

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

18th Sunday Ordinary Time  
01 - 02 August 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 Saturday* 7:30pm

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

## From the Pastor's desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we reflect on the Lord Jesus as the New Bread from Heaven in today's Gospel, we are encouraged to give the Father thanks for the great gift of the Eucharist in our lives.

Let's reflect on what the Eucharist, this New Bread from Heaven, Jesus Christ, really means for us. Let's look at those areas of our lives that may be barriers to the New Life that Christ offers us. Let's tear down those barriers; let's throw out the old yeast of sin; let's be reconciled to God; let's embrace the true Bread of Life. And we do all this so that, like Jesus our Master, we can be of service to those in need.



- A reminder to the members of the Parish Finance Committee that our next meeting is this Wednesday from 7:30pm in the usual place.
- Congratulations to Bart Sarlabus and Ray Samonte who receive a Diocesan Medal of Honour this Friday evening in the Cathedral. Bart and Ray are key members of our Parish Community who continue to offer so much time and energy to the building up of the Kingdom in this place.
- Next weekend the Sacramental Programme Sessions for Confirmation takes place, either Saturday or Sunday from 3-6 in the School, concluding with the 6pm Mass. Please keep the 65 young people who will be receiving Confirmation in your prayers over the next few weeks. Confirmation will be celebrated in the Church on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.
- Advance Notice that Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August is the Solemnity of the Assumption, which is a Holy Day of Obligation (as is Christmas Day). There will be TWO masses in the Church for the Feast: Friday evening Vigil at 7:30pm and Saturday morning at 9:00am. The Saturday evening mass at 6pm is the Vigil Mass for the Sunday and NOT the Assumption.

God bless you all. May you have a rewarding and joyful week!

Fr. John

(continuing the ACBC's summary of the Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*)

#### IV. INTEGRAL ECOLOGY (137-162)

The heart of the Encyclical's proposals is integral ecology as a new paradigm of justice. It "will help to provide an approach to ecology which respects our unique place as human beings in this world and our relationship to our surroundings" (15). In fact, "nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live" (139). This holds true in all fields: in economy and politics, in different cultures and particularly in those most threatened, and even in every moment of our daily lives.

There is a relationship between environmental issues, and social and human issues, that can never be broken. "Today, the analysis of environmental problems cannot be separated from the analysis of human, family, work-related and urban contexts, and of how individuals relate to themselves" (141). Consequently, it is "essential to seek comprehensive solutions which consider the interactions within natural systems themselves and with social systems. We are not faced with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather one complex crisis which is both social and environmental" (139).

**1. *Environmental, economic and social ecology*:** Everything is connected. Time and space, physical, chemical and biological components of the planet, form a network that we will never fully understand. Fragmented and isolated knowledge must be integrated into a broader vision that considers "an interrelation between ecosystems and between the various spheres of social interaction" (141), and also involves the institutional level, because "the health of a society's institutions affects the environment and the quality of human life" (142).

**2. *Cultural ecology*:** "Ecology, then, also involves protecting the cultural treasures of humanity" (143) in the broadest sense. It is necessary to integrate the rights of peoples and cultures with the proactive involvement of local social actors from their own culture, with "particular concern for indigenous communities" (146).

**3. *Ecology of daily life*:** Integral ecology involves everyday life. The Encyclical gives particular attention to the urban environment. The human being has a great capacity for adaptation, and "an admirable creativity and generosity is shown by persons and groups who respond to environmental limitations by alleviating the adverse effects of their surroundings and learning to live productively amid disorder and uncertainty" (148). Nevertheless, authentic development presupposes an integral improvement in the quality of human life: public space, housing, transportation, etc. (150-154). The human dimension of ecology also implies "the relationship between human life and the moral law, which is inscribed in our nature" (155). "Our body itself establishes us in a direct relationship with

## First Reading

*Exodus 16:2-4,12-15*

*I will rain bread from heaven upon you.*

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 77:3-4,23-25,54*

**R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might.

**R.**

He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven.

**R.**

Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won.

**R.**

## Second Reading

*Ephesians 4:17, 20-24*

*Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.*

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 6:24-25

*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

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.

## Readings for Next Week

### **3 Mon 8th ordinary time**

1st Reading Numbers 11:4-15

Psalm Ps 80:12-17

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

### **4 Tues Saint John Vianney (M)**

1st Reading Numbers 12:1-13

Psalm Ps 50:3-7. 12-13

Gospel Matthew 14:22-36

### **5 Wed 18th ordinary time**

1st Reading Numbers 13:1-2. 25 -  
14:1. 26-29. 34-35

Psalm Ps 105:6-7. 13-14. 21-23

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

### **6 Thurs The Transfiguration of the Lord (F)**

1st Reading Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

Psalm Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9

2nd Reading 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

### **7 Fri 18th ordinary time**

1st Reading Deuteronomy 4:32-40

Psalm Ps 76:12-16. 21

Gospel Matthew 16:24-28

### **8 Sat Saint Mary of the Cross (S)**

1st Reading 1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm Ps 63:1-8

2nd Reading Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel Matthew 6:25-34

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

## Gospel Reflection

One theme that stares us in the face in today's Liturgy of the Word is that of "New Life"

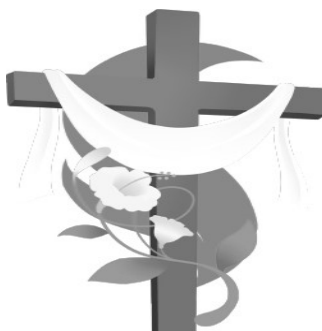
In the Book of Exodus we see the People of Israel in the desert; and they are hungry. So, in order to keep them alive in the barren wilderness, God sends them quails and also manna (bread from Heaven). They did not realize that salvation was so close to them, for they failed to recognise the manna. It needed to be pointed out to them.

In the reading from the Letter to the Ephesians, the author speaks of the new life of the Christian, and the responsibilities that go with this: to put away the old, and embrace the new. Indeed, "your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way..."

And building on the Jewish custom of throwing away the old yeast at Passover, Jesus in John's Gospel speaks of the old being superceded by the new. That is, the old bread of the Old Testament is now replaced by the new bread of the new covenant.

In all of this we are being encouraged to put away the old yeast of sinful lives and embrace the New Bread of Life = Jesus Christ. In this we gain never-ending fullness of Spirit, and we will no longer hunger and thirst for meaning in life without hope of finding it. Jesus truly is the Bread come down from Heaven who gives us New Life.

Let's reflect on what the Eucharist, this New Bread from Heaven, Jesus Christ, really means for us. Let's look at those areas of our lives that may be barriers to the New Life that Christ offers us. Let's tear down those barriers; let's throw out the old yeast of sin; let's be reconciled to God; let's embrace the true Bread of Life. And we do all this so that, like Jesus our Master, we can be of service to those in need.



## Special intentions

### Recently Deceased:

David Buttigieg

### Born to eternal life:

### Anniversary:

Louis Cherry,

Dr Alfredo Cruz, Daisy Cherry

### For the sick:

Mark de Jesus

### Thanksgiving:

R J Santos & Family,

Javier Family



## Paying our debt together

### Weekly collections

**1st Collection: \$ 2,318.10**

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

**2nd Collection: \$ 5,318.50**

*Loose \$ 1,808.30*

*PG Envelopes \$ 1,914.20*

*PG by EFT \$ 1,596.00*

*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





## Parish Pastoral Council Corner

*To become like Mary means loving humility and simplicity. It means purity of behavior and meekness in our words, our features and in our hearts. It means love of home and our daily toil.*

*– St. John XXIII, 28 May 1955*

As our parish is consecrated to Mary, everyone is enjoined to attend the Vigil Mass for the **Feast of the Assumption** of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, 14 Aug at 7:30 pm and pray the Rosary during that weekend.

We still need host families for the Rosary statue for the second half of August, so please contact me if you are interested to host our Mother in your home.

The National Association of Catholic Families and the Life, Marriage & Family Centre have organized an “**All Night Vigil for Marriage**” at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Sydney from 6 pm Friday, 7 Aug to 6 am Saturday, 8 Aug. Everyone is invited to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for the preservation of the true meaning of marriage in Australia. Flyers containing more details of this event are available in the church foyer.

The IFM Office For Worship is running the **Liturgical Ministry**

**Formation Courses** again for this year starting from 10 August. Interested parishioners may secure a registration form from the church foyer.

We are also planning to hold a **Lectors’ Refresher Course** based on the lecture series that Fr. John is holding this week. We will post more details regarding this initiative in the coming weeks.

If you haven’t seen the updated parish website yet, please visit the site at [www.john23rd.org.au](http://www.john23rd.org.au) and provide constructive feedback to the team.

Our young parishioners have shown great interest in participating in the **2016 World Youth Day** in Poland. To help finance their trip, our youths are selling \$2 tickets to the Diocesan WYD fundraising raffle to be drawn next year. Please support them generously and buy tickets!

*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**

**4 August** Manalo Family      **11 August** Mojica Family

**18 August onwards** *still open*

## Parish Notices



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

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

If you are between 18 & 35yrs and is interested to go in this journey, please email [gtk youth@gmail.com](mailto:gtk youth@gmail.com)

### **The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

The programme that helps people become members of the Catholic Church – will commence soon. There will be two (2) Enquiry Nights in August: either Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August or Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Both evenings will be held in the Church Kitchen, commencing at 7:30pm. If you know of someone who may be interested in finding out more about the Catholic Tradition of Christianity, please invite them to one of these Enquiry Nights.

### **Confirmation Program Facilitators Needed**

We are looking for facilitators to assist at this year's Confirmation program, especially at the ceremonies.

If you are interested, please e-mail Jill at [admin@john23rd.org.au](mailto:admin@john23rd.org.au) or call 9852-0583.

### **All Night Vigil for Marriage**

**Join us to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for the preservation of the true meaning of marriage in Australia**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 6pm START  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 6am FINISH  
St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney (Chapel behind the main altar)  
Enter via the Eastern door (car-park side) of the Cathedral

To book a time slot for Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, go to: [vigilformarriage.simplybook.me](http://vigilformarriage.simplybook.me)

### **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.

## **Year of Consecrated Life Solemn Mass and Vocations Fest: 9 August**

To celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life there will be a Mass at 11am in St

Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, followed by a Vocations Fest. The program includes lunch, religious sharing their stories, Q&A and entertainment for all the family. The afternoon will conclude with a Holy Hour for Vocations. Everyone is welcome.

## **SVdP DOORKNOCK APPEAL**

### **3 WEEKS TO GO & COUNTING ...**

Now's the time to check your calendar to see if you can join us on the weekend of 22/23 August to be a part of the Vinnies Doorknock Team. Just 2-3 hours of your time will make a difference. Registration will commence this weekend and we are hopeful for another good response this year. To receive a registration form or to find out more information contact:

Michael on 0425 362 043,  
[michael.s@plansource.com.au](mailto:michael.s@plansource.com.au)

### **National Vocations Week 2-9 August 2015**

Please find Posters promoting National Vocations Week and Prayer Cards, please feel free to take them home.



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## Evangelicum

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the environment and with other living beings. The acceptance of our bodies as God's gift is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father and our common home, whereas thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy absolute power over creation" (155).

**4. The principle of the common good:** Integral or human ecology "is inseparable from the notion of the common good" (158). In the contemporary world, where "injustices abound and growing numbers of people are deprived of basic human rights and considered expendable", working for the common good means to make choices in solidarity based on "a preferential option for the poorest" (158).

**5. Justice between generations:** the common good also regards future generations: "We can no longer speak of sustainable development apart from intergenerational solidarity" (159), without, however, forgetting the poor of today "whose life on this earth is brief and who cannot keep on waiting" (162).

## Social Justice corner

Food for thought from Margaret Harrison, member of Social Justice Committee

*"If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food and one of you says to them 'Go in peace, be warmed and be filled' and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?" - James 2:15* Every human being is created in the image and likeness of God and therefore has inherent dignity. No human being should have their dignity or freedom compromised.

We are preparing for Migrant Sunday - if you are interested in helping out feel free to contact us. We meet every third Thursday. Come & join us! Email us at [sj.john23rd@gmail.com](mailto:sj.john23rd@gmail.com)



## Why we do what we do.....

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

*This is new content in the second edition of Praying the Mass: The Prayers of the People, Chapter 11, "Communion Rite" [www.prayingthemass.com](http://www.prayingthemass.com)*

We first called Christ the "Lamb of God" in the Gloria. This title is deeply significant and ancient in its origin, reaching back to Abraham, the first of the Patriarchs of Israel. God tested Abraham, asking him to offer his only son Isaac as a sacrifice. Isaac, bearing the wood for the sacrifice on his back as he and Abraham walked up the mountain, asked his father where the lamb to be offered was; Abraham replied "God will provide himself the lamb." (*Gen. 22:8*) What Abraham found was no lamb, but a ram with its horns caught in a thicket.[1] From that time on, God's people sought the "lamb of God."

To commemorate His liberating the Hebrews from Egypt, God instituted the feast of Passover at which every family was to take a pure, unblemished lamb and kill it, marking their doorposts with its blood and roasting and eating its flesh. (*cf. Ex. 12*) In time, Jerusalem maintained a sacrificial flock of Temple lambs so that families on pilgrimage for the Passover could be sure to have a pure and unblemished lamb (rather than bringing one with them on the journey). Still, these lambs were not God's lamb, but each family's lambs.[2]

It was not until St. John the Baptist cried out, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" (*John 1:29, 36*) that the fulfilment of this ancient promise was made known. This title, which might sound peculiar and obscure to our modern ears, would have rung loud and clear in the ears of the Jews to whom St. John spoke. And he was not the only one to make such a clear connection between Christ and the Passover lamb. St. Paul, writing to the Corinthians, announced that "Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed." (*1 Cor. 5:7*)[3] St. Peter wrote that we have been ransomed "with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot." (*1 Pet. 1:19*) And St. John the Apostle and Evangelist, in his book of Revelation, refers to Jesus as "the Lamb" nearly thirty times, most notably describing His appearance as "a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain." (*Rev. 5:6*)

It is this Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, Who "takes away the sin of the world" by His self-sacrifice. (*John 1:29*) Every time we say that Jesus "take[s] away the sins of the world," we should be aware that we are speaking in the present tense, not the past tense. This is a reminder that Christ's work of redemption did not conclude with His death, but is continual and ongoing: the Mass is offered for the expiation of our sins.

[1] *This scene is rich in Christological symbolism: Christ, like Isaac, bore the wood for His own sacrifice on His back, and He wore a crown of thorns, prefigured by the ram whose horns were caught in a thorn-bush.*

[2] *The ritual of the Passover also points to Christ: He, like the lamb, is pure and without blemish, and His bones were not broken when He was sacrificed.*

[3] *"Paschal" (as in "Paschal mystery") comes from the Greek word pascha, which comes from the Hebrew word pesach, which means "Passover."*

## 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

## Text Maze

START

G	O	C	A	X	B	O	S	E	W
T	D	U	T	S	R	E	B	L	P
V	W	A	N	Y	P	K	U	Y	E
S	I	E	C	O	Q	A	E	I	B
E	T	A	S	U	N	T	H	E	O
X	D	H	O	T	I	S	A	R	N
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FINISH



**COMPLETE THE  
TEXT MAZE**

*"God wants you  
to have faith in  
the one he sent"*

## Work for food that gives eternal life

T	L	Y	J	M	T	F	A	B	P	S	E	E	E	U	T
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C	G	R	X	A	K	P	E	I	L	M	Z	X	X	M	R
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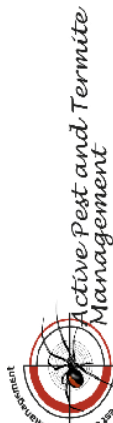
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