

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time  
 29 - 30 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."*



**Parish Priest:** Fr John McSweeney ☒ FrJohn@john23rd.org.au  
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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

**Parish Office Contacts**

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 Business Manager: John McCartney (*pro bono*)

**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

As the Gospel reminds us, Jesus heals those in need. Today he heals a deaf man who had a speech impediment. Let us open ourselves up to the Lord's healing touch, so that our spiritual deafness may be healed, and that we will be able to openly declare our Faith in the God who saves to all the world.

- We welcome Fr. Robert back to the parish after his niece's wedding in India.
- We celebrate the cultural diversity of our marvellous parish this weekend, Refugee and Migrant Sunday. Thanks to all who have worked so hard to make this day special. A special thanks to the Social Justice Group who have prepared so much for our consideration.
- And we congratulate all those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. May the Spirit they have received remain a fire burning within them, so that they will remain faithful to the Gospel and the Community of the Faithful, the Church.
- The RCIA programme gets underway this Wednesday evening in the Staff Common Room from 7:30pm. We had to move to this venue because we have around 8-9 enquirers. Let's pray for those people who are enquiring about the Catholic Tradition of Christianity, that they may be opened to the action of the Holy Spirit in their lives.
- The Parish Pastoral Council Executive meets in the Conference Room of the Parish Offices on Wednesday evening from 7:30pm.
- Being First Friday there will be the Novena Mass of the Sacred Heart in the Church at 7:30pm.
- Being First Saturday, the 9:00am mass will include an Anointing of the Sick for those seriously ill or in advanced age. Adoration and Benediction will follow the mass.
- We pray for Karina and Matthew who will be married in our Church next Saturday afternoon at 2:00pm.



Next weekend we have the Fathers' Day Appeal for Retired and Sick Clergy. Since I have now also got the job of Chairman of the Clergy Support Foundation which looks after the retired and sick men in our Diocese, I am very supportive of this important annual appeal!! All donations over \$2 are tax deductible, so please give generously.

God bless you all.

Fr. John

**BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY**

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal.

Last year, through your generosity we almost reached the target with donations totalling \$195,000 and the Foundation thanks you for this contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of September 5-6.

A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes are available this week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day weekend.

If you wish you can make online contributions at [csfparra.org.au](http://csfparra.org.au) using your credit card or direct transfer via eft to BSB 067 950 and Account No 01691 in the name of the CSF with reference your name, and send e-mail to [csf@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:csf@parra.catholic.org.au) with your details so we can send a receipt.

**This Week at St John XXIII Parish**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>WHAT</b>
29 Sat	2pm	Confirmation
2 Wed	10am	Mass at Holy Cross
	7:30pm	RCIA (St Mark's Staffroom)
	7:30pm	PPC Exec meeting
4 Fri	10am-12pm	1st Friday Home Visits
	7:30pm	1st Friday Novena Mass
5 Sat	9:00am	Anointing of the sick with Adoration & Benediction
		Wedding day of Katrina & Matthew
6 Sun		Father's Day (appeal for retired & sick clergy)

## First Reading

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8*

*You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.*

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 14:2-5*

**R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

## Second Reading

*James 1:17-18,21-22*

*Be doers of the word.*

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*cf John 6:63,68*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23*

*You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.*

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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

### **31 Mon 22nd ordinary time**

1st Reading 1 Thessalonians  
4:13-18

Psalm Ps 95:1. 3. 5. 11-13

Gospel Luke 4:16-30

### **1 Tues 22nd ordinary time**

1st Reading 1 Thessalonians  
5:1-6. 9-

Psalm Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14

Gospel Luke 4:31-37

### **2 Wed 22nd ordinary time**

1st Reading Colossians 1:1-8

Psalm Ps 51:10-11

Gospel Luke 4:38-44

### **3 Thurs Saint Gregory the Great (M)**

1st Reading Colossians 1:9-14

Psalm Ps 97:2-6

Gospel Luke 5:1-11

### **4 Fri 22nd ordinary time**

1st Reading Colossians 1:15-20

Psalm Ps 99:2-5

Gospel Luke 5:33-39

### **5 Sat 22nd ordinary time**

1st Reading Colossians 1:21-23

Psalm Ps 53:3-4. 6. 8

Gospel Luke 6:1-5

## 2015 Parish Council Meeting Schedule

### **Executive** (*Council leaders*)

**2 Sep 18 Nov**

### **General** (*all Parish Council members*)

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.

## Gospel Reflection

In the Gospel for this 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) we see Jesus healing a man who had become deaf (probably due to illness) and whose speech had thereby been affected by his disability. The man was a Gentile from the Decapolis region (a pagan area of 10 cities to the east of Galilee). The story seems rather straight-forward.

But there are a number of interesting points that can be gleaned from the text:

- Since Jesus healed a Gentile man, we can see how his compassion overcame any hesitations that cultural upbringing might have thrown up. Jesus was free enough from cultural restrictions to heal wherever there was need.
- Similarly, we can trust in Jesus' continued compassion whenever we find ourselves in 'pagan territory', that is, in a state of sin or of confusion and anxiety. Jesus will come and heal us / forgive us / unravel the blockages of our minds, and offer us salvation!
- The healing that took place concerned deafness and an inability to speak clearly.
- How many people find themselves misunderstood? Perhaps they find that dialogue with others is like a dialogue where no one listens. This occurs in most relationships at times – between friends, spouses, nations! We need to ask the Lord to heal our spiritual deafness.
- Jesus used the word “Ephphetha”, an Aramaic term meaning ‘be opened!’ The healing of the man led to something: openness. Not only were his ears ‘opened’ but he was ‘opened’ to God in his life.
- We are also called to open people, freed from spiritual deafness. And with the healing touch of Jesus Christ, we can be able to openly declare our Faith with our whole life.

As our week unfolds, let's ask the Lord to heal us and enable us to proclaim the Lord's compassion on us to all the world.

Let's pray for the opening of channels of communication between people.

Let's be receptive to the Spirit's actions in our lives.

**Special intentions**

**Recently Deceased:**

Catalina “Nancy” Marteja Del Rosario, Rudy Patterson, Denis Sullivan, Sammy Formosa, Concepcion Zozobrado Quirante, Robert Choo

**Anniversary:**

Ernest R Rubargoso, Isidro Samaniego

**For the sick:**

Mark de Jesus, Laura Z Faelnar, Helen Hill, Peter O’Leary

**Thanksgiving:**

R J Santos & Family, Miguel & Arturo Cobarrubias, Richard Elliot, Ronald Alvarez, Maglaya Apolinario



**Paying our debt together**

**Weekly collections**

**1st Collection: \$ 2315.90**

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

**2nd Collection: \$ 4,831.95**

*Loose \$ 1,528.45*

*PG Envelopes \$ 1,707.50*

*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 office.

**Mass cards available at 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.**



***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**

**1 September** Sultana Family      **8 September** Manalo Family

**15 September** Estabaya Family      **22 September** Olan Family

Parish Pastoral Council Corner

*Peace with God comes through the fulfillment of his will. Peace with other people comes through the respecting of the rights of every person, because each human person is marked with the splendor of the most high. – St. John XXIII, 13 April 1963*

This Sunday, 30 August, we are celebrating the 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has chosen the theme “Church without frontiers, Mother to all” for this day, identifying migrants and refugees to be in need of our special attention and care, as they are our brothers and sisters “who are trying to escape difficult living conditions and dangers of every kind.” (Message, 2015)

The Social Justice team under Qwayne Guevara has invited speakers from the House of Welcome who will share their insights on the current issues affecting refugees and migrants. They have set up a stall with resources to broaden our understanding of these issues so that we all can move forward towards a more just world.

To add color to our liturgical celebration of Migrant Sunday, we encourage parishioners to come in the national costume of their birth country during the weekend masses. The Community Building team has also organized a multicultural food fiesta for the morning masses.

Let us congratulate our new junior altar servers, Nathan Javier, Stefan Fernando and Adrian Dalpadado who are being commissioned during the 10:30 am mass. We will also be conferring the ranks of Principal Server and Deputy Server to several junior

altar servers to acknowledge their dedication and service to this parish. Kudos to all!

Thanks to everyone who responded to our request for September host families for the Rosary statue. We now need host families from Oct., so please contact me if you are interested to host our Mother in your home.

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*



**President** Bart Sarlabus

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**Council Team Leaders**

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Community Bldg</i>    | Techie Sarlabus |
| <i>Comms &amp; Media</i> | John McCartney  |
| <i>Evangelicum</i>       | tba             |
| <i>Faith Formation</i>   | Rose Franco     |
| <i>Fundraising</i>       | Rodi Orantia    |
| <i>Liturgy</i>           | Ray Samonte     |
| <i>Pastoral Care</i>     | tba             |
| <i>Social Justice</i>    | Qwayne Guevarra |

## 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 [gtkyouth@gmail.com](mailto:gtkyouth@gmail.com)

### Help Needed

We are looking for a kind soul who is able to give an elderly lady living at the Anglican Retirement Village, The Ponds, a lift to and from mass on weekends (Sat or Sun).

If you are able to do so, please contact **Jill** on 9852-0583 or [admin@john23rd.org.au](mailto:admin@john23rd.org.au) Thank you.

### Paris to Compostela A 22 Day Pilgrimage Journey

There are *still 3 places available* on this remarkable pilgrimage, lead by Fr John McSweeney, through France, Spain & Portugal. The highlight of this experience will be the opportunity to walk over 100km of the Camino de Santiago, also know as 'The Way of St James'. This pilgrimage (organised by Harvest Pilgrimages) begins on Sunday 20th September and concludes on Sunday 11th October.

For more information please contact: Leesa Gillard

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

### REMINDER

When booking for Parish Events in Church and meetings in the Parish Office, please confirm bookings prior to the date through the parish secretary.

**Congratulations!** Last weekend 127 volunteer collectors + 26 support staff generously donated their time to go Doorknocking. This included students from St John Paul II Catholic College, St Andrews College and Loyola Senior High School, together with parishioners from Mary Immaculate, St Andrew's and St John XXIII.

A collection of \$8,433 was raised, with some more donations trickling in this week. It was a wonderful collective effort, and reminds us of the importance of service to each other, as part of God's family. Special thanks must go to the following supporters: Chanteclair Farms Quakers Hill, Commonwealth Bank Doonside, McDonalds Australia & Woodcroft Quality Meats. All money collected across the Parramatta Diocese will be used to support the St Vincent de Paul Society's Special Works. Thank you all very much and God bless you.

**1 September World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

Pope Francis has instituted the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, which will be celebrated annually in line with the Orthodox Church's day for the protection of the environment. The Holy Father said Christians want to make their special contribution to safeguarding creation, but to do that they must rediscover the spiritual foundations of their approach to earthly realities, beginning with an acknowledgment that "the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature" but lived in communion with all worldly realities.

**5 September Blessing of St John Paul II statue at St Patrick's Cathedral**

A series of statues for St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct was commissioned to celebrate the life of St John Paul II and provide a joyful place of pilgrimage for young people. Everyone is invited to gather in the Cathedral forecourt at 12.30pm. Archbishop Anthony Fisher

OP will bless the statues at 1pm and this will be followed by an address to young people and afternoon tea.

**12 September St Patrick's Cathedral Spring Fair**

Craft and plant stalls, cakes and Devonshire teas. Fun for all the family. From 10am-4pm in Prince Alfred Park, Church St, Parramatta (opposite St Patrick's Cathedral).

**11-13 September Missionaries of God's Love Sisters Consecrated Life Weekend**

Young women: are you open to whatever the Lord is calling you to do with your life? The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters invite you to their Consecrated Life weekend in the Sydney House. Hear what sisters do, day-to-day, how they discerned their vocations, and what consecrated life is all about. Pray, eat and chat with the MGL Sisters and spend time yourself listening to God's amazing plan for you. Contact Sr Rosie for more details: [rdrum@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:rdrum@parra.catholic.org.au)

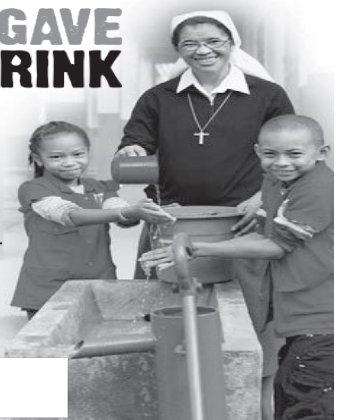
**I WAS THIRSTY & YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO DRINK**

Matthew 25:35

Thank you for helping provide the Living Water to the people of Madagascar through your kind gifts and prayers. Your generosity is making it possible for local priests and sisters, like Sister Rose Rasoavololona, to continue to offer life-saving practical and spiritual support to those in need. Please consider partnering with us through your regular monthly gift to



Freecall: 1800 257 296



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

*Continuing on from last week's item about the Mass*

### The Scripture Readings

This part of the Mass is controlled by a separate book, the "Lectionary for Mass." The Lectionary is a large book, usually kept open at the pulpit, from which the lectors and priest read Bible passages for the day's liturgy.

The Lectionary is a remarkable piece of work. In clever fashion it gives us Bible readings expressing the message of the Bible as well as the liturgical season. By paying close attention to the readings, Sunday after Sunday, an alert Catholic can become reasonably familiar with the entire Bible.

Every Sunday there are three readings. These are printed in the Lectionary in a three year cycle. The year 1975 brings readings from the A cycle; 1976 from the B cycle; 1977 the C cycle; 1978 the A cycle again, etc.

During the ordinary green vestment Sundays ("Sundays in Ordinary Time"), we have Gospel readings in somewhat continuous fashion. Cycle A has Matthew's Gospel; Cycle B that of Mark; Cycle C, Luke's. During Lent and Advent we read John's Gospel. Each time you stand for the Gospel, therefore, you are listening to another ongoing section of our most precious writings. And every three years you will have reviewed all four Gospels.

The first reading is generally from the Old Testament. This is chosen with two points in mind: (1) to illustrate some common link, some parallel, with the Gospel reading; (2) to acquaint us

with all the 46 books of the Old Testament over the 3 year cycle. So you should listen carefully to the first reading for two reasons: to learn about this particular Old Testament book, and to notice the theme that will be picked up in the third reading, the Gospel.

After the Old Testament reading there is a "Responsorial Psalm." This is part of an Old Testament Psalm, chosen because it voices the sentiments of prayer we should express to God after hearing this first reading. There is a striking similarity in mood and sentiment between the Old Testament reading and the psalm which responds to it.

The second reading each Sunday is from the New Testament writings. Because of the parallel between the other readings, we might be tempted to pay less attention to this second reading. But it is important and helpful. This is simply a continuing reading from the New Testament. So Sunday after Sunday we go through the other books of the New Testament. It is interesting that every year we start the cycle by reading selections from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. This one letter is given emphasis because the concerns and questions of the Corinthians and the answers of Paul have perennial relevance for the Church today.

The Liturgy of the Word is designed as a class in Bible reading and Bible study. The homily an explanation of the readings with a lesson for

**Why we do ..(cont'd)**

contemporary Christian living is meant to help us in learning and living the Word of God for today.

The preferred term now is the homily but most still refer to it as the sermon. Any faithful adult Catholic is a veteran of thousands of sermons and probably has some rather definite ideas on whether sermons are good or bad, in general and also in his or her parish.

A particular problem today is that so many tend to measure sermons according to the standards of TV or radio. Such standards are unrealistic, as most of the people in the pews would admit if they were called upon to deliver a speech before an audience or before a TV camera. Both realism and Christian charity should dispose one to be sympathetic towards the priest or deacon who must preach to others.

This said, however, it is true that there is no substitute for a carefully prepared, practical sermon with a message that inspires and encourages us to live the Christ life with greater courage and spirituality. A good sermon does help much. Even a poor sermon, however, always has good in it if we listen carefully. The sermon is not the most important feature of the Mass. But it is important, and is never to be neglected.

(to be continued)

*<http://www.catholicliturgy.com>*

**Social Justice Corner**

We are looking for additional members to the Social Justice Committee of the Parish. If you feel that you are being called to serve, would like to extend a helping hand and provide moral & spiritual support to those in need then come and join the team. If you would like to learn more, send as an email. We meet every third Thursday. Come & join us!

Email [sj.john23rd@gmail.com](mailto:sj.john23rd@gmail.com)

**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

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

## 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

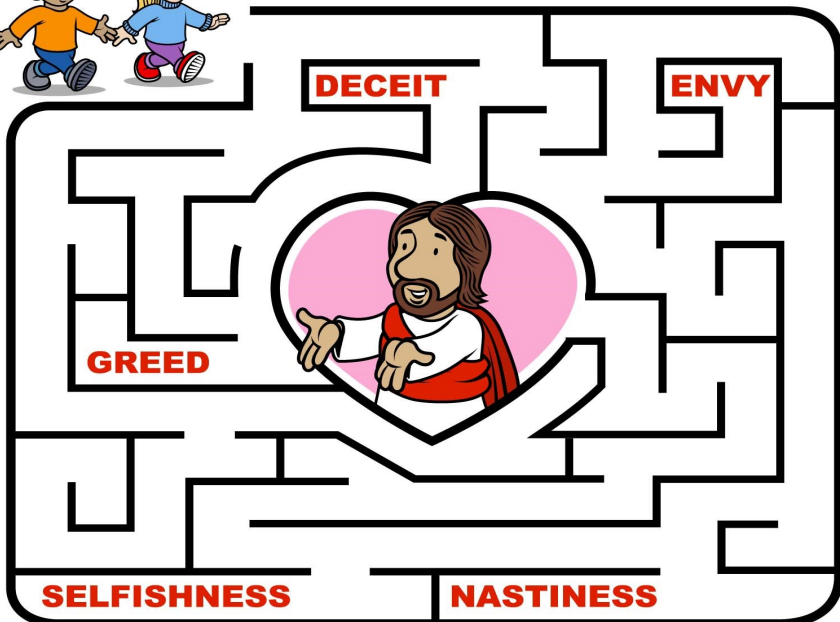
**Where:** St Mark's Staff Room

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

6.00pm Youth Mass

## Find the Path

*The way to Jesus is by trying to be a good person and keep a clean heart. Help the children find their way past the obstacles to Jesus.*



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Good hearts and kind words allow you to worship God

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