

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

24th Sunday Ordinary Time  
12 - 13 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.catholicsoncall.org/who-do-you-say-i-am>

**Parish Priest:** Fr John McSweeney  
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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

This Gospel for this Sunday challenges us to try to be the perfect disciple of Jesus Christ: to deny ourselves, to take up our Cross, and to follow the Lord.

And we do this bearing in mind always that...

“Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it, but anyone who loses his life for (Jesus’) sake and for the sake of the Gospel will save it”!

In the week ahead, let’s take these words as the source of reflection on our spiritual journey.

- Please note the details of the First Reconciliation Program in this Bulletin. It is suggested that Year Three undertake this program in Term Four.
- Thanks for your marvellous generosity in the Fathers’ Day Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy.
- Next Sunday (20<sup>th</sup> September) the Pilgrimage “*From Paris to Compestel*” that I am leading gets underway. So, if I seem distracted this week, please forgive me!
- Fr. Robert will be acting Parish Priest in my absence. I will be returning to the parish on the weekend of the 24-25<sup>th</sup> October.
- I will celebrate Mass for the intentions of all Parishioners at the Shrine of St. James.

God bless you all! Have a great week

Fr. John

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### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 2015**

Children in Year 3 and who are 8 years old are invited to enrol in this year’s Reconciliation programme.

The Reconciliation calendar and enrolment forms will be available on the Parish website ([www.john23rd.org.au](http://www.john23rd.org.au)) and office from the **15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015** onwards.

Enrolments forms are due at the ritual masses on the weekend of **10<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**.

If you have any queries, please e-mail Jill at [admin@john23rd.org.au](mailto:admin@john23rd.org.au) or call her on 9852-0583.

Thank you.

## Evangelicum

In his address to the Faithful during his General Audience on 5<sup>th</sup> August this year Pope Francis said the following:

“The Church knows well that the situation of the divorced who have entered a second union contradicts the Christian Sacrament of Marriage. However, her gaze always draws from a mother’s heart, which, animated by the Holy Spirit, always looks for the good and the salvation of people.”

The Holy Father said he is especially grateful to the many pastors, guided by his predecessors, who have worked diligently “to let these families know they are still a part of the Church”.

“As these situations especially affect children, we are aware of a greater urgency to foster a true welcome for these families in our communities”

The biblical icon of the Good Shepherd presented in the Gospel of John, Pope Francis said, sums up the mission that Jesus received from the Father to give his life for his sheep. “This attitude,” Francis stressed, “is a model for the Church, which welcomes her children as a mother who gives her life for them.”

As the Good Shepherd gives his life, so the Church as a Mother gives her life for all her children, by being always the “house of the Father, with doors wide open”.

Reflection on those whose marriages have failed, the Pope said: “In fact, these people are not at all excommunicated, and should never be treated as such; they are always part of the Church”. The Holy Father concluded, praying that everyone, especially Christian families, “imitate the Good Shepherd, who knows all his sheep and excludes no one from his infinite love”.

### This week at our Parish

DATE	TIME	WHAT
14 Mon		
15 Tues		
16 Wed	9am	Mass at Holy Cross
	7.30pm	RCIA (St Marks Staff Room)
17 Thur	11.00am	Year 12 Graduation Mass
18 Fri		
19 Sat	2.00pm	Wedding - Vanderberg & Vassallo - Fr Walter
20 Sun		

## First Reading

*Isaiah 50:5-9*

*I gave my body to those who struck me.*

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 114:1-6,8-9*

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me! **R.**

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R.**

## Second Reading

*James 2:14-18*

*Faith without good works is dead.*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Galatians 6:14*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. **Alleluia!**

## Gospel

*Mark 8:27-35*

*You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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

### **14 Mon    *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F)***

1st Reading Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm Ps 77:1-2. 34-38

2nd Reading Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel John 3:13-17

### **15 Tues    *Our Lady of Sorrows(M)***

1st Reading Hebrews 5:7-9

Psalm Ps 30:2-6. 15-16. 20

Gospel John 19:25-27 or  
Luke 2:33-35

### **16 Wed    *Saints Cornelius and Cyprian (M)***

1st Reading 1 Timothy 3:14-16

Psalm Ps 110:1-6

Gospel Luke 7:31-35

### **17 Thurs    *24th ordinary time***

1st Reading 1 Timothy 4:12-16

Psalm Ps 110:7-10

Gospel Luke 7:36-50

### **18 Fri    *24th ordinary time***

1st Reading 1 Timothy 6:2-12

Psalm Ps 48:6-10. 17-20

Gospel Luke 8:1-3

### **19 Sat    *24th ordinary time***

1st Reading 1 Timothy 6:13-16

Psalm Ps 99

Gospel Luke 8:4-15

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B), Jesus asks his followers to do three things: “If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him...”

“Deny himself”

This means that the disciples of Jesus should not be preoccupied with oneself and one’s own problems, but have Christ and one’s neighbour in the forefront of our minds.

Indeed, we can ask ourselves: where are my priorities? Is my self-worth measured in material successes or spiritual ones? Do I find myself paying lip-service to the Gospel while still pursuing the false gods of materialism and hedonism? If we were asked to give up something precious, to deny ourselves what is legitimately our right, for the sake of God and the other, WOULD WE?

“Take up his Cross”

This phrase obviously evokes the Crucifixion of Jesus and reminds us that the faithful disciple of the Lord must be prepared to follow the Master even unto Death. Just as Jesus died for us, our life must be a continual dying to selfishness for the sake of our neighbour.

And so we reflect on the Cross in our lives: do we avoid the concept? Has Christianity become for us just a warm and fuzzy feeling of love of God and Neighbour? Has the necessity of Sacrifice been ripped out of our Spirituality? If we had the opportunity

to embrace something difficult for the salvation of another, WOULD WE?

“And follow me”.

The first two conditions of Discipleship prepare for this: a continuous and sustained fidelity to Jesus; a following in the very footsteps of Him which involves total acceptance of His Way of Life.

Thus we should examine our following of the Lord. Where can we see the need for improvements in our fidelity to Jesus and His Gospel? What aspects of our lifestyle need changing so that we are seen as a true disciple of Christ? How do we follow the Lord?

This Gospel challenges us to try to be the perfect disciple of Jesus Christ: to deny ourselves, to take up our Cross, and to follow the Lord.

And we do this bearing in mind always that...

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## Special intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Nancy Marteja Del Rosario,  
Rudy Patterson, Geoffrey King,  
Jorge Chanco Sr, Bituin Torte, Mary  
Antoinette Grimaldi,  
Junelyn Manlapaz, Richard Lim,  
Ammy Solas, Tess F Rehac.

### Anniversary:

Neomisa Reynolds, Noleta Athayde,  
Lawrie Noronha, Marie Stephanie  
Salazer, Lovell Johnnellow Newton-  
Wynia, Fraternidad A Ramirez,  
Maligaya Morales, Loreto Fabian,  
Alfredo U Franco.

### For the sick:

Mark de Jesus, Laura Z Faelnar,  
Elizabeth Newnes, Jackson Tate,  
Helen Hill, Peter O'Leary, Ernesto  
Coronel.

### Thanksgiving:

R J Santos & Family, Ravi &  
Bernadette Virwani, Chantelle Que,  
Malouvy Que.



## Paying our debt together

### Weekly collections

**1st Collection: \$ 1,455.25**

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

**2nd Collection: \$ 4,863.45**

*Loose \$ 1530.00*

*PG Envelopes \$ 1,737.45*

*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>15 September</b>	Estabaya Family	<b>22 September</b>	Olan Family
<b>29 September</b>	Manoj Family	<b>6 October</b>	<i>Still open</i>
<b>13 October</b>	Sebastian Family		



## Parish Pastoral Council Corner

*In every good family's exercise of the virtues, reciprocal love must burn like a flame. Goodness sweetens and reinforces the father's authority, the mother's sensitivity spreads it through the whole family, while the same goodness gives meaning to the children's obedience, is happy with their exuberance and inspires them to accept the sacrifices that are never wanting. – St. John XXIII, 24 Dec 1961*

This week, 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. The participants will then continue the retreat at home by reading and reflecting on pre-assigned material, then sharing their journey with others at the concluding session on Sunday, Sept. 20. For more details, you may contact Vitt Lim or Rose Franco of the Faith Formation team.

We will then 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. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website at [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au).

Thanks to everyone who responded to our request for September **host families for the Rosary statue**. We still need host families from Sept. 29 onwards, so please contact me accordingly.

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!

Also, mark this date: 24 October (Saturday) – it is our **Parish Zumba Night fundraiser** hosted by our own Rudi Yap and Fr. Robert! Tickets are available after weekend masses at \$15 each for a fun night of sweat and dancing for a cause!

Have a blessed week!

*Bart*

## Parish Notices

### Marriage Week: A Virtual Retreat with Pope Francis



Enrich your marriage with a series of 15 minute reflections on teachings from Pope Francis this week.

After the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, 13th Sept the Faith Formation Team 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.

Go to the parish events page <https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish/> events and join the virtual retreat.

The Faith Formation Team will be available at the kitchen after the 10:30 mass on 13th Sept. to answer your questions about this event.

### GTK is celebrating our 3rd year anniversary!

If you are 9-15 y/o and have previously attended or would like to join GTK Youth, we invite you to join us for a day of activities, spiritual reflection and a sausage sizzle! Bring a friend and some snacks to share.

Save the date: Sunday 27th September from 3pm at St Mark's staff room.  
Pickup is at 7.30pm after Mass at the church kitchen.

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

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Priests last weekend. For those who were unable to contribute, some envelopes are available in the Church or foyer. They may be sent directly to the Foundation or placed on the collection plate.

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.

**Mass cards available at the parish office.**

**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)

**21 September 29th Annual Parramatta Diocesan Golf Day:**

Ambrose Competition for Clergy, CEO Staff, School Staff and Parents & Friends. Cost \$60 per head (includes GST) if prepaid by 16 September. Includes buffet, soft drinks, green fees, trophies, mystery prizes: Richmond Golf Club – tee off 8.30am sharp! 'Shot Gun Start' (be there by 7.30am). Limited to 30 teams – book early to avoid disappointment. Contact: Ian Jordan 0408 219 942, [ijordan@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ijordan@parra.catholic.edu.au)

**22-24 September CWLA National Conference:**

The Catholic Women's League Australia will be hosting its 47th National Biennial Conference at the Novotel Sydney, Parramatta, in September. Keynote speaker is the Hon Pru Goward MP, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Other speakers include: Sr Hilda Scott OSB, Benedictine Sister from Jamberoo; Pat McDermott, Journalist and author of Family Matters; Chris Field, Catholic Development Fund, Diocese of Broken Bay; Jennifer Burn, Associate Professor Faculty of Law, speaking on Human Trafficking; and Ken Smith, historian from Parramatta Historical Society. To register contact Pauline O'Malley tel (02) 4358 1801, [treasurer@cwla.org.au](mailto:treasurer@cwla.org.au)

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

*Continuing on from last week's article on the Mass, the following articles during the next few weeks are further explanation of the importance of the different parts of the mass.*

### **The Introductory Rites**

“OFF TO A GOOD START”: The Introductory Rites

The “General Instruction on the Roman Missal” describes the structure of the Mass this way: The Mass is made up as it were of the liturgy of the word and the liturgy of the eucharist, two parts so closely connected that they form but one single act of worship. For in the Mass the table of God’s word and of Christ’s body is laid for the people of God to receive from it instruction and food. There are also certain rites to open and conclude the celebration. (GIRM 8) Clearly the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are the “heart and soul” of the celebration. The secondary parts of the Mass – the Introductory Rites, Preparation of Gifts and Concluding Rite – serve respectively as an introduction, transition and close in the liturgy.

Although one of the secondary elements, the Introductory Rites have a very important role. Their purpose is to gather the people together as a worshipping community, to prepare them to listen to the word and celebrate the Eucharist and to begin the liturgical celebration.

Every human action has to have a beginning. This is true of ordinary events like cooking a meal and planting a garden, and it is true of sacred actions. Before we do anything important, we need to prepare ourselves, set the scene, and make sure everyone is focussed.

It is clear that throughout the history of worship this need for preparation before the celebration was felt strongly. From a simple opening prayer in the liturgy of the early church, the introductory rites gradually became quite elaborate. During the Middle Ages they were also “privatised”: the Introit chant and the Kyrie litanies were recited by the celebrant alone and a collection of private penitential prayers by the priest were added.

Some of the elements of the present Introductory Rites date back to antiquity while others come from the medieval period. The revision of the rites was aimed at shortening and simplifying what had become protracted and complex over time.

More importantly, the private nature of the prayers was reversed. All of the ritual elements of the current rites are now intended for the preparation of the assembly as a whole. They demonstrate the principle that the liturgy is the action of the whole church and the human need for preparation in order to participate fully in that action.

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

The ordinary sequence of Introductory Rites includes: the entrance song and procession; the sign of the cross and exchange of greetings, formal and informal; a penitential rite, which includes the Kyrie; the Gloria (according to the season); and the opening prayer, which is the climax of this series of ritual actions. These rites are dropped in whole or part for certain special occasions such as a nuptial or funeral Mass, and the celebration of some seasonal feasts requires the rearrangement of these elements to accommodate other rituals.

There is a popular children's book about a symphony orchestra. It begins with some hundreds of people, scattered throughout the city, rising from their afternoon naps, getting themselves ready, setting out for the orchestra hall on various modes of transportation, taking their places, tuning their instruments..... and it concludes with the first, glorious, totally harmonised opening chord of the symphony. Perhaps it is not too far-fetched to think of gathering for the Eucharist in these terms, the Introductory Rites being everything that precedes and enables us to offer God total and harmonised worship.

<http://liturgybrisbane.net.au/liturgylines/the-introductory-rites/>



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*Faith Formation* Rose Franco

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*Liturgy* Ray Samonte

*Pastoral Care* tba

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### Holy Cross Primary

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### Catholic Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

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[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

## Spot the difference

5 to find



## Take up your cross and follow me

M	P	G	L	E	T	G	F	W	T	V	U	J	E	L	A	G
E	H	J	I	K	T	K	G	H	R	E	X	T	K	G	B	M
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