

The Catholic Parish of St John XXIII

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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5 - 6 November 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."

The Sadducees Question Jesus - James Tissot



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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

Both the first reading and the Gospel speak of seven brothers... those who were martyred for their Faith in the God of Israel, and those in the story told to Jesus to try to embarrass him for his Faith in life after death. It is appropriate that these readings fall in the month of November when we pray for all those who have died, that our Loving God will receive them into his eternal embrace in the heavenly sphere of existence. The Gospel text, in particular, reminds us that life after death is not the same as this life, and that the future with the Father will be glorious. Indeed, God is God of the Living, not of the Dead - for to God, all are alive!



At all masses during this month, therefore, let us remember those who have been part of our journey through this life, and keep them in our thoughts and prayers often.

1. Fr. Robert will be taking his last week of Annual Leave for this year from Sunday evening. We wish him a safe journey and return.
2. Given Fr. Robert's absence the Monday and Tuesday morning Masses for the next two weeks will be replaced by a Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of Holy Communion.
3. Given that I have to chair the AGM of the Clergy Support Foundation on Wednesday this week, there will be NO HOLY CROSS MASS on 9 Nov. And the mass for the following week at Holy Cross will be at 10am
4. This weekend we have the final DWF Collection for this year. If you would prefer to take the Envelop Home and bring it back next week, then that will be quite OK as well. We need to raise our quota, or else the difference will come from our Parish Account, thereby impacting on our budget for 2016-17. So, given the constraints of your own budgets, please be generous.

God bless you all. Have a great week!

Fr. John

Parish Pastoral Council

The new Parish Pastoral Council (elections in November) will coordinate 6 ministry and administration groups. Each week we will outline one of these groups and how you can contribute your time and talents. This week we cover the Faith Formation Committee

FAITH FORMATION

Coordinator – Rose Franco

0401 387 427

The goals of the Faith Formation group are threefold:

1. To invite and foster a deepening personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a growth in holiness in our lives
2. To promote and support active membership in the parish community
3. To call and prepare adults to fulfil the mission we received at Baptism; the mission to be evangelisers, disciples of Christ.

We aim to attain these goals through the different activities we sponsor throughout the year:

- ⇒ St John XXIII Prayer Group – meets for Praise and Worship every third Saturday of the month at 7.30pm in the church
- ⇒ Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group – meets every Friday at 7.00pm in the parish kitchen
- ⇒ Community of the Risen Lord – meets every 2nd Saturday at 7.30pm in the church
- ⇒ Lenten Discussion Groups
- ⇒ Bible study
- ⇒ Retreats – Lenten and Advent retreats
- ⇒ Pilgrimage walk to the Holy Door – there is one scheduled on 13 November after the 9.00am mass
- ⇒ Mass of the Rooster – 16 – 24 December

If you would like to assist in these worthy endeavours, please contact Rose Franco 0401 387 427

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

First Reading

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for

his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15

R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. **R.**

I kept my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **R.**

Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 1:5. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reflection

It is very unlikely that any of us will be called upon to face the possibility of dying for what we believe, though that still sometimes happens to priests and religious today in certain countries. But there are, however, many people around who would risk their lives in certain circumstances.

Beside policemen and firemen who would risk their lives to save people in dangerous situation or in serious fire. Other people sometimes drown trying to rescue others from drowning; others die trying to rescue people, even strangers, from burning houses.

Most people, sooner or later are faced with decisions that determine the directions of their subsequent lives. These may be decisions – seemingly minor decisions – that are repeated over and over, for example. Or it may be a clear decision that is sharply defined – having to do with the kind of lifestyle a person chooses, or the kind of values a person lives by, or a person's response to the requirements of faith. Sometimes it may be that a person does not consciously make a decision. But not to decide is also to decide.

The fact is that life demands of us, sooner or later, that we affirm, at least by how we choose to live, and how we choose to interact with other people, what kind of people we are, and what we really believe in. The direction we choose will be important for whether we live or die spiritually – and spiritual death can arrive a long time before physical death.

We can ask if we have such defining moments in our lives? Certainly we do. Those moments may not be sharply defined, it may be a series of moments, a series of relatively minor decisions leading in a certain direction. But, when all is said and done, that moment or that series of minor decisions are defining right now what kind of a person we really are – they are moving us towards spiritual life, or spiritual death.



The greatest weapon
against **STRESS** is the
WORD OF GOD

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

7 Mon 32nd week of Ordinary time

1st Reading Titus 1:1-9

Psalm Ps 23:1-6

Gospel Luke 17:1-6

8 Tues 32nd week of Ordinary time

1st Reading Titus 2:1-8. 11-14

Psalm Ps 36:3-4. 18. 23. 27. 29

Gospel Luke 17:7-10

**9 Wed The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica (F)**

1st Reading Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12

Psalm Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16
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Gospel John 2:13-22

10 Thu Saint Leo the Great (M)

1st Reading Philemon 7-20

Psalm Ps 145:7-10

Gospel Luke 17:20-25

11 Fri Saint Martin of Tours (M)

1st Reading 2 John 4-9

Psalm Ps 118:1-2. 10-11. 17-18

Gospel Luke 17:26-37

12 Sat Saint Josaphat (M)

1st Reading 3 John 5-8

Psalm Ps 111:1-6

Gospel Luke 18:1-8

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Parish Notices

Altar Server Training

Our second session for Altar Server Training is on the 12th of November. The session will be held in the church from 10 to 11.30am, followed by their commissioning at the 10.30 am mass on Sunday the 20th November. To be an altar server, you need to be over 10 years of age; have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion; and are prepared to assist before, during and after the mass. Application forms are available in the foyer, on our parish website and on our parish Facebook page. For further details, contact Bob Agbulos from the Liturgy team. Details on the form.

Pilgrimage Walk

As activities in this Year of Mercy are brought to a close throughout the Parramatta diocese, our parish will be doing another Pilgrimage Walk to the Kellyville Shrine of the Holy Innocents to witness the Closing of the Holy Doors. Everyone is invited to join this 3km walk after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, 13 November 2016. The Shrine's address is 8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville. Do come and bring the whole family to celebrate our Lord's goodness and mercy!

Knitting Club

First meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15th November at 11:00am.

Agenda - vision & mission of the club; preferred times for activities; learning skills and plan projects.

Preparing for Christmas

The Diocese of Wollongong has produced a 72 page Advent and Christmas Reflections Booklet. In addition to being a good preparation for Christmas they would make a good pre-Christmas or Mass of the Rooster gift. The booklets are \$3.00 each.

To order one (or more) please email

businessmanager@john23rd.org.au

by Friday 11 November.

Volunteer Work Opportunities



St John 23rd Parish is looking for enthusiastic parishioners who can contribute some of their time, energy and expertise to YOUR parish. A number of positions are available for part time opportunities.

Money counters. Help with counting of the weekend collections. No prior experience required other than the ability to count. Tool for the trade is provided with a friendly working environment. Work is scheduled once a week for 2-3 hrs. Contact: Tanya in the parish office (Tue-Fri) T9852 0580. Closing date: As soon as possible.

Church cleaners. We are currently looking for reliable, consistent and quality cleaners. We have Part time / casual and regular cleaning positions available. Cleaning chores experience will be highly regarded. Brooms and buckets are provided. Contact: John – 9899 2473. Closing date: As soon as possible.

Gardeners. If you have a green thumb and love to be under the sun taking in a breath of fresh air, then this job is for you. With the arrival of summer, a number of positions have become available for people to look after a patch of church garden. Be part of this dynamic fun & sun loving group. Some equipment is provided. Contact: John – 9899 2473. Closing date: As soon as possible.

The Baptism Team is looking for volunteers to assist in at least one Sunday Baptism every month. If you are interested, please contact Camille Jamon at 0406 - 859604.

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2016 (For children who are baptised and in Year 3) form available from the website - www.john23rd.com

What	When	Time	Where
First Reconciliation	21 Nov, Mon - 25 Nov, Fri	3:30 - 4:30pm	Church

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Fred Layt, Pamela Dissanayake,
Cynil Rose Yvette & France Rose,
Emilio Nacua, Lucy Vitlachi

Deceased:

Jeffrey Turner,
Joseph Calabria,
Sammy Formosa

Anniversary:

Cyril Pinto

Sick:

Amando Magno, Maria Pinky Baartz,
Charmaine Beltran, Jovie Disterhofft,
Mark de Jesus, Elgin Duenas, Pat Daley,
Karam Matte, Maria Pinky Baartz,
Sue Laxton

Thanksgiving:

Ronaldo, Kristine, Maria, Ramon and
Vincenzo Zamora, Jlluminada Ranola,
Sonnell Cobarrabias, Jabet Rivera,
Dejos & Lim Family, Renel Pangilinan,
Cristeta Almondade



Paying our debt together

Weekly collections

2nd Collection: \$5684.95

Loose \$2251.95

PG Envelopes \$1873.00

PG by EFT \$1560.00

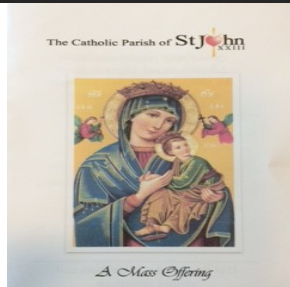
*Pays parish debt and on going running costs,
including wages of staff.*

***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

Holy Cross Primary

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John XXIII and St Mark's College

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

Why Do We Offer Mass for the Dead? By Fr. William Saunders HERALD Columnist

The offering of Mass for the repose of the soul of the faithful departed is linked with our belief in Purgatory. We believe that if a person has died fundamentally believing in God but with venial sins and the hurt caused by sin, then God in His divine love and mercy will first purify the soul. After this purification has been completed, the soul will have the holiness and purity needed to share in the beatific vision in heaven.

While each individual stands judgment before the Lord and must render an account of his life, the communion of the Church shared on this earth continues, except for those souls damned to hell. The Vatican Council II affirmed, *"This sacred council accepts loyally the venerable faith of our ancestors in the living communion which exists between us and our brothers who are in the glory of heaven or who are yet being purified after their death..."* (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, No. 51). Therefore, just as we pray for each other and share each other's burdens now, the faithful on earth can offer prayers and sacrifices to help the departed souls undergoing purification, and no better prayer could be offered than that of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Mirae Caritatis* (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: *"The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the Sacrament of the Eucharist, flows especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass] to all who belong to the communion of saints for the communion of saints is simply... the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers, and benefits among the faithful, those already in the heavenly fatherland, those consigned to the purifying fire, and those still making their pilgrim way here on earth. These all form one city, whose head is Christ, and whose vital principle is love. Faith teaches that although the august Sacrifice can be offered to God alone, it can nevertheless be celebrated in honor of the saints now reigning in heaven with God, who has crowned them, to obtain their intercession for us, and also, according to apostolic tradition, to wash away the stains of those brethren who died in the Lord but without yet being wholly purified."* Think of this point: The Holy Mass transcends time and space, uniting the faithful in heaven, on earth and in purgatory into a Holy Communion, and the Holy Eucharist itself augments our union with Christ, wipes away venial sins, and presences us from future mortal sins (cf. *Catechism*, No. 1391-1396). Therefore, the offering of Mass and other prayers or sacrifices for the intentions of the faithful departed are good and holy acts.

This practice is not new. The Catechism asserts, *"From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God"* (No. 1032). Actually, this "beginning" has toots even in the Old Testament. Judas Maccabees offered prayers and sacrifices for the Jewish soldiers who had died wearing pagan amulets, which were forbidden by the Law; II Maccabees reads, *"Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out"* (12:43) and *"Thus, [Judas Maccabees] made atonement for the deed that they might be freed from sin"* (12:46).

In the early history of the Church, we also see evidence of prayers for the dead. Inscriptions uncovered on tombs in the Roman catacombs of the second century evidence this practice. For example, the epitaph on the tomb of Abercius (d. 180) Bishop of Hieropolis in Phrygia begs for prayers for the repose of his soul. Tertullian, in 211, attested to observing the anniversary of death with prayers. Moreover, the Canons of Hippolytus (c. 235) explicitly mention the offering of prayers for the dead during the Mass. The testimony of the Church Fathers beautifully support this belief: St. Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386), in one of his many

Parish Pastoral Council Corner

"To keep me from sin & straying from Him, God has used devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. My life vows destined to be spent in the light irradiating from the tabernacle, and it is to the Heart of Jesus that I dare go for the solution of all my problems."

— Pope John XXIII

COUNCIL MATTERS

- † Next PPC **Executive Team meeting** scheduled for Tuesday, **8 November** 2016, from 7:30 pm at the Parish Office Conference Room.

FAITH FORMATION TEAM

- † SJ23 Prayer Group would like to invite you for a night of Praise & Worship

Praise & Worship Schedule

Date	Theme	Guest Speaker
19 November	Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Part 2)	Fr. Bong Pamintuan

- † We continue to ask for host families from to pray the **Rosary** at home and request for our Blessed Mother's intercessions. Please refer to the above schedule for available dates

COMMUNITY BUILDING TEAM

- † For avid knitters and those who would like to learn to knit, coming soon a Knitting Club. Come, join and register your interest. We have some interesting and fun projects being developed at the moment. If you want to be involved write down your name and contact details on the register at the foyer of the Church or contact Techie Sarlabus email techies@bigpond.com.



President Bart Sarlabus

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Council Team Leaders

<i>Community Bldg</i>	Techie Sarlabus
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<i>Liturgy</i>	Bob Agbulos
<i>Music</i>	Ray Samonte
<i>Pastoral Care</i>	Jill Franco
<i>Social Outreach</i>	

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

November	1 <i>Huang</i>	8 Olan	15 Blasonato	22 Viola	29 Pierena
December	6 D'Cunha	13 Brosas	20 Paguinto	27 Manoj	
January	3 Manoj	10 Sebastian	17 Shalini	24 Perrera	31 <i>Available</i>

Why we do what we do...

11 catechetical discourses, explained how at Mass both the living and dead are remembered, and how the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Lord is of benefit to sinners, living and dead. St. Ambrose (d. 397) preached, *"We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord."* St. John Chrysostom (d. 407) stated, *"Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."* Finally, Pope St. Gregory (d. 604) said, *"Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."*

One may wonder, *"What if the person's soul has already been purified and gone to heaven?"* We on earth know neither the judgment of God nor the divine time frame; so, there is always goodness in remembering our departed and commending them to God through prayer and sacrifice. However, if indeed the departed soul has been purified and now rests in God's presence in heaven, then those prayers and sacrifices offered benefit the other souls in purgatory through the love and mercy of God.

Therefore, we find not only the origins of this practice dating to the early Church but we also clearly recognize its importance. When we face the death of someone, even person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. Most importantly, we should always remember our own dearly departed loved ones in the Holy Mass and through our own prayers and sacrifices to help in their gaining eternal rest.

Fr. Saunders is dean of the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College and pastor of Queen of Apostles Parish, both in Alexandria.

<http://www.catholicherald.com/stories/Straight-Answers-Why-Do-We-Offer-Mass-for-the-Dead,6970>

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

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)

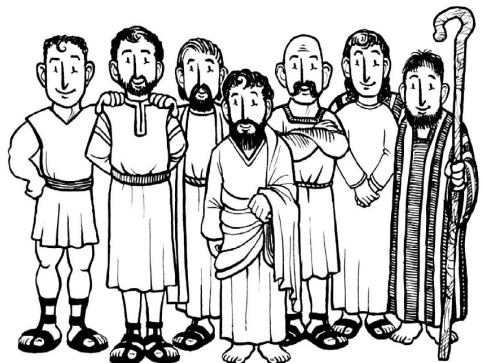
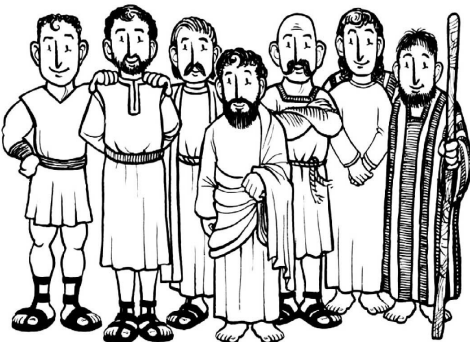
When: Meets every 3rd Sundays

Where: St Mark's Staff Room

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

Spot the difference

Can you find the seven differences between these two pictures of seven brothers?



Word Find

Lord of the living

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