willing it, guides all people to heaven, with goodness and surety. – St. John XXIII, 4 April 1959

Thanks to everyone who participated in last weekend's **parish census**. We will continue to distribute and collect census cards these next few weekend masses to those parishioners who were unable to complete one so that we can ensure the success and comprehensiveness of this census.

The IFM Office For Worship is running the Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses again for this year starting from 10 August. Interested parishioners may download the registration form from the IFM website or inquire via email at ofw@ifm.org.au.

We are also in discussion with the **IFM for a 3-session series** on spirituality and formation commencing in August. More details to come.

We are planning to conduct the **annual in-house training program** for junior and senior servers on the weekends of 25 July and 1 August. Please email me for expressions of interest for this course.

From the Diocese:

Sunday, 5 July, is **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday** with the theme, "We All Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate". This is a day when Catholics from all over Australia join together to celebrate and acknowledge the gifts that Indigenous people bring to the Catholic Church. It is also a time to reflect on our own relationships with Australia's first people.

Thanks to those who responded to our call for hosting of the **Rosary Statue** this month. We still need host families for 28 July and the month of August.

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

30 June Paguinto Family **7 July** Houghton Family **14 July** Ramiscal Family
21 July Sebastian Family

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.

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Volunteers needed for Vinnies Winter Doorknock Appeal

Can you spare a few hours of your time to be a volunteer collector for the Vinnies Winter Doorknock Appeal in the Diocese of Parramatta? The appeal will be held on two weekends: 22-23 and 29-30 August. Funds raised will support much-needed services including the Vinnies Van and outreach to young people. To find out more please contact Alison Bryett, Doorknock Coordinator, tel (02) 8861 9700, alison.bryett@vinnies.org.au

Vocation Discernment Afternoon: 26 July

All young men who feel God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's Vocation Discernment Afternoon. The afternoon starts at 2pm and concludes with a shared meal at 6pm. Holy Spirit Seminary is at 31-33 Allen Street, Harris Park.

To find out more about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta contact the Director of Priestly Vocations, Fr Warren Edwards, tel 0409 172 700 or send an email to: vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

For further information visit:

www.parra.catholic.org.au/vocations

www.parra.catholic.org.au/holyspiritseminary

What we do why we do.....

ROME, (*Zenit.org*).- Answered by Father Edward McNamara, professor of liturgy at the Regina Apostolorum Pontifical Athenaeum.

Q: At what point in time during Mass it is considered too late for anyone coming into the Mass to receive Communion?

A: Like most priests, I am loath to give a straight answer to this question because, in a way, it is a catch-22 question for which there is no right answer.

It is true that before the Second Vatican Council some moral theology manuals placed arrival before the offertory as the dividing line in deciding whether one fulfilled the Sunday obligation of assistance at Mass. But after the liturgical reform, with its emphasis on the overall unity of the Mass, modern theologians shy away from such exactitude.

Mass begins with the entrance procession and ends after the final dismissal and we should be there from beginning to end. Each part of the Mass relates and complements the others in a single act of worship even though some parts, such as the consecration, are essential while others are merely important.

To say that there is a particular moment before or after which we are either "out" or "safe," so to speak, is to give the wrong message and hint that, in the long run, some parts of the Mass are really not all that important. It may also give some less fervent souls a yardstick for arriving in a tardy manner. Although I prefer not to hazard giving a precise cut-off moment, certainly someone who arrives after the consecration has not attended Mass, should not receive Communion, and if it is a Sunday, go to another Mass.

Arriving on time is not just a question of obligation but of love and respect for Our Lord who has gathered us together to share his gifts, and who has some grace to communicate to us in each part of the Mass. It is also a sign of respect for the community with whom we worship and who deserves our presence and the contribution of our prayers in each moment. The liturgy is essentially the worship of Christ's body, the Church. Each assembly is called upon to represent and manifest the whole body but this can hardly happen if it forms itself in drips and drabs after the celebration has begun.

Thus people who arrive late to Mass have to honestly ask themselves, Why? If they arrive late because of some justified reason or unforeseen event, such as blocked traffic due to an accident, they have acted in good conscience and are not strictly obliged to assist at a later Mass (although they would do well to do so if they arrive very late and it is possible for them). Likewise for many elderly people, even getting to the church is an odyssey, and one must not burden their consciences by counting the minutes. If people arrive late due to culpable negligence, and especially if they do so habitually, then they need to seriously reflect on their attitudes, amend their ways, and if necessary seek the sacrament of reconciliation.

Depending on how late they arrive they should prefer to honor the Lord's day by attending some other Mass, or, if this is not possible, at least remain in the Church after Mass is over and dedicate some time to prayer and reflection on the readings of the day.

Liturgy Brisbane

A source of concern for pastors and parishioners alike are those people who persistently arrive late for Mass or leave before Mass is finished. Some readers may say that we should just be happy that people come at all and not criticise this behaviour, but the practice needs to be challenged because it indicates lack of understanding about who 'does' the liturgy and the significance of the gathering of God's people.

The liturgy documents state quite clearly that it is the people who celebrate liturgy: 'In the liturgy the whole public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and his members'. (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* #7)

Arriving after Mass has begun is not like being late for a concert. Even there, ushers make latecomers wait for a break in the performance before seating them. It is more like one of the musicians wandering in after the rest of the orchestra has started playing or Glenn McGrath turning up to a match only when he was due to bowl. And surely worship is more important than a concert or a cricket match!

The assembly is often distracted and the sacred atmosphere of worship disrupted by late arrivals as they find places and get organised. The documents tell us that Christ is present amongst the people gathered for worship and that, when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people. I cannot help but wonder if people would arrive at around homily time if they were aware that Christ was a fellow worshipper or that God was doing the first reading!

According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the purpose of the Introductory Rites is to gather the people together as a worshipping community and prepare them to listen properly to God's word and celebrate the Eucharist worthily (#46). Joining in the singing of the entrance song is our first act of participation in the Mass proper. By making the sign of the cross after the entrance song, we renew the covenant that began with our baptism and proclaim that we gather for worship as participants, not spectators. So how can we just skip this part of the Mass?

Unfortunately, some people seem to consider the Liturgy of the Word at Mass as akin to the preliminary event before the main game, so it doesn't really matter if you arrive after the start, but the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy says: '*The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are so closely connected with each other that they form but one single act of worship.*' (# 56)

St Paul described Christians as being 'the body of Christ'. We are all members of that body and each of us has his or her own unique part to play in the functioning of the body as Christ in the world. We can only be an effective part of this body if we connect with the rest of the members before and after Mass and at other times of the week.

Most people will have had the experience of a mishap of some sort causing one to arrive late for Mass. That is not what I am referring to. It is to those who do it on a regular basis.

The habit of regularly arriving late for Mass is bad mannered, disrupts the prayer of others and needs to be challenged.

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.

FREE morning tea

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

Confirmation Sacramental Program

For children who have already received First Reconciliation and First Eucharist and are at least 10 years of age or in Year 6.

Enrolment forms will be available at the Parish office from **WED 1 JULY**. The Confirmation calendar is available online and on the Sacramental notice board at the front of the church.

Cake Angels

Thank you to all those who supported our food stall on Sat 13 June. We raised \$400 for the Pastoral Care Fund. Our next stall will be held on **Sunday 6 September. Food/ Cake donations are most welcome.**

All proceeds to go to the Nepal Disaster Appeal via Caritas Australia.

If you'd like to join us, please contact Jill on 0402 172 346 or jill.franco@bigpond.com

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.



GTK Youth Group

(Getting to Know)

GTK is the St John XXIII Parish youth group where our young people get to know God, the Catholic faith and each other through Gospel reflection, music, active participation at mass, games and food! So, if you are in years 4 - 9, come along to one of our sessions and let us grow together in our faith.

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.gtkyouth.com/>

GTK Youth Group will be holding a Soup Kitchen after the Saturday Vigil Mass and the Sunday 6:00pm mass.

Proceeds to go help fund Youth activities at our church community.

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



Unscramble

"My little daughter is dying. Please, come and put your hands on her so that she will be _____ and live."

Mark 5:23 (NIV)



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