

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

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time  
5 - 6 September 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."*



<http://www.outsetministry.org/bibleslides/n/1min.3.html>

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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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ

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.

(My apologies for being one week ahead in last week's bulletin. Maybe I was wishing that my holidays come sooner!)

- My thanks to Jill Franco in the Office and the Sacramental Team and Parish Facilitators who worked so hard in preparing our children for Confirmation. Last weekend's celebration was a marvellous occasion for all concerned. We also thank the musicians and ministers who assisted at both Confirmation Masses. And, above all, we thank the parents who are fulfilling their responsibilities by continuing to bring their children up in the practice of the Faith.



- My thanks also to all those who helped make the 10:30am Mass celebration of Refugee and Migrant Sunday a great occasion, happily followed by a Food Fiesta demonstrating our multicultural heritage in this Parish Community.
- Happy Father's Day to all fathers in our parish community. We pray that God the Father will bless you all on this day!
- This weekend we have the Fathers' Day Appeal for Retired and Sick Clergy. I believe that we should do whatever we can to support those who have ministered in our Diocese for so many year, and so I am very supportive of this important annual appeal!! All donations over \$2 are tax deductible, so please give generously.
- There will be a Sacramental Team meeting this Tuesday from 7-8 in the Parish Office Conference Room.
- The RCIA continues on Wed evening in the School Staff Lunch Room from 7:30-9:00pm. It is still not too late to join this band of enquirers.

As the week unfolds let us continue to hold each other up to the Lord in prayer. May 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 will be available next 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.

Tax deductible receipts for those who request them will be sent by February 2016. Thank you for your generosity.

### This week at our Parish

DATE	TIME	WHAT
7 Mon		
8 Tues	7:00-8:00pm	Sacramental Team Meeting in Conference Room
9 Wed	9:00am	Mass at Holy Cross
	7:30pm	RCIA (St Marks Staff Room)
10 Thur		
11 Fri		
12 Sat	9:00am	Anointing of the sick with Adoration & Benediction
13 Sun		

## First Reading

*Isaiah 35:4-7*

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 145:7-10*

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

## Second Reading

*James 2:1-5*

*Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Matthew 4:23*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



### **BON VOYAGE Kuziak Family**

The Kuziak Family would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to the Parish Community of St John XXIII Parish for their friendship and opportunity to serve the community.

On behalf of Fr John & Fr Robert we would like to wish the Kuziak family God's blessing and grace as they move forward on their life journey in Poland.

## 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

**7 Mon** *23rd ordinary time*

1st Reading Colossians 1:24 - 2:3

Psalm Ps 61:6-7. 9

Gospel Luke 6:6-11

**8 Tues** *The Nativity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)*

1st Reading Micah 5:1-4 or  
Romans 8:28-30

Psalm Ps 12:6-7

Gospel Matthew 1:1-16. 18-23  
or Matthew 1:18-23

**9 Wed** *23rd ordinary time*

1st Reading Colossians 3:1-11

Psalm Ps 144:2-3. 10-13

Gospel Luke 6:20-26

**10 Thurs** *23rd ordinary time*

1st Reading Colossians 3:12-17

Psalm Ps 150:1-6

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

**11 Fri** *23rd ordinary time*

1st Reading 1 Timothy 1:1-2. 12-14

Psalm Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-8. 11

Gospel Luke 6:39-42

**12 Sat** *23rd ordinary time*

1st Reading 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Psalm Ps 112:1-7

Gospel Luke 6:43-49

## 2015 Parish Council Meeting Schedule

**Executive** (*Council leaders*)

**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 straightforward.

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 lead 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 enable 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.



**President** Bart Sarlabus

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### Council Team Leaders

<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

## Special intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Nancy Marteja Del Rosario,  
Rudy Patterson, Geoffrey King,  
Jorge Chanco Sr, Bituin Torte, Mary  
Antoinette Grimaldi,  
Junelyn Manlapaz, Richard Lim

### Anniversary:

Marie Stephanie Salazar,  
Gregory Patrick Alexander,  
Lawrie Noronha, Michael Sammut,  
Stephen James Tracey, Maria Lopez,  
Abelardo Africa Sr, John Cherry,  
Robert Deller, Margaret Byers,  
Richard Lim, Joseph Kochupara,  
Lolita Matasigah, Jesus Dionaldo,  
Magdalena Dionaldo, Paz Dionaldo,  
Cresencio Larino, Rosalimda  
Getonimo

### For the sick:

Mark de Jesus, Laura Z Faenar,  
Elizabeth Newnes, Jackson Tate,  
Helen Hill, Peter O'Leary

### Thanksgiving:

R J Santos & Family, A Zamora,  
Matteazzi Family, Linsangan Family,  
Van der Helm Family, Daphne  
Noronha, Gerald Fontanilla,  
Maria Victoria Carhelli

## Paying our debt together

### Weekly collections

**1st Collection: \$ 2151.75**

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

**2nd Collection: \$ 5,483.35**

*Loose \$ 1989.35*

*PG Envelopes \$ 1898.00*

*PG by EFT \$ 1596.00*

*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.



**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

<b>8 September</b>	Manalo Family	<b>15 September</b>	Estabaya Family
<b>22 September</b>	Olan Family	<b>29 September</b>	<i>Still open</i>

## Parish Pastoral Council Corner

*The Virgin's greatness lies in her most excellent motherhood. The Liturgy and Christian piety sum up this greatness in the title of 'Queen', a title which encapsulates the power of her intercession and points to the fact that our prayers through her blessed hands. – St. John XXIII, 19 September 1959*

Happy Father's Day! At same time, we invite everyone to "greet" our Blessed Mother by observing the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary this Tuesday, 8 September at the Holy Hour from 7 pm and the Novena Mass following at 7:30 pm. We also reiterate our request for host families for the Rosary Statue from Sept. 29 onwards, so please contact me if you are interested to host our Mother in your home.

We thank everyone who made the celebration of the 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees last Sunday, a truly vibrant occasion. Special thanks go to the Social Justice team and Paul from the House of Welcome who set up a stall with resources to broaden our understanding of these issues. As usual, we also appreciate the generosity of our parishioners who brought dishes and also wore the national costume of their birth country to bring colour to the liturgy. The Community Building team and the CRL Youth group are also to be thanked for the successful multicultural food fiesta and their parish fundraising efforts.

Following the Migrant Sunday celebrations, we will also observe Social Justice Sunday on 27 September.

This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: 'For Those Who've Come Across the Seas: Justice for refugees and asylum seekers'. The Statement addresses the divisive national debate over asylum seekers, especially those who arrive by boat. It reminds all Australians of the need to welcome and comfort those who have fled here from terror and danger, and to live out the example of Jesus, who never turned his back on those who were lost or suffering.

This September, our parish is celebrating Marriage Week from Sept 13 to 20 to reinforce and promote the benefits and importance of marriage. There will be a seven-day "virtual retreat with Pope Francis" initiated at the Church kitchen following the 10:30 am Mass on Sept. 13. More details are found in the bulletin or you may contact Vitt Lim or Rose Franco of the Faith Formation team.

Please continue to support our young parishioners joining the 2016 World Youth Day in Poland by buying \$2 tickets to the Diocesan WYD fundraising raffle to be drawn next year!

*Have a blessed week! Bart*

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

### 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 known 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

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### 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.

### Marriage Sunday

Our parish is celebrating Marriage Week from Sept 13 to 20. This is a time of celebration to reinforce and promote the benefits and importance of marriage. We kick-off Marriage Week in our parish with a seven-day virtual retreat with Pope Francis.

After the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, Sept 13th the faith formation group invites all interested couples to the launch of this virtual retreat at the parish kitchen. It is a retreat that you can do from your own home. All it takes is 15 minutes each day to read the theme for the day, reflect on a real-life marriage scenario, and think about ways to strengthen your own marriage, then you end with a prayer for your marriage. The material will be available to you on the parish website.

At the end of the Marriage week on Sunday, Sept 20th after the 10:30am Mass we will gather again at the parish kitchen to share light refreshments and stories from the week..

Further details are in the parish bulletin.

Mass cards available at the parish office.

### **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).

### **Corpus Christi Spring Market**

Stalls sausage sizzle, popcorn, cakes, art, small homewares, baby and children items, candles, plants and more. From 11am-4pm at 86-92 Andromeda Drive, Cranebrook

### **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)

**17 September Holy Hour for Vocations:** 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)

### **19 September Feast of Our Lady of Penafrancia**

Novena at 9am followed by Mass at 9.30am in St Nicholas of Myra Church (car park entry thru Higgins St, Penrith). Fluvial procession on the Nepean River at noon – board the Nepean Belle at 11.45am at Tench Reserve wharf (Jamison Rd, Penrith). Free lunch and entertainment at the Factory Reserve (end of Jamison Rd, Jamisontown) from 1pm-4pm.

### **20 September Celebrating the Journey**

Open to all married couples and their families but with special acknowledgement to those couples who have significant wedding anniversaries of 25 years and over. The Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev Peter Williams, will be the Principal Celebrant for the 11am Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, and will host lunch afterwards. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and over will receive a certificate of blessing. Please register by 12 September through your Parish Secretary or contact CatholicCare Social Services tel (02) 9933 0222 or email [marriage@ccss.org.au](mailto:marriage@ccss.org.au)

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

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

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

This longer prayer is the "center of the entire celebration." Always introduced with a Preface, it is always concluded with a solemn "Amen." This is a presidential prayer, voiced by the priest alone. He is to try for clear, deliberate and warm delivery, following the exact words. Now the people are to listen attentively and put their "Amen" to it all.

The new Missal has a large number of prefaces approximately 70 new ones. The preface is tailored to the specific liturgy of the Mass being celebrated.

There are four different Eucharistic Prayers. By now the alert Catholic has become acquainted with all of them. The first is the old Roman Canon, developed between the 5th and 7th Centuries and used exclusively in the Western Church from the 11th Century until recently. The longest of the four, it is the most structured. The second Eucharistic Prayer, the shortest, is an enlargement of the 3rd Century Apostolic Tradition of Hippolytus of Rome. It is simple and rich. The third Eucharistic Prayer, a modern work, is a shortened and simplified version of the Roman Canon. The fourth is the longest of the new texts, is perhaps the best of the Canons, and expresses recent biblical and catechetical developments.

The chief elements of the Eucharistic prayer are these:

- a. Thanksgiving (expressed especially in the preface): in the name of the entire people of God, the priest praises the Father and gives him thanks for the work of salvation or for some special aspect of it in keeping with the day, feast, or season.
- b. Acclamation: united with the angels, the congregation sings or recites the "Sanctus." This acclamation forms part of the Eucharistic prayer, and all the people join with the priest in singing or reciting it.
- c. Epiclesis: in special invocations the Church calls on God's power and asks that the gifts offered by men may be consecrated, that is, become the body and blood of Christ and that the victim may become a source of salvation for those who are to share in communion.
- d. Narrative of the institution and consecration: in the words and actions of Christ, the sacrifice he instituted at the Last Supper is celebrated, when under the appearances of bread and wine he offered his body and blood, gave to his Apostles to eat and drink, and commanded them to carry on this mystery.
- e. Anamnesis: in fulfilment of the command received from Christ through the Apostles, the Church keeps his memorial by recalling especially his passion, resurrection, and ascension.

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

- f. Offering: in this memorial, the Church and in particular the Church here and now assembled offers the victim to the Father in the Holy Spirit. The Church's intention is that the faithful not only offer the spotless victim but also learn to offer themselves and daily to be drawn into ever more perfect union, through Christ the Mediator, with the Father and with each other, so that at last God may be all in all.
- g. Intercessions: the intercessions make it clear that the Eucharist is celebrated in communion with the whole Church of heaven and earth, and that the offering is made for the Church and all its members, living and dead, who are called to share in the salvation and redemption acquired by the body and blood of Christ.
- h. Final doxology: the praise of God is expressed in the doxology which is confirmed and concluded by the acclamation of the people.

All should listen to the Eucharistic prayer in silent reverence and share in it by making the acclamations. --from General Instruction of the Roman Missal

<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**

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### **John XXIII and St Mark's College**

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

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

### **Catholic Learning Centre**

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

✉ [lctstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lctstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au)

## 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

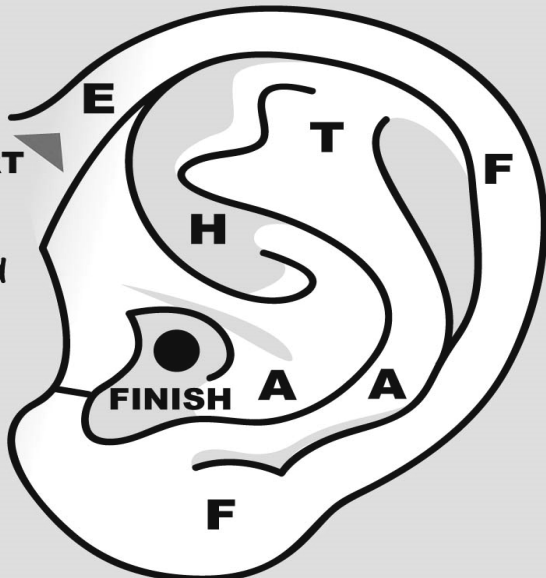
**Where:** St Mark's Staff Room

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

6.00pm Youth Mass

## Fill in the blanks

Follow the path into the ear to find out what Jesus said to the deaf man. Write down each letter in sequence as you pass them.



‘ \_\_\_\_\_ ! ’

## Good hearts and kind words allow you to worship God

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

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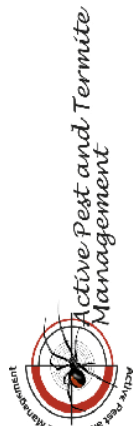
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