

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

14th Sunday Ordinary Time  
04 - 05 July 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."*



**Parish Priest:** Fr John McSweeney



FrJohn@john23rd.org.au

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Robert William



FrRobert@john23rd.org.au

**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

**Parish Office Contacts**

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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

### *Sisters and Brothers*

This weekend we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

Let's acknowledge the Darug People who were the original custodians of the Land on which we meet today.

We pay our respects to elders past and present, and acknowledge the Aboriginal People for their custodianship of this Land.

Let's strive to work together for a united Nation that respects this Land and values the contribution to our community and culture of all people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage.

Some points to highlight in the coming weeks:

- The **building works** on the Roof are coming on. We hope to finish by the end of the week (especially as there is a Wedding on Friday 10th July!).
- This weekend will be another chance for the **Census Cards** to be filled in. If you have not had a chance to do so before now, please fill it in before leaving for Home after Mass.
- Confirmation Enrolments will be received during masses on the weekend of 18th and 19th July. Parents are requested to bring all documentation on the day. Check the website for more details.
- The RCIA will commence with Enquiry Nights in August: Thursday 20th August and Wednesday 26th August. Any Enquirer is invited to attend one of the two evenings, which will commence at 7:30pm in the Parish Kitchen. More details soon. In the meantime, if you know of anyone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic Christian, then invite them to come to one of these evenings.



*(Continuing the summary of the Pope's Encyclical on the Environment from the ACBC website)*

The dialogue that Pope Francis proposes as a method for addressing and resolving the environmental problems is followed throughout the Encyclical. It refers to contributions by philosophers and theologians, not only Catholic but also Orthodox (the already cited Patriarch Bartholomew) and Protestant (the French thinker Paul Ricoeur) as well as the Islamic mystic Ali Al-Khawwas. The same occurs in the key of that collegiality that Pope Francis has proposed to the Church since the beginning of his ministry: alongside the references to the teachings of his predecessors and of other Vatican documents (in particular of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace), there are many taken from numerous Episcopal Conferences from all continents. At the heart of *Laudato si'* we find this question: "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?" (160). Pope Francis continues: "This question does not have to do with the environment alone and in isolation; the issue cannot be approached piecemeal". This leads us to ask ourselves about the meaning of existence and its values at the base of social life: "What is the purpose of our life in this world? Why are we here? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us? " Unless we struggle with these deeper issues – says the Pope – I do not believe that our concern for ecology will produce significant results."

It is clear that, after *Laudato si'*, the examination of conscience, the instrument that the Church has always recommended to orient one's life by reflection on one's lived relationship with the Lord, should include a new dimension. One would regularly review, not only how one has lived in communion with God, with others and with oneself, but also with all creatures and with nature. The attention that the media has given to the Encyclical before its publication has primarily concentrated on aspects tied to the environmental policies currently being discussed on the global agenda. Certainly *Laudato si'* can and must have an impact on important and urgent decisions to be made in this area. However, the magisterial, pastoral and spiritual dimensions of the document must not be put in second place. Its value, breadth and depth cannot be reduced to the mere scope of determining environmental policies.

## First Reading

*Ezekiel 2:2-5*

*The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 122*

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.**

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.

**R.**

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy.

**R.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain.

**R.**

## Second Reading

*Corinthians 12:7-10*

*I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*cf Luke 4:18*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

**Alleluia!**



**Gospel**  
*Mark 6:1-6*

*A prophet is despised only in his own country.*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**Nicene Creed**

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.

## Gospel Reflection

In this Sunday's Second Reading, Paul writes that "When I am weak, then I am strong". Many people are too proud to admit that they are weak, that they may have failed in some way. And so they continue on their merry way, often compounding their failure by refusing to ask for the Lord's help. Such people are described by Ezekiel in the First Reading as 'rebels'...those who have turned to their own pursuits and neglected their relationship with God.

We know that the same problem of being too proud to admit mistakes occurred in the life and ministry of Jesus. People only saw what they wanted to. They failed to discern the presence of God in the carpenter from Nazareth. Indeed, in today's Gospel from Mark, we see the Pharisee and the Sadducees, the Jewish leadership, as well as the people of Jesus' own home town as being too proud, too self-assured, too sure of their own 'rightness' in matters of religion, too blind – to see that God could work in ways different from theirs!

At times, we find ourselves categorising people, placing them in little boxes of our own making.

What energies are suppressed, discouraged!

What joys smothered by final judgement on those we think we know!

Our Loving God calls us to see His Hand at work:

- In the ordinary events of life
- In the people around us with whom we live and work
- In those we may categorise as 'untouchables' and file them away!

Indeed, God calls us to see Him in the weak...

- People like Paul of Tarsus: a sinner, a weak and fragile human beings, whose weakness became strength through the power of God
- People like Jesus of Nazareth: an ordinary man from an ordinary town, but the One Sent by God for the salvation of All!

We need to open our eyes at times, acknowledge our need of God's mercy, and see God's power at work in the weak and fragile of this world.

Let's pray for the grace of true discernment in the week ahead.

### 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.

## Social Justice corner

A message from Margaret Harrison, SJ Team Member

*"Social justice is not only to look after the wellbeing of the poor but to look after and make feel welcome to all people whom we come into contact. Preferential care and attention should be shown to the poor and vulnerable people whose needs and rights need special care and attention. The common good is reached when we work together to improve the wellbeing of the people in our society. The rights of the individual to personal possessions and community resources must be balanced with the needs of the disadvantaged. We are currently experiencing a working class poor as well as the unemployed poor. We need to take both of these specific needs into consideration."*

For more information visit:

<http://www.caritas.org.au/learn/catholic-social-teaching/the-common-good>

We will be part of organising **Migrant Sunday** this year! We are looking for parishioners willing to share their refugee story for Migrant Sunday.

**Interested in being part of the team? We meet every 3rd Thursday of the month. Join us!**

Looking forward to hearing from you.  
Email us at [sj.john23rd@gmail.com](mailto:sj.john23rd@gmail.com)

## Readings for next Week

### 06 Mon 14th ordinary time

1st Reading Genesis 28:10-22

Psalm Ps 90:1-4. 14-15

Gospel Matthew 9:18-26

### 07 Tues 14th ordinary time

1st Reading Genesis 32:23-33

Psalm Ps 16:1-3. 6-8. 15

Gospel Matthew 9:32-38

### 08 Wed 14th ordinary time

1st Reading Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7. 17-24

Psalm Ps 32:2-3. 10-11. 18-19

Gospel Matthew 10:1-7

### 09 Thurs 14th ordinary time

1st Reading Genesis 44:18-21. 23-29; 45:1-5

Psalm Ps 104:16-21

Gospel Matthew 10:7-15

### 10 Fri 14th ordinary time

1st Reading Genesis 46:1-7. 28-30

Psalm Ps 36:3-4. 18-19. 27-28. 39-40

Gospel Matthew 10:16-23

### 11 Sat Saint Benedict (M)

1st Reading Genesis 49:29-33; 50:15-26

Psalm Ps 104:1-4. 6-7

Gospel Matthew 10:24-33

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

## Special intentions

### Born to eternal life:

Sammy Formosa

### Anniversary:

Paul Choo, Cererino Josol,

Joaljun Macoy, Joy Torgos,

Ondoy Sambos

### For the sick:

Kate McRae

### Thanksgiving:

#### July Weekday Mass intentions -

**Mon** - Sammy Formosa

**Tues** -

**Wed** - Paul Choo, Cererino Josol

**Thur** - Joaljun Macoy

**Fri** - Joy Torgos

**Sat** - Ondoy Sambos



## Paying our debt together

### Weekly collections

**1st Collection: \$ 1,999.25**

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

**2nd Collection: \$ 5,497.15**

*Loose \$ 2,035.80*

*PG Envelopes \$ 1,919.00*

*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

## Our School Communities

### Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Marina Hardy

☎ (02) 9629 8742

✉ [holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au)

### John XXIII and St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

✉ [stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au)

### Catholic Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

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[www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au)



## Parish Pastoral Council Corner

*Everything that tends to bring people together and inclines them to work for the good of their brothers and sisters is particularly worthy of respect and encouragement. — St. John XXIII, 12 April 1960*

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 everyone who participated in the **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](mailto: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.

The **GTK Youths** express their appreciation for your support of their “Soup Nights” fundraiser last weekend and hope you enjoyed the broths!

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*

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### ***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**

**7 July** Houghton Family   **14 July** Ramiscal Family   **21 July** Sebastian Family  
**28 July** *still open*

## Parish Notices

The World Youth Day Project in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta invites the community to make a small investment in the formation, faith development and leadership of our young people through the **Diocese WYD Raffle**. All pilgrims are expected to pay more than a third of their overall pilgrimage cost but your additional assistance will help to support them in their fundraising efforts.

Tickets are \$2 each or a book of tickets can be purchased for \$20. The raffle will be drawn on Palm Sunday/World Youth Day 2016.

Thanks to our generous sponsors the prizes are as follows:

**First prize:** Toyota Yaris 5 door automatic (*Supplied by Terry Shields Toyota, Parramatta*)

**Second prize:** A Cosmos European 2016 Tour for two to the value of \$6000 (*Donated by Cosmos. This prize cannot be used towards any 2016 WYD pilgrimage*)

**Third prize:** Apple iPad Mini (*Donated by Campion College Australia – offering Australia's first Catholic BA, in the Liberal Arts*)

**Fourth prize:** Cash prize of \$500 (*Donated by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu*)

**Fifth prize:** Apple Watch (*Donated by Catholic Church Insurance*)

Our youth of SJ23rd will be selling raffle tickets. Help our youth to raise funds to assist them on their journey to WYD.



Help our youth raise funds to enable them to join WYD 2016 Krakow Poland

**Confirmation Enrolment is now open.** Enrolment forms are available on the Parish website. Parents are to bring the completed form and attached documentation to the masses on the weekend of the **18-19th July**.

### 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.



## **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](mailto:alison.bryett@vinnies.org.au)

## **‘Same-sex marriage’ debate**

Copies of Don’t Mess with Marriage, a Pastoral Letter from the Catholic Bishops of Australia to all Australians on the ‘Same-sex Marriage’ Debate, are available in the foyer of your church. You are encouraged to take home a copy and read it. As part of this initiative, a new website has been launched to assist you to take action: [www.dontmesswithmarriage.com](http://www.dontmesswithmarriage.com) Please consider contacting your local federal MP to voice your opinion on this important issue.

## **Volunteer bus driver needed**

St Hedwig Village is a Catholic aged care facility in Blacktown seeking a volunteer driver for regular Friday bus outings. The person must have an excellent driving record and hold a current LR (light rigid) or equivalent licence. For further information please contact the Manager tel (02) 8822 9903 or forward resume to fax (02) 9672 458 or email [admin@sthedwigvillage.com](mailto:admin@sthedwigvillage.com)

## **Positions vacant**

**Parish Secretary:** Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair, is seeking applications for this temporary position, 24 hours a week. Duties include preparation of parish newsletter, record keeping, reception, administrative support to the Parish Moderator and Parish Team. For further information contact the Parish Office tel (02) 9670 8222, [admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au](mailto:admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au)  
***Applications close Friday 10 July.***

**Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer – Social Care:** CatholicCare, Diocese of Broken Bay is seeking applications for two senior appointments: Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer – Social Care. For a confidential discussion and copy of the Information Pack please contact Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, tel 0402 210055.  
***Applications close Friday 31 July.***

## **Holy Hour for Vocations: 16 July**

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 7pm-8pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick’s Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic 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](mailto:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au)

## What we do why we do.....

### Why Do We Sing In Church?

*Posted on Jul 15, 2013 in The Christian Walk*

Have you ever wondered why singing is part of our church services? Isn't church the place where we're supposed to learn about God? Doesn't God just want us to proclaim his word? After all it took him 1,500 years to put it all together. The least we could do is devote as much time as possible to expounding it. Certainly we all need to hear as much of it as we can.

Well, all of that is true. We are supposed to learn about God in his house. God wants us to hear what he has to say. And it is true that we all need to hear it in huge volumes. But God's word is so much more than a history book. It is more than just the greatest instruction manual ever written. And yes, it is more than a collection of stories designed to teach us lessons on morality. In fact, as you spend time in God's word you will find that he often mentions music and singing. The various verses and passages that mention music are also part of God's word and he wants us to hear those parts as well.



So, let's take a quick look at some of the things God has to say about this part of our worship services. Following are some verses directly from God's word that help to explain his view of music and most specifically singing.

- Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. (*Colossians 3:16*)
- Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. (*James 5:13*)
- Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; (*Ephesians 5:19*)
- Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. 2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing (*Psalms 100:1-2*)
- Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely. (*Psalms 147:1*)
- O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation (*Psalms 95:1*)

Notice that the last three entries are from the book of Psalms. Did you realize that a Psalm is a poem set to music? The collection of Psalms we know today is the longest book of the Bible. It seems to me that God is saying that there is a place for singing in our worship of him.

Let's look at some examples of how some of the Bible characters we know so well included singing in their worship of God.

After God successfully delivered the Israelites from Egyptian bondage how did Moses celebrate? In chapter 15 of Exodus you will find the first song of worship recorded in scripture. Paul and Silas had been stripped and beaten. They were tired and sitting in a drab and dreary jail cell. What did they do? They proceeded to pray and sing praises to God while the other prisoners listened. (*Acts 16:25*)

Jesus during his last hours as a free man led his disciples in song after the Passover meal and before venturing out to the garden of Gethsemane. Can you imagine the thrill the disciples must have felt as their Lord encouraged them to sing by singing himself and giving praise to God? (*Matthew 26:30*)

So it seems clear that God endorses singing. As a matter of fact he encourages it and you might say that he commands us to sing.

Take another look at Psalm 100. The first 2 verses read: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. 2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. It does not read: "why don't you make a joyful noise". It doesn't say "it might be a good idea to serve the Lord with gladness" and it doesn't just "suggest" that we come before his presence with singing.

This endorsement, encouragement, commandment is not just meant for those people who happen to have finely tuned vocal chords either. It starts out by saying: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord ALL YE LANDS. I take it that this means that everyone should be singing praises to God. So even if you don't feel like you have a great voice sing anyway. God wants to hear you sing.



Now, how you participate is your choice. You don't have to be a member of the choir and you don't have to sing solos or as part of special groups such as trios, quartets or ensembles. But at the very least you should open your mouth and sing what is in your heart along with the rest of the congregation when the time comes for that part of the worship service.

God gave us the gift of music and song. Join us in embracing and enjoying it.

*Haven Free Will Baptist Church*

## Youth Corner

### 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](mailto:gtk youth@gmail.com)

**Info:** <http://www.gtkyouth.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)*

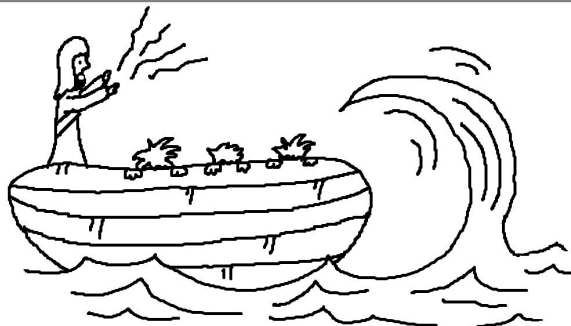
**When:** Meets every 3rd Sunday

**Where:** St Mark's Staff Room

**Time:** 1:00pm for Break open the word

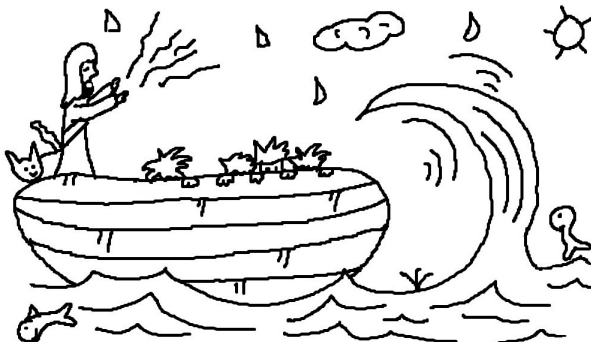
6.00pm Youth Mass

## Find the differences



Find the 17 differences below

Jesus calms the storm



## A prophet is not welcome in their hometown

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