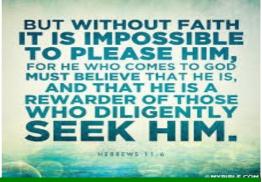
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#### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6-7 August 2016

#### 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."



**Asst Priest:** Deacon:

Parish Priest: Fr John McSweeney Fr Robert William Nicephorus Tan

FrJohn@john23rd.org.au  $\bowtie$ 

FrRobert@john23rd.org.au  $\bowtie$ 

DeaconTan@john23rd.org.au  $\bowtie$ 

#### **Mass Times**

Monday to Friday 9:00am

Also Wednesday 9:00am Holy Cross

Primary during school term

9:00am, 6:00pm (Vigil) Saturday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am Sunday

6:00pm (Youth)

Baptism 12:00pm Sunday by appointment

Reconciliation (First Rite)

5:00 - 5:45pm Saturday

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

8:00 - 9:00am (Vocations)

Sacrament of the Sick

Saturday

First Saturday 9:00am Mass or upon request

#### Divine Office

12:00pm with Adoration Friday

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

We welcome Bishop Vincent to our Parish, this Sunday, as he celebrates the 10:30am Mass with us and officially installs me as Parish Priest!

Bishop Vincent is not a stranger to our part of the world, having lived in the Conventual Franciscan Monastery at Kellyville for many years, working in the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, four years as the Parish Priest.

Let us continue to pray for him, our new Chief Pastor, that the Lord will bless and strengthen him in his apostolic ministry among and for us.

The Scriptures for this Sunday (19th in Ordinary Time, year C) remind us that those of us who have been gifted with Faith in Jesus Christ must be ever ready to further the growth of God's Kingdom. We know what is asked of us: to live and proclaim the Gospel in season and out of season, no matter what. We cannot be lazy like the steward in the Parable. Rather, having put our hands to the plough, we look forward to the future - working with all our energy for the Truths of our Christian Way.

Let's make certain that we are awake and active in our daily living out of the Gospel!

- There will be Mass on Monday morning at 9am for St Mary of the Cross. I thank Fr Robert Melnick, OFM CONV for his generosity towards us once again.
- Liturgy of the Word on Tuesday morning. All other masses as normal, with the School Mass at Holy Cross on Wednesday at 10am.
- Fr Robert William will return from WYD and a week's annual leave on Friday (12/8). Please give him a day or two to come to terms with jet lag!
- Monday 15/8 is the Solemnity of the Assumption: Masses will be at 9am, 12:15pm (School Mass) and 7:30pm. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

God bless you all! Fr. John



#### Evangelicum

#### Resuming General Audiences, Pope Proclaims Youth as Hope for Future

Resuming his General Audiences after a brief summer break, Pope Francis has said that the young continue to be a prophetic sign of hope for the future.

The Holy Father's strong words came in the wake of his 15th Apostolic Visit abroad and his first trip to John Paul II's homeland of Poland, July 27-31, which was the focus of his discourse this morning. This morning's audience was held in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall, rather than St. Peter's Square because of Rome's intense August heat.

The Holy Father pointed out how his pastoral visit to Poland for World Youth Day took place 25 years after the historic visit of Saint John Paul II following the fall of the Iron Curtain. Even if Poland, Europe and the world have changed greatly since then, the Pontiff acknowledged, "the young continue to be a prophetic sign of hope for the future."

The Pope observed that as the thousands and thousands of young people waved the flags of their respective countries, they formed "a mosaic of fraternity."

'The new generation of young people—inheritors and continuers of the pilgrimage initiated by Saint John Paul II—gave the answer to today's challenge," he said. "They gave a sign of hope, and this sign is called fraternity, because, in fact, in this world at war, we need fraternity, closeness, dialogue and friendship."

With its rich cultural and spiritual heritage, Poland, the Pope stressed, "reminds us that Europe has no future apart from its founding values, centred on the Christian vision of man and including the message of mercy expressed so eloquently in the last century by Saints John Paul and Faustina Kowalska."

The Pontiff also mentioned his emotional morning at Auschwitz-Birkenau, where he, in silence, pondered all that happened there and remembered the victims.

"Looking at that cruelty, in that concentration camp, I thought immediately of today's cruelties, which are similar: not so concentrated as in that place, but everywhere in the world; this world that is sick of cruelty, of pain, of war, of hatred, of sadness. And that is why I always ask you for prayer: may the Lord give us peace!"

Remembrance, he noted, "serves as a warning and a charge for our own time, so torn by conflicts, hatred and violence," he said, before thanking all those who made his visit possible.

The Pope expressed his hope that this visit "offered a sign of fraternity and peace to Poland, Europe and the world."

In his remarks, Pope Francis also remembered an Italian journalist who died suddenly last week in Krakow and an Italian girl who after participating at the World Youth Day died of Meningitis while traveling home.



#### Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

# First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

# Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22

# R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.

R.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.** 



Man says... Show me & I'll trust you.

God says... Trust me &

I'll show you.

Psalm 126:6



# Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-12

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation Matthew 24:42.44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

#### **G o s p e 1** Luke 12:35-40

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



#### Gospel Reflection

Faith is a critical issue in our modern world. Many people don't have any faith – they see it as outdated and outmoded. Others give only lip service to it. They see religion as performing a valuable role in society in terms of inculcating basic human values, but recognize little beyond that. Others, whether politicians, business people or so called 'religious practitioners' manipulate religion for their own ends. If we reflect on society at large today, there seems to be a tremendous gap between faith, on the one hand, and the actual practice of Gospel values on the other.

Faith is actually our response to the experience of God's presence – in the emerging universe, in the bountiful earth, in the events of our lives, in our interactions with people and especially in Jesus Christ, the living revelation of God. It is an active listening to the voice of God resounding forth from the earth he has created. It is like standing with Moses at the Burning Bush, except that the whole of creation is now our Burning Bush. Genuine faith involves a relationship with God – an ongoing relationship of trust and dependence that includes trust in the goodness of everything he has created and is creating.

Real friendship doesn't happen instantly between people – it has to be tested. Often there are ups and downs in friendship, and people have to work at it to make it a success. Our relationship with God will be the same. It will require struggling sometimes with doubts and difficulties – with a mystery that we can't fully understand. It may even mean that we sometimes get angry with God. Eventually we will come to realize that, though there may continue to be problems and losses and sufferings in our lives, and God may not take them away, still, he remains with us through the dark times. Even when he seems to be absent, God will always be there to support us, so that our faith will not be tested beyond endurance.

Our faith is not a gift we put away in a box – it constantly invites us to action. We are challenged to ask ourselves: Is our faith moving us forward? Has it raised our consciousness of God's presence and God's call, has it given us a vision and a direction in our life? Or is it only an hour in church on weekends that has little or no connection with the rest of our week?



#### 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

#### 8 Mon Saint Mary of the Cross (S)

1st Reading 1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm Ps 31:1-3

2nd Reading Colossians 3:12-17

9 Tues 19th week of Ordinary time

Matthew 6:25-34

1st Reading Ezekiel 2:8 - 3:4

Gospel

Psalm Ps 118:14. 24. 72. 103.

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Gospel Matthew 18:1-5. 10. 12-

14

#### 10 Wed Saint Lawrence (F)

1st Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 Psalm Ps 111:1-2. 5-9 Gospel John 12:24-26

#### 11 Thurs Saint Clare (M)

1st Reading Ezekiel 12:1-12
Psalm Ps 77:56-59. 61-62
Gospel Matthew 18:21-9:1

12 Fri 19th week of Ordinary time

1st Reading Ezekiel 16:1-15. 60. 63

Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6 Gospel Matthew 19:3-12

13 Sat 19th week of Ordinary time

1st Reading Ezekiel 18:1-10. 13. 30-

32

Psalm Ps 50:12-15. 18-19 Gospel Matthew 19:13-15



#### Special intentions

#### **Recently Deceased:**

Ma Ligaya Todas, Ernesto Coronel

#### **Deceased:**

Jeffrey Turner

#### Anniversary:

Eulalia Benez, Patrocenia Olarte, Ebony De Souza, Michael Sammut, Manuel Ranola, Arturo Cobarrubias Sr, Lorna Ranola, Dorcas Chavez Brabande

#### Sick:

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

#### Thankgiving:

R J Santos & Family, Ronald Alvarez, Ribargoso Cobarrubias, Ronaldo, Kristine, Maria, Ramon & Vincenzo Zamora

#### Paying our debt together

#### Weekly collections

 2nd Collection:
 \$5,521.30

 Loose
 \$2,045.25

 PG Envelopes
 \$1,916.05

 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.



#### Diocesan Notices



#### SVdP DOORKNOCK APPEAL 2 WEEKS TO GO & COUNTING ...

Preparations are underway, and there's been a strong response from students of the local schools to volunteer as doorknock collectors. We are hopeful for another successful appeal this year.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. Whether you'd like to be a driver to get student volunteers to their destination, a collector or an administrator in the collection centre, please consider volunteering a few hours of your time on the weekend of 20/21 August to be a part of the Vinnies Doorknock Team. To receive a registration form or to find out more information contact:

Michael on 0425 362 043, michael.s@plansource.com.au

If you or a family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please contact the parish office.



#### Parish Notices

#### **BAPTISM**

We pray and welcome to our Parish Community the following children being baptised this Sunday



# Rory Matt Taylor 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.

#### SRE TEACHERS NEEDED

High School SRE teachers needed. Classes run Monday afternoon 2.10 - 3pm. Anyone able to assist with this ministry please email Helen Zammit at helen@zammit.net or contact Parish Office (02)9852 0580.

# REMEMBRANCE WALL PLAQUES

A number of the remembrance wall have become weathered, rendering many of them readable. In order to correct this and improve the appearance of remembrance wall, we are replacing the existing plaques with cast aluminium and raised wording, similar to Fr Dave Hume's plaque. This will be AT NO COST to the original donors. However, the raised typeface limits the number of text characters maximum of five lines. We have contacted as many of the plaque donors as possible but if you have not been contacted please call the parish office as soon as possible. To allow us to have the plaques completed by All Souls' Day in November we need to order the new plaques by Monday 8 August.

#### Diocesan Notices (con't)

#### 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



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

#### The Mass Explained: Final blessing and dismissal

Written by Ian Bozant, Contributing Writer

#### How does Mass end? What does the final dismissal mean?

At this point in the Mass, we have received the Body and Blood of Christ in Communion and have taken time to reflect in a period of silence that follows. We reflect upon the extraordinary gift that we have received in the Blessed Sacrament, the nature of communion with God himself, and also what all of this means for us in our daily lives. This last point of reflection is just as important as the rest because if we come to the liturgy and take nothing away that would nourish our faith and the way we live our lives, then we have missed an essential part of this mystery. This part of the Mass is so important that the name "Mass" is derived from this very notion within the liturgy.

In an action that mirrors the beginning of Mass and the Introductory Rites, the priest begins the Concluding Rites by standing and calling us to prayer with the words "Let us pray" (Oremus). A concluding prayer is recited, which focuses on thanksgiving for the holy sacrifice of the Mass and a recapitulation of the overall theme of the liturgy as expressed in the Collect. The priest then gives us a blessing by invoking the Sign of the Cross and finally, we come to the words, "Ite Missa est." In the new translation, these words are rendered most literally as, "Go forth, the Mass is ended." The Latin word "Missa" is the derivative of the English word "Mass," and it carries the sense of mission.

#### What is a blessing? Why are they longer sometimes?

As the Mass comes to a close, the priest gives a blessing to all the faithful gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. A blessing is a solemn act that calls upon and invokes the aid of God upon the person, asking that God grant him divine favor and sanctification. In the case of Mass, the blessing is called down upon the people for sanctification that they may go forth from the Mass renewed in zeal for their mission and strengthened to resist evil and grow in the spiritual life.

In certain celebrations and in certain liturgical seasons, the priest invokes God in a special manner with a longer prayer that usually begins with an invitation for us to bow our heads. Here, the church is tailoring the blessing upon the people to match the season or feast that we may more fully enter into the Christian mysteries and the church's liturgical life.

#### What does the final dismissal mean?

The most succinct explanation of this phrase, "Ite Missa est," comes from the "Catechism of the Catholic Church," which explains that "the liturgy in which the mystery of salvation is accomplished concludes with the sending forth (mission) of the faithful, so that they may fulfill God's will in their daily lives" (CCC 1332). Here, we see that the holy sacrifice of the Mass not only renders worship to God and offers the most effective prayer to God for our salvation, but the Mass, by its



very nature, enlightens our Christian vocation to share in the mission of Christ by bringing forth his message to the world. This does not need to be in extraordinary ways. Rather, this mission is more properly concerned with an authentic life lived in accord with the Gospel, striving for holiness and spiritual growth in prayer. This focus allows us to carry the Gospel message to our families, neighbors and world so that we, too, have an important role in the task of evangelization by the faithful witness of our lives. All of this is reflected in the new options added to the Roman Missal for the Dismissal: "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord"; "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life"; or simply, "Go in peace." Truly, at the end of the Mass, our Lord, through the priest, gives us this mission that demands a true witness of the Gospel. Will we deny his call?

### Some people stay after Mass to pray. Why, if they just prayed at Mass for an hour?

After the Mass has ended, many people enjoy an age-old practice of praying in church after Mass. These are traditionally known as prayers of thanksgiving and focus on thanking God for the great gift that we have received in the Eucharist and in the mystery of our redemption. While these prayers are not obligatory, they are perfectly acceptable and encouraging ways for us to keep in our mind the importance of the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass itself. As such, this spirit of prayer should be fostered and respected in the church even after Mass. The sacred space of the church should remain a place of quiet prayer at all times, even after Mass when we might be inclined to greet our neighbors. Certainly, after Mass is a great time to catch up with friends and build up our parish community, but we should also respect an atmosphere of prayer for those who wish to pray after Mass.

Perhaps the most fitting way to close would be with one of these traditional prayers of thanksgiving after Mass attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas:

Lord, Father all-powerful and ever-living God, I thank you, for even though I am a sinner, your unprofitable servant, not because of my worth but in the kindness of your mercy, you have fed me with the precious body and blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that this Holy Communion may not bring me condemnation and punishment but forgiveness and salvation. May it be a helmet of faith and a shield of good will. May it purify me from evil ways and put an end to my evil passions. May it bring me charity and patience, humility and obedience, and growth in the power to do good. May it be my strong defense against all my enemies, visible and invisible, and the perfect calming of all my evil impulses, bodily and spiritual. May it unite me more closely to you, the one true God, and lead me safely through death to everlasting happiness with you.

And I pray that you will lead me, a sinner, to the banquet where you, with your Son and Holy Spirit, are true and perfect light, total fulfillment, everlasting joy, gladness without end, and perfect happiness to your saints. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

http://clarionherald.info/clarion/index.php/special-sections/year-of-renewal-the-mass/1233-the-mass-explained-final-blessing-and-dismissal



#### Parish Pastoral Council Corner

The religious vocation is the joyful response of the soul to God's choice. The desire to belong to him alone and to serve him in a hidden life, it then becomes something which is of the greatest benefit to souls. – 11 May 1961

#### ———— 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——

- **† 7 August, 2016, Sunday** Installation of Fr. John as Parish Priest of SJ23 scheduled at the 10:30 am Mass. Bishop Vincent will be officiating this special event in the life of our Parish Community.
- **† 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 church foyer or from the Parish Office.

#### -FAITH FORMATION TEAM -----

- **†** We continue to ask for host families, for the month of October, 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 5 weeks to go, so let's go for gold!

#### - 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 at 7:40pm.

If you want the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home contact Bart Sarlabus - bart.sarlabus@gmail.com. Pick up the statue after the Tuesday novena mass and return a week after before the start of the novena mass.

This is a good time for the whole family to pray the rosary together and maybe invite some other family members and friends to join you in prayer.

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights					
August	2	9	16	23	30
	Lozada	Lequin	Manoj	Pangilinan	Sebastian
September	6	13	20	27	
	Blasonato	Mojica	Mira	Mathias	
October	4	11	18	25	
	available	Sebastian	Pangilinan	available	
November	1	8	15	22	29
	available	Olan	available	available	available



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Bart Sarlabus

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Music Ray Samonte

Pastoral Care Jill Franco Social Outreach Qwayne Guevarra

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#### 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

When: 2nd (choir) and 4th Sunday

Where: St Mark's Staff Room

**Time:** 4:30 - 7:30 pm

together in our faith.

Contact: gtkyouth@gmail.com

**Info:** <a href="http://www.gtkyouth.com/">http://www.gtkyouth.com/</a>

#### IGNITE - Enkindling the fire of faith

Young adults from 18 - 35 years of age meets every 3rd Sunday of the month after the 6:00pm mass. Monthly guest speaker, discussions & shared supper

#### CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

When: 2nd Saturdays

Praise & Worship

4th Saturdays

Where: Church

**Time:** after 6:00pm vigil mass

**YFC** (Youth for Christ)

When: Meets every 3rd Sundays

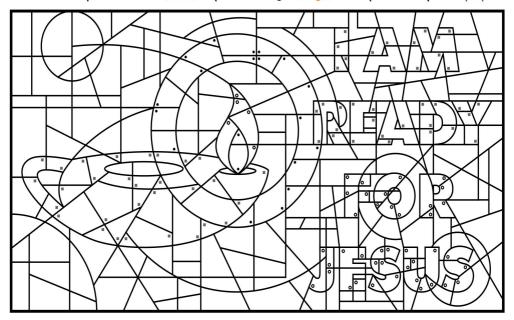
Where: St Mark's Staff Room

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

then 6.00pm Youth Mass

#### Colour in

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#### Word Find

#### Be watchful and ready for the Lord's return

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