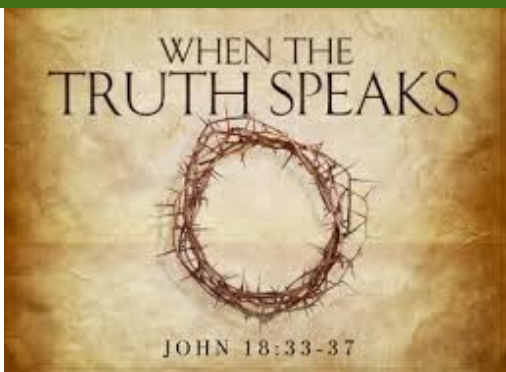


The Catholic Parish of **St John** XXIII  
Perfection Ave cor Bentwood Tce, Stanhope Gardens

**Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE**  
**21-22 November 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

**Parish Office Contacts**

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**Devotions & Prayers**

**Novena Masses**

*Tuesday* 7:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

*First Friday* 7:30pm

Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

*Tuesday* 6:30 - 7:30pm

*First Friday* 6:30pm followed by  
7:15pm Benediction

*Saturday* 8:00 - 9:00am (*Vocations*)

**Sacrament of the Sick**

*First Saturday* 9:00am Mass or upon request

**Divine Office**

*Friday* 12:00pm with Adoration

*Sunday* 8:15am

**Praise & Worship**

*3rd Saturday* 7:30pm

led by SJ23rd Prayer Group

*2nd Saturday* 7:30pm

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

*Friday evenings* 7:00pm church kitchen

(*Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group*)

## Evangelicum

As we celebrate the great Solemnity of Christ the Universal King today we come to the end of the Church's Liturgical Year, as next week we begin Advent preparation for Christmas. We give God thanks for the previous liturgical year and all its many benefits to ourselves and this Parish Community. And we pray that Christ may rule the hearts and minds of all human beings, especially those who have turned to hate and violence to achieve their aims.

On Thursday last the Gospel of the Day was about Jesus weeping for Jerusalem for it did not embrace peace. Here's what Pope Francis had to say (in part) during his daily Homily that day: "Today Jesus weeps as well: because we have chosen the way of war, the way of hatred, the way of enmities." "We are close to Christmas: There will be lights, there will be parties, bright trees, even Nativity scenes – all decked out – while the world continues to wage war," the Holy Father reflected. "The world has not understood the way of peace."

Pope Francis went on to recall the recent commemorations of the Second World War and the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, as well as his visit to Redipuglia last year on the anniversary of the Great War. These conflicts were "useless slaughters," the Pontiff said, repeating the words of Pope Benedict XV. "Everywhere there is war today, there is hatred."

"What shall remain in the wake of this war, in the midst of which we are living now?" Francis asked. "What shall remain? Ruins, thousands of children without education, so many innocent victims: and lots of money in the pockets of arms dealers."

The Holy Father reiterated something he has said on other occasions: that war is waged to bring economic gain to a few. "Jesus once said: 'You cannot serve two masters: either God or riches.' War is the right choice for him who would serve wealth: 'Let us build weapons, so that the economy will right itself somewhat, and let us go forward in pursuit of our interests.'"

But those who choose money over human life face Jesus' judgement, Francis warned. "There is an ugly word the Lord spoke: 'Cursed!' Because He said: 'Blessed are the peacemakers!.' The men who work war, who make war, are cursed, they are criminals."

Just war? The Pope also remarked: "A war can be justified – so to speak – with many, many reasons, but when all the world is as it is today, at war – piecemeal though that war may be – a little here, a little there, and everywhere – there is no justification – and God weeps. Jesus weeps."

"It will do us well to ask the for the grace of tears, for this world that does not recognize the path of peace, this world that lives for war, and cynically says not to make it. Let us pray for conversion of heart. Here before the door of this Jubilee of Mercy, let us ask that our joy, our jubilation, be this grace: that the world discover the ability to weep for its crimes, for what the world does with war."

*[For a summary of some of the many occasions when Pope Francis has spoken of the world at war, and referred to it as a World War III, see here: <http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/pope-francis-a-pope-who-sees-a-wwiii-and-pleas-for-it-to-stop>]*

## From the Pastor's desk

My brothers and sisters, on this great day of Celebration when we call Christ the Ruler of all, let us pray for Peace and for the Conversion of those who hate and sin in terrible ways against their fellow human beings.

- I would like to thank John McCartney and his team for all their work before and during our Stewardship Campaign. I thank Cecilia Zammit for her words last weekend. Some people felt she was “too pushy”. Perhaps so, but that is her role in our Diocese, to wake us up as a parish to the needs that we have for an increase in REGULAR monetary contributions, so that we can budget for now and for the future.
- We have many generous people in this Community – generous with both time and money. But what we do need is a *regular* commitment from most so that we can plan for our future needs. For example, I would like to employ a part-time Youth Worker for our very young Parish, but have no funds to do so; similarly, Jill Franco – as Administration Officer - has been a great support in the Office for the Sacramental Programmes, but she is not the Coordinator, and we will ultimately need a Sacramental Coordinator to cater for our 200+ children each Programme; but again, there are not sufficient funds.
- Yes, we have a debt: we enjoy the marvellous Church building that we have, but it has to be paid for. Again, looking at the future, it would be great if the Parish Offices could be nearer the Church, containing a 100 seat meeting room, a bookshop, etc. But we can't even consider this without a *regular* income stream that is above what we receive at present.
- I am fully aware that our part of the world is suffering from Mortgage Stress. But, as Cecilia said, all we're after by way of increase is the equivalent of one or two cups of coffee a week. And if this could be done by Direct Debit or Credit Card, then we can *budget and plan for the Future*.
- This approach has been the way the Church in Australia has been giving for over 60 years. So, please, no matter what your cultural tradition, let's get on board *this approach* to giving and build for our children and their future parish community!
- The Spring Fair was a great success last Saturday, despite the rain periods. Next year we hope that it will be a joint Parish and School Spring Fair. More about this next year when discussions have been held about possibilities.
- This week there is the Parish Finance Committee on Wednesday at 7:30pm, Baptism Preparation in the Church at 7:30pm, and the Advent Retreat from 9-12 on Saturday morning, commencing with Mass (all welcome.).

## First Reading

*Daniel 7:13-14*

*His sovereignty is eternal.*

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of  
heaven, one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age and  
was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship, and men of all  
peoples, nations and languages became  
his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal  
sovereignty which shall never pass  
away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Revelation 1:5-8*

*The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a  
line of kings, priests to serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the  
First-born from the dead, the Ruler of  
the kings of the earth. He loves us and  
has washed away our sins with his  
blood, and made us a line of kings,  
priests to serve his God and Father; to  
him, then, be glory and power for ever  
and ever. Amen. It is he who is  
coming on the clouds; everyone will  
see him, even those who pierced him,  
and all the races of the earth will  
mourn over him. This is the truth.  
Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the  
Omega' says the Lord God, who is,  
who was, and who is to come, the  
Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

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## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 92:1-2,5*

**R. The Lord is king; he is robed in  
majesty.**

The Lord is king, with majesty  
enrobed; the Lord has robed himself  
with might, he has girded himself with  
power.

**R.**

The world you made firm, not to be  
moved; your throne has stood firm  
from of old. From all eternity, O Lord,  
you are.

**R.**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house, O  
Lord, until the end of time.

**R.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Mark 11:9,10*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom  
of David our Father; blessed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

*John 18:33-37*

***You say that I am a king.***

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE WORD  
OF GOD

Each one must give as he has  
decided in his heart, not  
reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver.

*2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV*

## Pastor's Desk

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God bless you all. May you have a great week, and a few moments of rest before we begin the 'madness' of Christmas preparation!!!

*Fr. John*

## 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

### **23 Mon 34th week ordinary time**

1st Reading Daniel 1:1-6. 8-20

Psalm Daniel 3:52-56

Gospel Luke 21:1-4

### **24 Tues Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions**

1st Reading Daniel 2:31-45

Psalm Daniel 3:57-61

Gospel Luke 21:5-11

### **25 Wed 34th week ordinary time**

1st Reading Daniel 5:1-6. 13-14. 16-  
17. 23-28

Psalm Daniel 3:62-67

Gospel Luke 21:12-19

### **26 Thurs 34th week ordinary time**

1st Reading Daniel 6:12-28

Psalm Daniel 3:68-74

Gospel Luke 21:20-28

### **27 Fri 34th week ordinary time**

1st Reading Daniel 7:2-14

Psalm Daniel 3:75-81

Gospel Luke 21:29-33

### **28 Sat 34th week ordinary time**

1st Reading Daniel 7:15-27

Psalm Daniel 3:82-87

Gospel Luke 21:34-36



## Gospel Reflection

The First Reading from the Book of Daniel speaks of “his Sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away...”. But what sort of authority and power is the prophet speaking of? Some (including the Jewish People) understand this to be the coming of an all-conquering King and Messiah.

But Jesus in the Gospel clarifies this for us. When Pilate questions Jesus, he says: “so you are a king, then?” Jesus’ response is intriguing: “Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: *to bear witness to the truth*”. So, Jesus’ Kingship is really all about witnessing to the Truth; and that Truth is found in His words and action, his Life and Teachings.

When we pray “Thy Kingdom come” in the Lord’s Prayer, we are inviting God to break in on our world, leading all humanity to recognize the Truth that is found in Jesus, leading all humanity to acknowledge Christ’s Sovereignty and Power over Creation, leading all humanity to become obedient to the Father’s Will – “Thy Will be done ... on earth as in heaven”.

Furthermore, Jesus’ words and actions exemplify the way that leads to eternal life with God. When Jesus says in John’s Gospel “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, he is really saying the following (according to most biblical scholars): I am the Way (to the Father), (and that Way demands that one follow) the Truth (of my Life and Teaching) and (following this Truth leads one to) the Life (which is eternal)!

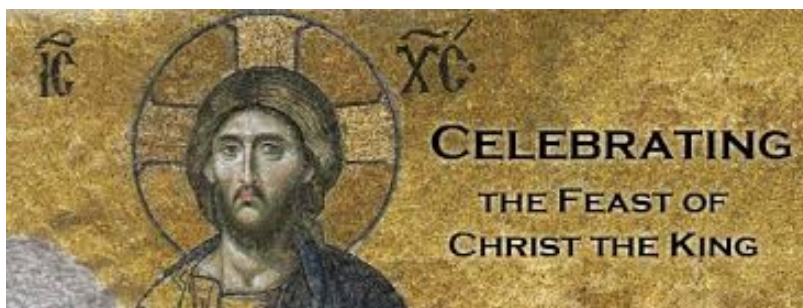
And our Second Reading picks up all this when it declares that “Jesus Christ is the faithful Witness”! So,

Are we Obedient to God’s Will?

Are we Witnessing to the Truth?

Are we striving for the Kingdom of Life?

In short, Are we Ready for Christ’s Coming at the End of Time? We need to reflect on all this in the coming week



## Special intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Cyril Pinto, Jannie Charles,  
Fr Dave Scott, Trevor Houghton,  
Antoine Said-Pullicino

### Anniversary:

Leo Meduro, Teresita Pangilinan.

### For the sick:

Mark de Jesus, Laura Z Faelnar,  
Elizabeth Newnes, Peter O'Leary,  
Jackson Tate, Ernesto Coronel,  
Mariano Antonio Jon Villaraza  
Helen Hill, Maria Bellia, Edwin Rizon,  
Nigel Reynolds, Guy Austria

### Thanksgiving:

R & J Santos

**When putting Mass Intention for the recently deceased, could you please put date of death for the recently deceased person.**

**Thank you.**

**For all others that have died please see the November Book of Remembrance.**

## Paying our debt together

### Weekly collections

**1st Collection: \$ 2,363.00**

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

**2nd Collection: \$ 5,367.30**

*Loose \$ 1,710.30*

*PG Envelopes \$ 2,097.00*

*PG by EFT \$ 1,560.00*

*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**

**November 24** Sarlabus Family

**December 1** *available*

**December 8** Pereira Family

**December 15** Sebastian Family

**December 22/29** Lee Family

**January 5** *available onwards*



## Parish Pastoral Council Corner

*Let us be sure to remain deeply united with Christ, the source of light and grace, who every day renews our spirits in joyfulness. – St. John XXIII, 12 November 1955*

This weekend, we celebrate the **solemnity of Christ the King**, who reigns over a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace as well as a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

**We thank everyone** who have renewed their personal commitment to parish life and our community's vision and mission by:

- Participating in a parish group or ministry and in church activities; and/or
- Starting or increasing their financial pledge of support for our parish particularly during the second collection.

We are seeing a positive trend towards raising the parish cash inflows to a minimum of \$8k per week and hope this will continue this weekend as well. Every bit counts towards meeting our goal, so if you haven't yet, please take a Pledge Card and fill this out. Also, if you are a current planned giver, please seriously consider increasing your donation further – it will make a difference!

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!

We still need a **host family for the Rosary** statue for 1 December, so please contact me if you are interested to host our Mother in your home then. The next available slots for hosting will be in January 2016.

We are holding the **young Altar Servers' training course** on November 21 & 28 from 3 pm to 5:30 pm, and enrolment forms are available in the church foyer for those interested in becoming altar servers for the parish.

The **Institute for Mission (IFM)** of the Parramatta Diocese is now accepting enrolments for the 2016 Certificate in Pastoral Formation course as well as the 2016 Beginning Theology (BT) program. Those who would like more information on these courses may attend the Nov. 30 IFM Info & Advent Reflection Night at the IFM office at Marion St., Blacktown or go to [ifm.org.au](http://ifm.org.au) for online queries.

Have a blessed week! *Bart*

## Parish News

*"Each one should give then.. not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly" 2 Cor 9:7 (cheerfully)*

The Faith Formation Committee invites you to spend half a day with the Lord, in Preparation for Christmas, at our **ANNUAL ADVENT RETREAT**

**WHEN:** Saturday, 28 Nov 2015

**WHERE:** St. John XXIII Parish, Perfection Ave.

**TIME:** 9:00am Mass immediately followed by Reflections led by **Fr. John McSweeney** at St. Mark's College Staff Room until 11:30am

Please bring a plate to share for a light lunch after the Retreat

### "Suddenly Single Again ? "

Feeling low, lost, overwhelmed by the idea of having to socialise again after Separation, Divorce or Bereavement ?

All your friends are married or no longer include you ?

Just need a chat/Coffee with someone else in the same situation or would love to venture back into socialising again.....but lost your confidence ?

For more information please email **P a r i s h o f f i c e** on **admin@john23rd.org.au** or call the Parish Office.....we are working on a new group to enrich our growing parish and provide mutual support to Separated, Divorced and Bereaved parishioners.

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

## PILGRIMAGE - SPIRITUAL HIGHLIGHTS OF ITALY

12 days departing 10th October 2016  
returning 21 October 2016

From AU\$3,985 per person twin share.

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For more information contact

Western City Travel on 02 8883 3017  
or 0423 128 252

**ar.medina@westerncitytravel.com.au**  
or **FrRobert@john23rd.org.au**

### Vinnie's Christmas Hamper Appeal

Every year, during the Christmas Season, the St. Vincent de Paul Society brings some cheer to families in need in our community by providing them with Christmas hampers. Please help fill up these hampers by picking up a star or stars from under the Christmas tree (available from next weekend, 28 November) and purchasing the items indicated on it. Bring your donations back before the **14<sup>th</sup> of December.**

Thank you for your kind generosity.

"Please do not put notices on the church noticeboards or place notes or articles around the church without speaking to me (Fr John) first."

## Parish News

Thank you to all who renewed their pledge or pledged to support our parish financially for the first time. We have pledge cards in the pews again this weekend so if you missed the opportunity last weekend, please complete a card and place in the boxes at the doors of the church or the mail box at the sacristy door or return to the parish office. If you need a direct debit form please ask an acolyte after mass.

### WYD/GTK Sausage Sizzle

When: 29th November 2015

Time: after 9:00am mass

Please support our youth in this endeavour



**President** Bart Sarlabus

✉ bart.sarlabus@gmail.com

### Council Team Leaders

*Community Bldg* Techie Sarlabus

*Comms & Media* John McCartney

*Faith Formation* Rose Franco

*Fundraising* Rodi Orantia

*Liturgy* Ray Samonte

*Social Justice* Qwayne Guevarra

## Diocesan News

### Pastoral Associate:

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, is seeking an energetic and committed Pastoral Associate for a full-time position. The successful applicant will need to show the ability to empower and support people in a variety of ministries as well as demonstrated experience in leadership, coordination and liturgy. A current Working with Children Check is essential. For further information and an information pack please contact the parish office tel (02) 9631 8135, [parishoffice@olqp.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au)

**Applications close 30 November.**

### YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER – PART TIME 8HRS/WK

HYPA (Hawkesbury Youth Parish Action Group) is seeking a motivated and enthusiastic part-time Youth Ministry Leader who will lead the faith formation program for youth in the Hawkesbury area.

Email [irenegalea@bigpond.com](mailto:irenegalea@bigpond.com) for more details and application package

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

### **Pope Francis: Going to Mass should be a life-changing event**

VATICAN CITY Going to Mass and receiving the Eucharist should make a difference in the way Catholics live, Pope Francis said; they should be more accepting of others and more aware of their sinfulness.

"If we don't feel in need of God's mercy and don't think we are sinners, it's better not to go to Mass," Pope Francis said Wednesday at his weekly general audience. The Eucharist is a celebration of Christ's gift of himself for the salvation of sinners, which is why the Mass begins with people confessing they are sinners and begging for the Lord's mercy.

Continuing a series of audience talks about the sacraments, the pope asked people to think about how they approach the Mass and what difference it makes in their lives and the lives of their parishes.

Do you go to Mass because it's a habit or a time to see your friends? the pope asked. "Or is it something more?"

"When we go to Mass, we find ourselves with all sorts of people," the pope said. "Does the Eucharist we celebrate lead me to consider all of them as brothers and sisters? Does it increase my ability to rejoice when they do and to weep with those who weep?"

Pope Francis said it is not enough to say one loves Jesus; it must be shown in love for those he loved.

Ask yourself, he said, if going to Mass helps you reach out to the suffering or

"am I indifferent, or am I gossiping, 'Did you see how that one's dressed?' Sometimes people do that after Mass. But this shouldn't happen."

Attendance at Mass also should lead to "the grace of feeling forgiven and able to forgive others," he said.

Pope Francis said he knows some people wonder why they should bother going to church when the church is filled with people who sin like everyone else.

"In reality, those who participate in the Mass don't do so because they think or want to believe they are superior to others, but precisely because they know they are in need" of God's mercy, he said.

"We go to Mass because we know we are sinners and want Jesus' forgiveness," the pope said. "When, at the beginning of Mass, we say, 'I confess,' it's not something pro forma. It's a real act of penance."

In the Eucharist, Jesus truly gives us his body and blood for the remission of sins, he said.

Celebrating the Eucharist also should make a difference in the way a parish community lives, he said. At Mass, Christ gathers people around him "to nourish us with his word and his life. This means that the mission and identity of the church begin and take form there."

"A celebration could be perfect from an aesthetic point of view -- it can be beautiful -- but if it does not lead us to an encounter with Jesus Christ, it risks

## Our School Communities

### Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

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☎ (02) 9629 8742

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

### John XXIII and St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

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

### Catholic Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

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

## Positions Vacant

### 1. Administrative Support Officer (Parental Leave Cover):

This role in the Diocesan Family & Life Office is offered as a maximum term of 12 months – Parental Leave Cover. In this role you will be responsible for providing a range of administrative services to the Family & Life Office in Parramatta. You will assist the Director in conducting initial reviews of the quality of potential programs and resources in support of marriages and families. You will also help to manage the delivery of appropriate events, programs and resources in both print and electronic formats.

For more information about this position go to [www.parra.catholic.org.au](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au) Click on About Your Diocese, Employment, Catholic Diocese of Parramatta View current employment opportunities.

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

not giving any nourishment to our hearts and lives," the pope said. There must be "coherence between our Eucharist and our lives."

*By Cindy Wooden Catholic News Service | Feb. 12,*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

*Romans 12:1-2 ESV*

## 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

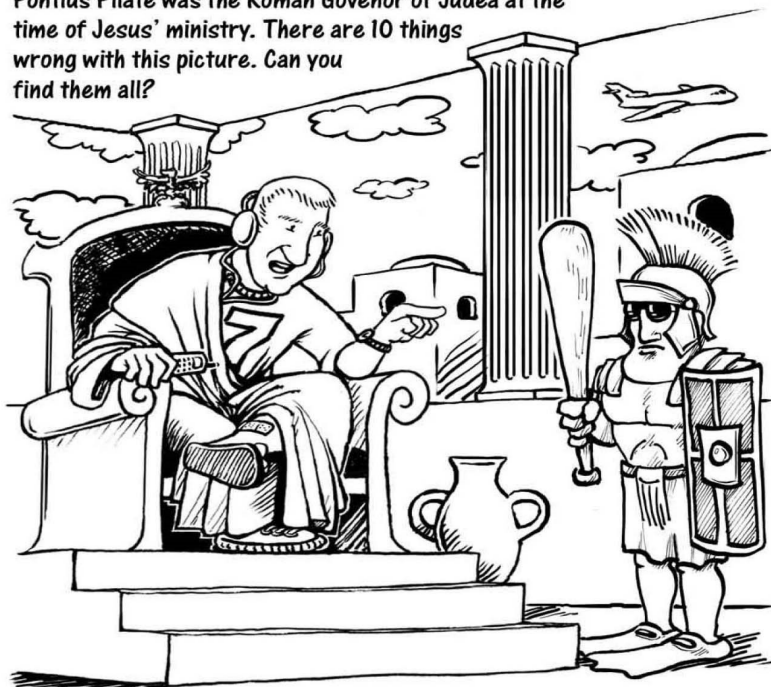
**Where:** St Mark's Staff Room

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

6.00pm Youth Mass

## What's wrong with the picture?

Pontius Pilate was the Roman Governor of Judea at the time of Jesus' ministry. There are 10 things wrong with this picture. Can you find them all?



## Those who please God will shine like the stars

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