

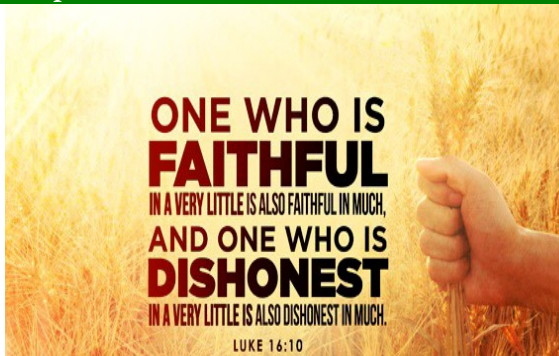
# The Catholic Parish of St John XXIII

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## TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17 - 18 September 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

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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

Given the thrust of the readings for this weekend, let us do all we can to strive for that balance in our lives that sees us live well but not in a selfish manner.

Let's do whatever we can, whenever we can, to be people of Gospel values who strive at all times to be poor in spirit.

Let us be people who imitate our Loving God and raise the lowly from the dust.

And let us be People who follow one Master, Jesus Christ, and are faithful to the spirituality of the *Anawim* which is found in the Scriptures!



1. The Youth Leadership of our Parish are having their annual retreat this weekend. Let's keep these young adults in our prayers.
2. The Annual Parish Assembly is on Sunday from 12noon. I will give a report to the parish next week as a follow up to the presentations and open forum.
3. Ignite has its monthly meeting on Sunday evening after the 6.00pm mass, commencing at 7:15 in the St. Mark's Staff Room. All 16-35 year olds or those 'young at heart' are welcome to attend the presentation on The Place of Community in our Faith.
4. We pray for our Year 12 students who will have their Graduation Mass in our Church this coming Friday from 10:30am. Fr. Robert will celebrate the mass.
5. GTK (for years 4-9) will continue next Sunday 25th September from 4:30pm in St. Mark's Staff Room.

*God bless you all! Fr. John*

## 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 Deacon Tan Neville Zammit Bart Sarlabus**

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

**When: 18 September, Sunday 12.00-1.30**

**Where: St Mark's Staff Room** *(followed by light lunch)*

### Division in the Church Keeps People From Seeing the Lord

Divisions destroy the Church, Pope Francis said during Mass on the Feast Day of The Holy Name of Mary, and the devil seeks to attack the root of unity: the celebration of the Eucharist.

Commenting on the reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians — where St Paul rebuked the Corinthians for their contentiousness — Pope Francis said,

*“The devil has two very powerful weapons to destroy the Church: divisions and money.” And this has happened from the beginning: “ideological, theological divisions that lacerate the Church. The devil sows jealousy, ambitions, ideas, but to divide! Or greed.” And, as happens after a war, “everything is destroyed. And the devil is pleased. And we, naïve as we are, are his game.” “It is a dirty war, that of divisions,” he repeated. “It’s like terrorism,” the war of gossiping in the community, that of language that kills”.*

*“And the divisions in the Church do not allow the Kingdom to grow; they do not allow the Lord to be seen as He is. Divisions make you see this part, this one against the other. Always against! There is no oil of unity, the balsam of unity. But the devil goes elsewhere, not only in the Christian community, he goes right to the root of Christian unity. And this happens here, in the city of Corinth, to the Corinthians. Paul rebukes them precisely because divisions arise, right at the heart of unity, that is, in the Eucharistic celebration.”*

*“I ask you to do everything possible to not destroy the Church with divisions; they are ideological, they come from greed and ambition, they come from jealousy. And above all to pray, and to keep the founts, the very roots of the unity of the Church, which is the Body of Christ; which we, every day, celebrate [in] His sacrifice in the Eucharist.”*

*“Paul could say this to all of us today, to the Church of today. ‘Brothers, in this I cannot praise you, because you are gathered together not for the better, but for the worse!’ But the Church gathers everyone together — for the worse, for divisions: for the worse! To soil the Body of Christ in the Eucharistic celebration! And the same Paul tells us, in another passage: ‘He who eats and drinks the Body and the Blood of Christ unworthily, eats and drinks his own condemnation.’ Let us ask the Lord for the unity of the Church, that there may not be divisions. And for unity also in the root of the Church, which is precisely the sacrifice of Christ, which we celebrate every day.”*

## Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

## First Reading

*Amos 8:4-7*

*The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19*

**R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **R.**

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

## Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

## Second Reading

*1 Timothy 2:1-8*

*Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*2 Corinthians 8:9*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!



*What is the mark of a love for  
God? To keep his commandments  
for the sake of his glory.*

St. Basil the Great, 4th century

## Gospel

*Luke 16:1-13*

*You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "There was a rich man and he had a steward who was renounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

"Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

"The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Gospel Reflection

The Prophet Amos was one of the first prophets in the OT to denounce the goings-on of the unscrupulous rich of his day. He could no longer remain silent when he saw the poor being cheated and swindled. In so doing, Amos attempted to reverse the accepted mentality of his time which saw wealth as a sign of God's favour and poverty as a result of sin! He tries to eradicate social injustice in his society; and he adds to the spiritual upheaval of Israel wherein the poor ones (the *anawim*) are declared the special ones favoured by God.

This spirituality is declared by Mary in her Magnificat: "God casts down the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly".

It's found throughout the teachings of Jesus who was sent to proclaim the Good News to the poor: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God!"

Does this mean that those who have money, social standing, a good lifestyle are bad people? Bad Christians?!

No, of course not! But it is all a question of *BALANCE*.

Jesus saw the necessity of money for one's own needs. All he asks of us, his disciples, is that we are *not SELFISH*. That is, if we have a little more than we need, if the opportunity arises, we need to be open to helping those around us in need of financial support.

What is always condemned by the Lord is the pursuit of money for its own sake! Hence we have the teaching: "no-one can serve two Masters...."

Whether millionaire or destitute and all that comes in-between - all of us have the tendency at times to cling to material benefits in a selfish manner. Jesus always challenges our self-centredness.

And so, let us do all we can to strive for that balance in our lives that sees us live well but not in a selfish manner.

Let's do whatever we can, whenever we can, to be people of Gospel values who strive at all times to be poor in spirit.

Let us be people who imitate our Loving God and raise the lowly from the dust.

And let us be People who follow one Master, Jesus Christ, and are faithful to the spirituality of the *Anawim* which is found in the Scriptures!

## 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

### **19 Mon 25th week of Ordinary time**

1st Reading Proverbs 3:27-34

Psalm Ps 14:2-5

Gospel Luke 8:16-18

### **20 Tues Saints Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang (M)**

1st Reading Proverbs 21:1-6. 10-13

Psalm Ps 118:1. 27. 30. 34-35.  
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Gospel Luke 8:19-21

### **21 Wed Saint Matthew (F)**

1st Reading Ephesians 4:1-7. 11-13

Psalm Ps 18:2-5

Gospel Matthew 9:9-13

### **22 Thu 25th week of Ordinary time**

1st Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2-11

Psalm Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17

Gospel Luke 9:7-9

### **23 Fri Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (M)**

1st Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Psalm Ps 143:1-4

Gospel Luke 9:18-22

### **24 Sat 25th week of Ordinary time**

1st Reading Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8

Psalm Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17

Gospel Luke 9:43-45



## Special intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Ron Crowley, Leonida Reyes,  
Lope Ordillano, Sylvia Gee, Jose Alix,  
Augela Fernando

### Deceased:

Jeffrey Turner,  
Reno Camilleri

### Anniversary:

Rodolfo Herrera Sr

### Sick:

Concordia Llave, Leonardo Villafana,  
Guy Austria, Maria Bellia, Edwin Rizon,  
Cay Espanta, Nigel Reynolds,  
Mariano Antonio Jon Villaraza,  
Pinky Flores Baarts, Amando Magno,  
Maria Pinky Baartz, Charmaine Beltran,  
Jovie Disterhofft, Pat Daley

### Thanksgiving:

R J Santos & Family, Ronaldo, Kristine,  
Maria, Ramon, Vincenzo Zamora ,



## Paying our debt together

### Weekly collections

**2nd Collection: \$5,021.90**

*Loose* \$1,784.60

*PG Envelopes* \$1,677.30

*PG by EFT* \$1,560.00

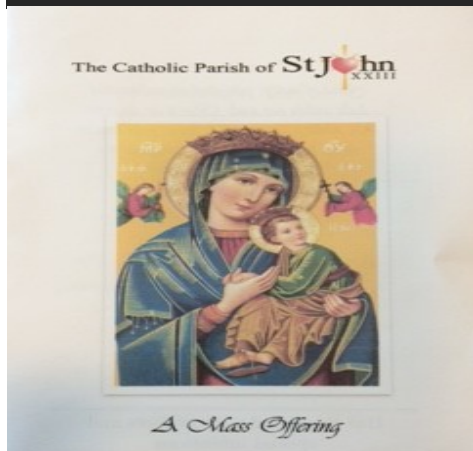
*Pays parish debt and on going running costs,  
including wages of staff.*

***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.



Mass cards available at the parish office.



## Our School Communities

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**If you or a family member is  
homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please**



## Parish Notices

### The Feast of the Triumph of the Cross - The Way of Mercy

The Way of Mercy is a diocesan wide initiative of the Pastoral Planning Office in cooperation with the Year of Mercy Committee involving the journey of a large Cross of Mercy, accompanied by a Relic of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop and a Relic of St. Teresa of Kolkata. The Cross and Relics will be hosted at the Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill on Oct. 15-16, 2016. Parish celebrations at Mary Immaculate Parish (jointly with Stanhope Gardens, Rouse Hill and Kellyville parishes) will be held on Oct. 15 at 10:00a.m. Other details of the celebration will be announced at a later date. Please keep an eye out for further announcements.



### CAKE ANGELS THANK YOU!

Thanks to all parishioners who supported us on Sunday 11 September.

We made \$1211 net profit! This is a massive success for us and we are grateful to everyone who came to our stall.

The funds raised will be going towards paying the church debt.

If you're interested in joining us, please contact Jill on [admin@john23rd.org.au](mailto:admin@john23rd.org.au) or 0402 172 346. Our next stall will be in late November. We hope to see you then

### FIRST RECONCILIATION 2016

(For children who are baptised and in Year 3)

form available from the website - [www.john23rd.com](http://www.john23rd.com)

What	When	Time	Where
Enrolment Rituals during masses	15 Oct, Sat 16 Oct, Sun	6pm., 9am, 10.30am, 6pm	Church
Parent Meeting	19 Oct, Wed	7.30pm	Church
Children's Session 1	22 Oct, Sat 23 Oct, Sun	4.30pm	St Marks staffroom
Children's Session 2	29 Oct, Sat 30 Oct, Sun	4pm	Church
First Reconciliation	8 Nov, Tues 9 Nov, Wed 10 Nov, Thu 11 Nov, Fri	tbc	Church

## Why we do what we do...

### Charismatic Renewal - General

*Answered by Colin B. Donovan, STL (con'td)*

An authentic charism would not pull one away from the Church. If a Catholic leaves, seeking an emotional boost he no longer finds in the Church, he is seeking the gifts of the Giver and not the Giver of the gifts. Participation in the life of the Church should lead any Catholic (Charismatic, traditional, or ordinary) into a deeper relationship with the Eucharist, the Blessed Mother and the Pope. If it does not, something is spiritually wrong with that particular individual or with the guidance he is receiving within his group. Since a charism does not give the person any special infallibility or sanctity, given the extraordinary character of such gifts it is especially necessary for individuals possessing them to guard the purity of their faith, lest pride, self-seeking or emotionalism lead them astray, and they others. The reality that some have left the Church for Pentecostalism, or sought to create it within, points to the dangers. By contrast, the presence in the Church of a dynamic and faithful institution like the Franciscan University of Steubenville is evidence of the great good that can be done by those graced with authentic charismatic gifts exercised in union with the Church.

All such authentic charisms, therefore, are at the service of the Body of Christ, the Church (1 Cor 12, 14). As gifts of the Holy Spirit, they are supernatural graces beyond the power of human striving and human nature (e.g. miracle working), though some may build upon the natural talents of the recipient (e.g. teaching). St. Paul contrasts these charismata with "the greater gifts" of Faith, Hope and Charity (1 Cor. 13), which he says have lasting value. These "theological virtues" unite the person's mind and will to God. As a consequence, the Church teaches that Faith, Hope and Charity are necessary for salvation but the charismata are not. St. Paul's experience at Corinth demonstrated rather early in the Church how susceptible these charisms are to exaggeration. In another context, he would even warn the Corinthians that the devil can appear as an angel of light (1 Cor 11:14). Similarly, both St. Peter and St. John (1 Pet 5:8-9; 1 John 4:1) warn us of this danger.

St. Thomas Aquinas in his Summa Theologiae [ST II-II q172 a2] tells us that unless a charism requires the exercise of divine power the Holy Spirit accomplishes it through the mediation of the holy angels. When they are within the power of the angelic nature, they are also capable of demonic imitation. It is difficult to explain the "charismatic power of speech" of a Hitler, for instance, on purely natural grounds. It is for these reasons that most spiritual writers, especially the mystical doctor St. John of the Cross, warn us not to seek such extraordinary phenomenon. As noted earlier, Vatican II made this warning part of its teaching on the charismatic gifts.

Thus the Church on the one hand recognizes that the Holy Spirit moves where He will, and so she does not want to oppose His working, and on the other, that the Church must discern the authenticity of each charism, lest it be a deception of the evil one. For this reason to say that the Charismatic Renewal is approved by the Church is not a blanket approval of every alleged charismatic gift or every charismatic group or individual within the Church. The discernment of the Holy Spirit's action is an ongoing necessity within the Church and within the Charismatic Renewal.

## Discernment of Charisms

The Apostle John encourages us to test the spirits (*1 John 4*) and over the years the Church has developed criteria to determine whether the fruits are good or bad (*Mt. 7:15-20*). St. John teaches that if anyone denies Jesus Christ has come in the flesh (*1 John 4:3*) it is proof that the person does not have the Spirit of God. We can call this the doctrinal test of the fruit. The Spirit of God would never lead one away from the truth about Christ. Since the Church is an extension of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Spirit of God would never lead one away from the Catholic Church or Her teachings. Similarly, the Spirit of God would never lead one away from the practice of the faith (morally, devotionally, sacramentally). Christ has left us the means of salvation and His Spirit would never deprive us of them. This could be called the practical test of the fruit. "Not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven" (*Mt. 7:21-23*). Positively said, the Holy Spirit's activity (including among non-Catholics) must necessarily tend toward Catholic truth and unity (doctrine and practice), no matter how remote that unity might appear.

On the other hand, a spirit which acknowledges Jesus Christ come in the flesh is of God (*1 John 4:2*). Such doctrinal correctness is a motive of credibility in the authenticity of a charism or event. Yet, a person may simply be operating by the human spirit fortified by Faith and may not be manifesting an extraordinary gift. To determine whether a given phenomenon exceeds human nature calls for a discernment beyond simple orthodoxy. For example, in the special case of an apparition, when a bishop declares an event to be "worthy of belief" or "not worthy of belief" he does so based upon both scientific (can it be explained?) and theological (is it from God?) criteria. So, orthodoxy is the necessary beginning of the discernment, not the end.

There is yet another dimension of the discernment which needs to be considered. Since charisms are given to build up the Church, there is no necessary connection with personal sanctity. Saints, sinners and even unbelievers have manifested these gifts. The pagan prophet Balaam was given the Divine spirit of prophecy in order to authenticate Israel as the People of God (*Num. 22*). Thus the moral state of the recipient (good or bad) does not by itself indicate a true or false charism. When actually under the constraint of the Spirit of God, however, the true charismatic could not say or do anything contrary to that Spirit. No one could claim, for instance, that the Spirit of God led him to get drunk or do anything sinful, although he might at other times do such things.

Practically speaking, therefore, the many instances of extraordinary charisms within the Charismatic Renewal will never come under the official scrutiny of the Church. Priests and Catholic laity associated with the Renewal will most likely have to discern each instance themselves, according to the theological criteria of Catholic theology and prudence. It is easier to dismiss a phenomenon as NOT from God than it is to determine its other possible sources (human or divine spirit). A basic question prayerfully asked must be "is this particular event a credible example of the action of the Spirit of God - a Spirit incapable of any lie or sin and which can only lead people (even non-Catholics) to a deeper Catholic faith and unity?" This should do much to protect us from the roaring lion (*1 Peter 5:8*), even if it cannot produce the judgement that something is certainly from God - a fact which only the Holy See can ultimately state. [https://www.evtn.com/expert/answers/charismatic\\_renewal.htm](https://www.evtn.com/expert/answers/charismatic_renewal.htm)

## Parish Pastoral Council Corner

*How important it is for you to have faith in yourselves! Avoiding of course the subtle dangers of egoistic individualism, which isolates us and paralyses our every effort. (19 June 1961)*

### COUNCIL MATTERS

- † **18 September 2016, Sunday** - General Parish Meeting scheduled from 12 noon at St. Mark's Staff Common Room. Parishioners are invited to attend.

### FAITH FORMATION TEAM

- † 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.
- † Don't forget our Praise & Worship night every 3rd Saturday of the month. Light refreshments provided before the start of the night.

### Praise & Worship Schedule

Date	Theme	Guest Speaker
17 September	Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Part 2)	Fr Dado Haber
15 October	Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Part 1)	Fr. Bong Pamintuan
19 November	Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Part 2)	<i>tba</i>

### FUNDRAISING TEAM

- † Congratulations to the following winners of our Annual Grand Raffle:

**1st Prize - Brand New Car Mirage ES**

Ticket# 09379 - Lyra Palafox

**2nd Prize - 2x 55" Samsung HDTV**

Ticket# 00641 - Donard Pantano

Ticket# 06103 - Maria Java

**3rd Prize - 4x Garmin Smart Watch**

Ticket# 05172 - Pat Doyle

Ticket# 09121 - Denise Hunlain

Ticket# 01865 - Clinton Nesci

Ticket# 03089 - Sylvina Fernando

Thank you for your continued support of our annual fundraising event.



## 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](mailto: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

<b>September</b>	6 <i>Keenan</i>	13 <i>Mojica</i>	20 Mira	27 Mathias	
<b>October</b>	4 Festejo	11 Sebastian	18 Pangilinan	25 Shalini	
<b>November</b>	1 Huang	8 Olan	15 Blasonato	22 Viola	29 Pierena
<b>December</b>	6 D'Cunha	13 <i>available</i>	20 Paguinto	27 <i>available</i>	



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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:** [gtk youth@gmail.com](mailto:gtk youth@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)

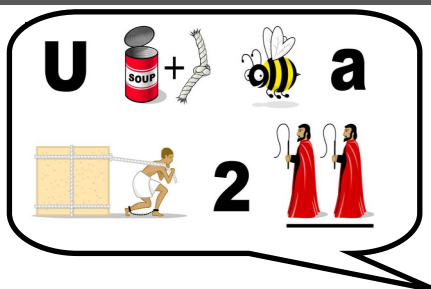
**When:** Meets every 3rd Sundays

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

**Time:** 1:00pm Break open the word then 6.00pm Youth Mass

## Decipher the Phrase

Try to decipher these teaching that Jesus gave to his disciples.



Word Find

**You cannot serve God and money**

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

*Find these words*

Disciples   dishonest   important   little   loyal   masters  
 Money   serve   true   trust   wealth   wicked





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