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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20 - 21 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."



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Parish Priest: Fr John McSweeney Fr Robert William Nicephorus Tan

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FrRobert@john23rd.org.au \bowtie

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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

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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 brothers and sisters in Christ,

Most of us like the peaceful fruit of righteousness without the pain of discipline. Often we want to feel encouraged by positive words, but the early Christian writers were not afraid also to tell the truth: we have become unfaithful. We experience that from time to time. We become aware of our weaknesses and our inability to seek God just with our own will power. Yet the Scriptures are so clear: we must learn discipline in order to love God and others. It is only discipline learned in trying to be faithful to God that will help us embrace the pains that ultimately lead to joy. The challenge again is to keep on trying, trusting in the Providence of God.

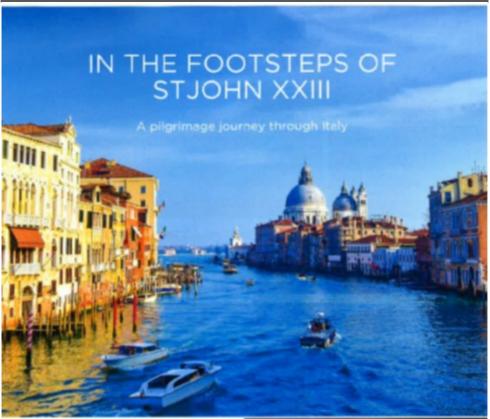
Today's Gospel is a message of encouragement. It calls us to strive to enter through the narrow gate. There is hope always to keep on striving to follow His ways. Never give up hope! Strive to follow His ways. Trust in the Lord forever.

- Fr John is currently on holidays and hopefully enjoying himself
- We are going to have a big parish assembly on 18th Sept, Sunday starting 12pm. Everyone is invited to attend and have a listen to what's happening in our parish and activities that are planned. Parishioners are invited to provide input on our parish vision. Light lunch will be served during that time.
- The World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed on Sunday 28th August. Bishop Vincent's words of introduction challenge us all-"With many newly arrived migrants and refugees in our midst, I encourage you to enact the culture of encounter, welcome and acceptance in practical and communal ways." Let us keep them in our prayers.
- RCIA will start 7th September onwards. Please inform your non catholic friends who are interested to be Catholics.

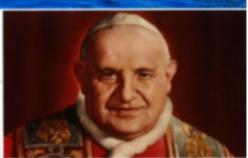
Prayers and wishes. Have a great week Loving Fr Robert



Parish Invitation









Duration: 17 day pilgrimage **Departure:** Friday 22 September 2017

Tour Code: 7PV06

Toll Free: Harvest 1800 819 156

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Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading Isaiah 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 116

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! R. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. R.

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart

Second Reading Hebrews 12:5-7. 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!



Gospel Luke 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



"We need to encourage new believers to feed on God's Word - it is nourishment for the soul."

— Billy Graham, Billy Graham in Quotes



Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus states that the door that leads to life is narrow while the one that leads to ruin is wide and many are those who take the wide door. The narrow door indicates a life of difficulties, inconveniences, sufferings while the wide door stands for a life of ease, comfort and enjoyment. In the light of Jesus' teaching and in the light of the history of man we see that the modern man's quest to make life more and more comfortable is not a healthy sign. The sins of greed, dishonesty, extortion, violence, bribery and immorality and so on that man is tempted to commit in his blind rush for a comfortable life and this quest is never satisfied. But the way of salvation is a life of simplicity, hard work and concern for fellow beings. This is the kind of life Jesus lived and we shall do well to follow his example.

Whether we as Catholics follow through on that opportunity and let the life of the Church transform us is another question. The Lord says that to claim a right to enter through the door because we ate and drank with Him, because we bear His name, because we are in His Church, because we have heard His words are not enough. People can say that they went to a Catholic school, sang in the choir, said many prayers every day, sat through many tedious sermons, but the question is whether we were changed by all that. If not, the Lord will say, "I don't know you".

This Gospel reading about the door carries some searching challenges for each of us. Rather than considering how many will enter the door of the Kingdom, are we entering through the door? Are we using the opportunities and graces given us in the Church or are we only multiplying the motions of religion as a substitute for the very real conversion that must take place?

God speaks in some way to the life of every person. To some people it is a haunting and distant echo. For us in the Church God's word is loud and clear. Salvation is not a matter of hearing God's word but of following it. Through following that word, we will pass through the door that, although narrow, is the portal to the wide open spaces of God's life forever.



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

21 Mon The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

1st Reading 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5.11

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Psalm Ps 95:1-5

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 Gospel Matthew 23:13-22

22 Tues 21st week of Ordinary time

1st Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3.14-

17

Psalm Ps 95:10-13

Gospel Matthew 23:23-26

23 Wed Saint Bartholomew (F)

1st Reading Revelation 21:9-14 Psalm Ps 144:10-13. 17-18

Gospel John 1:45-51

24 Thurs 21st week of Ordinary time

1st Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Psalm Ps 144:2-7

Gospel Matthew 24:42-51

25 Fri 21st week of Ordinary time

1st Reading 1 Corinthians 1:17-25 Psalm Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 10-11 Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

26 Sat Saint Monica (M)

1st Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Psalm Ps 32:12-13. 18-21 Gospel Matthew 25:14-30



Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Albert Cousart, Dominga Bucalboga, Dorathy Mitchelson, John Noronha, Ramon Boboy Fernandez, Rolando Del Mundo

Deceased:

Jeffrey Turner, Charles Briffa, Epifanio Soledad Margquez, Benna & Frank Azzopardi

Anniversary:

Catalina M Del Rosario, Prescila Rizon, Ernesto R Ribargoso, Isidro Samaniego, Victorino Barot

Sick:

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

Thankgiving:

R J Santos & Family, Maria Sang Chan



Paying our debt together

Weekly collections

 2nd Collection:
 \$5,139.50

 Loose
 \$1,993.10

 PG Envelopes
 \$1,586.40

 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.



Diocesan Notices

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

Volunteers needed in the Kimberley The Diocese of Broome urgently needs

The Diocese of Broome urgently needs volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal missions. A couple is needed to assist the priest in the community of Balgo and a couple to manage the Warmun Retreat Centre over the wet season. There are several other roles available. Placements for a period of six months are preferred. For further details and an application form, contact Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese Rohr tel 0415 526 142, volunteers@broomediocese.org or PO Box 76, BROOME, WA, 6725.

25 August: Love In Action – Social Justice Ideas

Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP) invites young adults aged 18-35 to the next Parra-Matters! Roaming Formation for Youth Ministry. From 7pm-9pm at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church, 125 Barnier Dve, Quakers Hill. For updates join Catholic Youth Parramatta on Facebook.

26 August: Faith in Marriage Seminar

Keynote speakers: Sophie York on The Beauty and Joy of Marriage' and Ben Smith on Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia). Presented by CatholicCare Social Services and the Family & Life Office, Parramatta. St Paul the Apostle Parish, 40 Buckleys Rd, Winston Hills. Commencing at 7.30pm and concluding with a light supper. Registrations: CatholicCare tel (02) 8822 2222, marriage@ccss.org.au

POSITIONS VACANT Manager, Communications & Marketing

Applications are being considered for this position with CatholicCare Sydney. This is a Maternity Leave contract to March 2017. For further information please visit nrww.catholicjobsonline.com.au or contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources tel 0402 210 055.

Project Officer with a focus on the RCIA

This full-time position based at St Stephen's Cathedral precinct in Brisbane CBD, requires someone with a sound theological background who is a committed Catholic and is prepared to work with the Evangelisation Brisbane project team supporting parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Addressing selection criteria is essential. For full details of this position incl selection criteria, send an email to *ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.an* tel (07)3324 3440, visit

www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au



Parish Assembly

A parish is a definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a particular church; the pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd under the authority of the diocesan bishop" (Canon 515).

COME, LISTEN and BE HEARD

Your opportunity to hear about what is happening in the parish and our future plans.

Featuring a cast of wonderful, entertaining speakers:

Fr John Fr Robert DeaconTan Neville Zammit Bart Sarlabus

... and YOUR chance to have your say about our parish

When: 18 September, Sunday 12.00-1.30

(followed by light lunch)

Where: St Mark's School hall



Why we do what we do

Can you explain how solemnities, feasts, and memorials differ?

What is the difference between a memorial and a feast on the Church calendar? The key says solemnities, feast days, and memorials are capitalized. How do you know which are feasts and which are memorials and what is the difference?

A solemnity is the highest rank of celebration and is identified in the calendar with an S. Easter, Christmas, All Saints Day, the Ascension, Corpus Christi, and other celebrations of events in our Lord's life on earth and certain saints are solemnities. The Gloria and Creed are always said on such days. Solemnities are like Sundays, though most of them are not days of obligation.

Feasts are the next rank down and are identified with an F. They consist of the celebration of certain saints like the feast of the Archangels or most of the Apostles. The Gloria is required on these days, but not the Creed.

Memorials are the lowest rank and are simply the celebrations of most of the saints. The Gloria is not said on these days. Obligatory memorials, identified with a capital M, must be observed. Optional memorials, identified with an m, may be observed but such observation is not required.

Answered by: Fr. Vincent Serpa O.P.

http://www.catholic.com/quickquestions/can-you-explain-how-solemnities-feasts-and-memorials-differ



Parish Notices

BAPTISM

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

Amelie Lucy O'Connor Chloe Kiera O'Connor Mia Rose Barlow Jake Gregory George Arrowsmith

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2016

(For children who are baptised and in Year 3)

Enrolment Opens - 12th Sep, Mon Enrolment forms available from the Parish Office, at the church foyer or online www.john23rd.com

Enrolment Rituals during masses 15th Oct, Sat 6pm 16th Oct, Sun 9am, 10.30am & 6pm

Parent Meeting

19th Oct, Wed - 7.30pm, Church Children's Session 1 22nd Oct' Sat and 23rd Oct, Sun 4.30pm, St Marks Staff Room

Children's Session 2
29th Oct, Sat and 30th Oct, Sun 4pm, Church

First Reconciliation
8 Nov, Tues 9 Nov, Wed
10 Nov, Thur 11 Nov, Fri
Times to be Confirmed

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK CLERGY

The Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta assists in meeting the needs of the retired and sick priests of the Diocese, and an annual appeal, The Bishop's Collection for Retired and Sick Clergy, is held on Father's Day each year to support the Foundation. It is hoped to raise \$200,000 each year through this appeal. Last year, through your generosity we almost reached the target donations totalling \$200,000 and the Foundation thanks you contribution. This year the appeal in the Diocese will be held on the weekend of September 3-4. A third collection will be held on this weekend at each Mass. Special envelopes will be available and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you wish to claim a tax deduction, please tick the box and write your details clearly on the envelope. Appeal envelopes will be available next week for those who will not be here on the Father's Day

If you wish you can make online contributions at <u>csfparra.org.au</u> 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 <u>csf@parra.catholic.org.au</u> with your details so receipts can be sent, which we usually do in January. can send a receipt.

weekend.



Parish Pastoral Council Corner

Serve the word of God well, make its beauty and newness resound everywhere, without impoverishing or changing it, but making it full of life and attractive. — 18 October 1959

- 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--FAITH FORMATION TEAM -**†** We continue to ask for host families for December onwards 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

COMMUNITY BUILDING –

let's go for gold!



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	
	Keenan	Mojica	Mira	Mathias	
October	4	11	18	25	
	Festejo	Sebastian	Pangilinan	Shalini	
November	1	8	15	22	29
	Huang	Olan	Blasonato	Viola	Pierena



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Bart Sarlabus

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holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au

John XXIII and St Mark's College

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Principal: Dr Peter Webster

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Catholic Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

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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 together in our faith.

When: 2nd (choir) and 4th Sunday

Where: St Mark's Staff Room

Time: 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Contact: gtkyouth@gmail.com

Info: http://www.gtkyouth.com/

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

Let us draw

Draw some people from many different lands, sitting at the feast in God's kingdom.





Word Find

Those who are least will be the most important

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