

# The Catholic Parish of St John XXIII

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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16—17 July 2016

### 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  
led by Christ Catholic Community Prayer  
Group at the church kitchen

## From the Pastor's desk

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

I always feel sorry for Martha! Despite what Jesus says to her about keeping focussed on the one thing that matters - his Teaching, the Revelation from the Father - Jesus was still expecting a meal!!

And therein lies the tension under which we all labour: the balance between faithful focus on the Lord and His Gospel and the many needs of daily existence in the 21st century! However, as always, Jesus is speaking about priorities. Where, indeed, does our 'treasure' reside? In the Lord? Or in the multifarious activities that fill up our increasingly busier lives?

When the going gets tough, will we place all our hopes in the Lord?

Will we seek for that one thing that matters?

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- \* I would like to thank you all for the many prayers and best wishes that have been offered during my recent illness. It has been a difficult - and painful - time, a period that resulted in vascular surgery and necessary recuperation. I am back from sick leave now, although supposedly on 'light duties' - whatever that means!
  - \* I would like to thank each and every member of the Parish Team for all their extra work during my absence, and to acknowledge the many extra tasks undertaken by quite a few generous individuals.
  - \* We wish Fr Robert and our WYD Pilgrims all the best and safe travelling this weekend as they make their various ways to Poland later this month for the week of WYD celebrations. Let us keep them all in our prayers over these weeks.
  - \* Lets also keep our young parishioners who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of July in our prayers. May the Lord hold them close and strengthen them to be His witnesses to this world of ours!
  - \* While Father Robert is away we will have a Liturgy of the Word on Monday and Tuesday mornings (and Wednesday this week).
  - \* On 7th August, during the 10:30am mass, Bishop Vincent will install me as Parish Priest - over two years after my arrival here! Better late than never, I suppose! Please keep this date in your diaries. Apart from the Installation Liturgy, it will be a grand occasion as we welcome our new Bishop among us!
  - \* Don't forget IGNITE on Sunday 6pm. Our youth group presents Dave Dowling to talk about the important 3—Faith, Finance, Work—How to balance these. If you are 18—35 years of age or just simply young at heart, come and join in this interesting discussion.

May God continue to bless you all as we do our individual best to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our lives, and seek the 'one thing that matters' every day!

*Fr. John*

### **Take part in our Way of Mercy**

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, a large Cross and Relics will be journeying around our Diocese from August to November. We are seeking special Mercy Representatives and enthusiastic people to be part of the travelling team and/or offer their gifts of prayer, music and faith sharing.

Please contact the Way of Mercy office tel (02) 9831 4911 or send an email to [pastoralplanning@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralplanning@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **21 July - Holy Hour for Vocations**

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 7pm-8pm for adoration, prayer, music and quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta. To find out more about priesthood contact Fr Warren Edwards, Director of Priestly Vocations, [vocations@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **22 July - Social justice evening at Kenthurst**

Hear the story first-hand of asylum seekers. Join the diocesan Social Justice Office and our network of agencies empowering asylum seekers and refugees for a change in the conversation around asylum seekers and refugees. Starts 7.30pm at St Madeleine's Parish, 28 Annangrove Rd, Kenthurst.

For more information contact Sr Louise McKeogh FMA, Social Justice Coordinator, [lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **15 August— Liturgical Ministry Formation Course**

This course begins with a Compulsory Introductory Session on Monday 15 August. Participants continue with the two-week course of their choice: Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying. Conducted at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown, on Mondays, commencing at 7pm. **Applications close 8 August.** Register with the Office for Worship: [ofw@ifm.org.au](mailto:ofw@ifm.org.au)

### **20 August - Catechesis and Formation Day**

Confirmation for Adults will take place on 1 September with Bishop Vincent Long in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. On 20 August, the Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for candidates interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. From 9.30am-2pm at the Diocesan Assembly Hall, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. All sponsors must attend.

**RSVP 17 August to:** [ofw@ifm.org.au](mailto:ofw@ifm.org.au)

## Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

## Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

## First Reading

*Genesis 18:1-10*

*Lord, do not bypass your servant.*

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' he asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

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; he who does not slander with his tongue. **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

*Colossians 1:24-28*

*The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Luke 8:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Luke 10:38-42*

*Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.*

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE WORD  
OF GOD**

*"If you abide in Me, and  
My words abide in you, ask  
whatever you wish, and it  
will be done for you."*

John 15:7

## Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Martha has done all the work. Why does Luke remember and record this incident for the Church? What do they represent for us?

Martha and Mary have traditionally been taken to represent two dimensions of institutional life in the Church, namely the active life and the contemplative life. The Church needs those who work to spread the Gospel and Christian values and who work for fairness and for peace. At the same time the Church also needs those support these workers in prayer. In other words, we need work and prayer. They are not rivals but allies, partners in the work of the Gospel.

What Martha and Mary touch home with us is the need to work and the need to pause and pray. We human beings need both.

Martha and Mary represent two kinds of prayer in our life. We can so easily limit prayer to "saying prayers" namely, the Martha part and we forget the prayer of silent listening to the Lord that is represented by Mary in this Gospel.

Through the prayer of listening, we begin to recognize the presence of God who comes to us in all kinds of unexpected ways as the Lord does to Abraham in today's first reading, in the disguise of visitors. The Lord enters our life in all kinds of ways through good times and bad times. Everything that happens to us is seeded with grace. Quiet prayer, listening to the Lord, helps those seeds grow.

For a Christian, taking the time to pray is the most invigorating thing we can do for our soul. When the world pulls us in a thousand different directions, our prayer draws us back to Christ and to listen to Him. Time with the Lord is our rudder in any storm. Like a rudder, prayer helps us use the winds that come at us from whatever direction, to bring us closer to Christ, that is closer to home.

## 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

### **18 Mon 16th week of Ordinary time**

1st Reading Micah 6:1-4. 6-8

Psalm Ps 49:5-6. 8-9. 16-17. 21.  
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Gospel Matthew 12:38-42

### **19 Tues 16th week of Ordinary time**

1st Reading Micah 7:14-15. 18-20

Psalm Ps 84:2-8

Gospel Matthew 12:46-50

### **20 Wed 16th week of Ordinary time**

1st Reading Jeremiah 1:1. 4-10

Psalm Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17

Gospel Matthew 13:1-9

### **21 Thurs 16th week of Ordinary time**

1st Reading Jeremiah 2:1-3. 7-8. 12-  
13

Psalm Ps 35:6-11

Gospel Matthew 13:10-17

### **22 Fri Saint Mary Magdalene (M)**

1st Reading Song of Songs 3:1-4

Alt 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Psalm Ps 62:2-6. 8-9

Gospel John 20:1-2. 11-18

### **23 Sat 16th week of Ordinary time**

1st Reading Jeremiah 7:1-11

Psalm Ps 83:3-6. 8. 11

Gospel Matthew 13:24-30

## Special intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Jacinto Reyes Jr, Susan M Mirasol,  
Giorgio Kavó, R J Carranza

### Deceased:

Jeffrey Turner

### Anniversary:

Jessie Nicol, Charlie Azzopardi, Giorgio Kavó

### Sick:

Mark de Jesus, Noah Kenneth Dogao,  
Caroline G Vazquez, Elizabeth Agtoto,  
Concordia Llave, Leonardo Villafana,  
Guy Austria, Maria Bellia, Edwin Rizon,  
Cay Espanta, Nigel Reynolds,  
Mariano Antonio Jon Villaraza,

### Thanksgiving:

Jill Franco & Anthony Franco,  
R J Santos & Family



## Paying our debt together

### Weekly collections

**2nd Collection: \$4,671.00**

*Loose* \$1,846.90

*PG Envelopes* \$1,391.00

*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.**

### DWF RECEIPTS

DWF receipts are now available. Please contact the parish office if you require a copy of your DWF receipt for the 2015-2016 financial year.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your envelope packs at the front entrance of the church. If you know of anyone who might have moved parishes please inform the parish office.

### MEMORIAL WALL PLAQUE

Consider commemorating the memory of your departed family with a plaque on the memorial wall. Time is running out to have a plaque ready for November and the Feast of All Souls. Contact Tanya in the parish office.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

#### Stanhope Gardens Conference

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, Stanhope Gardens Conference would like to thank our parishioners for their generous donations to our Winter Appeal. We have raised \$3191.70 to help the needy in our local community for the year. Thank you, too, for those who have come forward to assist us in our work. God bless you.

### CHURCH TOILETS

Our toilets are being left in a disappointing state with paper towels and other rubbish left on the floors. As this is a shared facility hygiene is very important to remember and so we request to please leave the toilets in a tidy state. Ensure that children are supervised when using the toilets.

## Positions Vacant

### Bookshop Manager, Mustard Seed Bookshop

Applications are being considered for the position of Bookshop Manager, Mustard Seed Bookshop in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

For further information visit [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au) or contact Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, tel 0402 210055. Applications close **Sunday 24 July 2016.**

## Why we do what we do..

***Q: I have a question that I have been meaning to ask for some time. At the beginning and end of Mass I've noticed for years that the priest kisses the altar. Why does he do that? Is it a simple act of reverence or is there another reason?***

A: Most everything that happens at Mass is richly imbued with meaning. This is especially true of the reverence that the priest gives the altar during the entrance procession and at the conclusion of Mass.

Every time a priest kisses or reverences the altar, he does so in order to honor the altar of sacrifice (which represents Christ) where the miracle of the Eucharist occurs, but also for another reason deeply rooted in ancient Christian tradition: to reverence the relics of the saint or martyr placed within the altar itself.

During the first centuries of church history, Masses were often celebrated in the underground catacombs on stone slabs covering the tomb of a martyr. This was done in order to reverence the martyr and their heroic and ultimate sacrifice for the Lord. This also was done out of necessity: Being a Christian was illegal throughout the Roman Empire (thus the existence of martyrs) and the Mass had to be celebrated in secret.

When the emperor Constantine legalized Christianity early in the fourth century, the celebration of the Mass moved from underground to above ground, from the catacombs to public buildings or churches. When this transition occurred, the practice and tradition of venerating the martyrs was not left behind but continued to be an important dimension of the Mass.

The tradition of building churches above the tombs or remains of martyrs was commonplace. The basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome are good examples of this. Where this was not possible, a stone slab with a first-class relic — a part of the body of a saint — within it often was placed on top of the altar itself.

This practice continued to grow, and the Second Council of Nicaea decreed that churches were to have altars with relics of saints placed within them. This practice eventually became part of ecclesial law, which prior to the Second Vatican Council legislated that all fixed altars were to have an altar stone with a cavity containing the first-class relics of two saints (one of which had to be a martyr), which was then sealed.

The Second Vatican Council encouraged this perennial practice and simplified it. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says, “The practice of placing relics of Saints, even those not Martyrs, under the altar to be dedicated is fittingly retained. Care should be taken, however, to ensure the authenticity of such relics.” (302)

This norm is also echoed in the Ceremonial of Bishops: “The tradition in the Roman liturgy of placing relics of martyrs or other saints beneath the altar should

## 26 August - Faith in Marriage Seminar

CatholicCare invites all parishioners to the 2016 'Faith in Marriage' seminar to be held on **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016**.

Guest speaker Sophie York from marriage Alliance will speak on the 'Beauty & Joy of Marriage'. Ben Smith, Director of the Family and Life office, Parramatta Diocese, will speak about the Pope Francis apostolic exhortation 'The Joy of Love' (Amoris Laetitia).

**Venue:** St Paul the Apostle Parish Hall  
40 Buckley Rd, Winston Hills

**Time:** 7.30pm

Please register your attendance by emailing [marriage@ccss.org.au](mailto:marriage@ccss.org.au) or phone 8822 2222.

Light supper served. There is no charge to attend. All donations welcome.

## Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will review the response of Catholic Church authorities to allegations of child sexual abuse by former priest John Joseph Farrell. Case Study 44 will examine the response of the Dioceses of Parramatta and Armidale to allegations made against Farrell. The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to continuously reviewing and improving its child protection policies and procedures and encourages anyone who was abused in any way to contact our Office of Safeguarding & Professional Standards tel (02) 8838 3419 or [safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au)

The public hearing is scheduled to commence on 12 September in Sydney. For more information visit: [www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au](http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au)

## Why we do ... cont'd

be preserved, if possible." (866) While not all altars must have a relic within them, most churches built in the post-Vatican II era were outfitted with fixed altars embedded with first-class relics. (The archives in your local parish office should have the information about this).

When a priest kisses the altar, he is reverencing the person of Christ, which the altar represents, and is also, even if they are not present, continuing the ancient tradition of honoring the great and heroic sacrifice of the martyrs.

May God's blessings be with you today and always!

*Northwest Catholic - March 2016*

<http://www.nwccatholic.org/spirituality/ask-father/why-do-priests-kiss-the-altar-at-mass>

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## Parish Pastoral Council Corner

*Before all things, purity of heart; and in the keeping of an unceasing vigilance and constant attention this purity gives order and transparency to our whole life, and to our every word and every act. – 22 November 1959*

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### ————— COUNCIL MATTERS —————

- † **14 September 2016, Wednesday** - Next PPC Executive Team meeting scheduled **from 7:30 pm, at the Parish Office Conference Room.**
- † **18 September 2016, Sunday** - General Parish Meeting scheduled from 12 noon at St. Mark's Staff Common Room. Parishioners are invited to attend.

### ————— LITURGY TEAM —————

- † **15 August, Monday, from 7pm** - The second round of OFW courses for Liturgical Ministers will commence at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Enrolment forms will be made available to interested parishioners at the foyer of the church or from the Parish Office.
- † **7 August, 2016, Sunday** - Installation of Fr. John as Parish Priest of SJ23 tentatively scheduled at the 10:30 am Mass. Bishop Vincent will be officiating this special event in the life of our Parish Community.

### ————— FAITH FORMATION TEAM —————

- † We continue to ask for host families, for the month of September, to pray the Rosary at home and request for our Blessed Mother's intercessions.
- † Plans are underway for our parish community's participation in the Way of Mercy programme, to be hosted by Quakers Hill Parish. More details to be announced later by our representatives Rose Franco and Vitt Lim.

### ————— FUNDRAISING TEAM —————

- † Please continue to support this year's Parish Fundraising Initiative by buying and on-selling more tickets to our Grand Raffle Draw on Father's Day, 4 September, 2016. The first prize is a brand new Mitsubishi Mirage ES while the secondary prizes are large-screen TVs and smart fitness watches. We are halfway through to our minimum target sales of \$40k, with 9 weeks to go, so let's go for gold!

### ————— PASTORAL & SACRAMENTAL TEAM —————

- † Confirmation masses are scheduled for the evenings of 27, 28 & 29 July.

### ————— COMMUNITY BUILDING —————

- † **7 August 2016, Sunday** - We plan to hold a multicultural food fiesta following Fr. John's installation as Parish Priest and are looking for food and drink donors for this event. Please contact Techie Sarlabus and the Community Building Team if you are interested in donating.

## 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 t 7:40pm.

If you want the opportunity of having the statue visit to your home contact Bart Sarlabus - [bart.sarlabus@gmail.com](mailto:bart.sarlabus@gmail.com). Pick up the statue during the novena and return before the novena.

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights					
<b>July</b>	12 Metri	19 Drummond	26 Layman		
<b>August</b>	2 Lozada	9 Lequin	16 Manoj	23 Pangilinan	30 Sebastian
<b>September</b>	6 Blasonato	13 <i>available</i>	20 <i>available</i>	27 <i>available</i>	



**President** Bart Sarlabus

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**Council Team Leaders**

*Community Bldg* Techie Sarlabus

*Comms & Media* John McCartney

*Evangelisation* Helen Zammit

*Faith Formation* Rose Franco

*Fundraising* Rodi Orantia

*Liturgy* Bob Agbulos

*Music* Ray Samonte

*Pastoral Care* Jill Franco

*Social Outreach* Qwayne Guevarra

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

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

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**Catholic Learning Centre**

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

Youth Corner

**GTK** (*Getting to Know*)



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

**Info:** <http://www.gkyouth.com/>



**MARTHA AND MARY**

How many words  
can you make

How many words can you make from  
the letters in MARTHA AND MARY?

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**Word Find**

**We welcome Jesus with generous hearts**

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