


The Catholic Parish of St John XXIII

Perfection Ave cor Bentwood Tce, Stanhope Gardens www.john23rd.com

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12 - 13 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 worst tragedies can
be the best
opportunities.

Luke 21:5 - 19

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Mass Times

Monday to Friday 9:00am

Also Wednesday 9:00am Holy Cross
Primary during school term

Saturday 9:00am, 6:00pm (Vigil)

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

Baptism 12:00pm *Sunday by appointment*

Reconciliation (First Rite)

Saturday 5:00 - 5:45pm
And after any weekday masses

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 8.30 - 4.00pm

Parish Office Contacts

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Devotions & Prayers

Novena Masses

Tuesday 7:30pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help

First Friday 7:30pm
Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30pm

First Friday 6:30pm followed by
7:15pm Benediction

Saturday 8:00 - 9:00am (*Vocations*)

Sacrament of the Sick

First Saturday 9:00am Mass or upon request

Divine Office

Friday 12:00pm with Adoration

Sunday 8:15am

Praise & Worship

3rd Saturday 7:30pm
led by SJ23rd Prayer Group

2nd Saturday 7:30pm
led by CRL (*Community of the Risen Lord*)

Friday evenings 7:00pm
led by Christ Catholic Community Prayer
Group at the church kitchen

From the Pastor's desk

Our Liturgy for this 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) invites us to be ready for the Lord's Coming at the End of Time (or at our own end, whichever comes first!).

To do this, we have to take a hard look at the way we live our lives... in faithfulness to the Gospel or not? No matter who we are, there is always room for improvement in our relationship with God and with our neighbour.

And, at the same time as we reflect on the need that we all have to be prepared for the Lord's Coming, we have to recommit ourselves to be obedient to Paul's encouragement to the Thessalonians to go on quietly working for the growth of the Kingdom in our lives and in our world. Maintaining our Christian ethics in a world inimical to the values of Jesus Christ is essential to the primary baptismal mission that we all received on the day of our Baptism. Through our living out of the Gospel, let us renew the word and convert all to the Truth of the Message of the Lord Jesus.

And if we do all this, we have the promise of the Lord in today's Gospel: "your endurance will win you your lives"!

1. Ignite - our parish's Young Adults Group (for those 16-35, both single and married) - holds its last function for 2016 this Sunday evening (13/11) after the 6pm Mass. All are most welcome to join in the fiesta of food and the talk on why we as Church are people who are pro-Life.
2. A reminder that Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9am there will be a Liturgy of the Word with the Distribution of Communion as Fr. Robert continues his annual leave.
3. On next Saturday (19/11), the annual St. Mark's Spring Fair will be held between 9am and 4pm. The Parish will host a stall inviting all comers to join in our parish community. If you were able to help man that stall, please contact Helen Zammit via the Parish Office. The more the merrier, please!
4. Please continue to give generously to our DWF collection this week... our quota is over \$11,000.00 - which, if we don't meet it through our tax deductible additional gifting, will have to be met from our Parish's Second Collection, thereby impacting on our 2016-17 Budget. My thanks to those who have already responded so well.
5. Don't forget to consider our Parish Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. John XXIII next year...

God bless you all. Have a great week!

Fr. John

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

— 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.

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

— COMMUNITY BUILDING TEAM —

† We are looking for kids in **years 7-10** who might be interested to join our youth choir. If you **play a musical instrument** or an **avid singer**, you are welcome to join us every **2nd Sunday of the month** for the 6pm mass. For more information please contact RJ Samonte at gtkeyouth@gmail.com or raf.samonte@btmail.com

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord

First Reading

Malachi 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the people with fairness. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

TALK to God
through *prayer*,
LISTEN to God
through His
word.

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reflection

From time to time we hear predictions that the end of the world would come on such a day. But none of these predictions would ever come true. When Jesus speaks of a time when the splendid temple of Jerusalem will be laid to waste, the disciples are thinking that Jesus is speaking of the end of history. Then Jesus as Messiah would come to establish the final messianic kingdom.

Jesus' answer attempts to show them that they are asking the wrong question of: 'when will this happen?' They are not to be the privileged witnesses of a glorious establishment of the messianic kingdom. He indicates that the temple will be destroyed in the near future. There will be wars, great suffering and false prophets. Many will announce that the end is at hand. Jesus tells them to refuse to accept such prophecy.

There has always been a great interest in the 'when' of the end time. The Christian faith has no answer to the 'when', but it strongly affirms 'that' there will be an end time. We are living the 'in-between' and there is a long journey to be faced. It will be marked by suffering and persecution, but it will also be marked by the loving and guiding presence of a faithful God.

The God and Father of Jesus led his obedient Son through his journey to Jerusalem back to himself in the ascension. So will it also be with those of us who are prepared to take up the life and mission of the Church. The only requirement is that we must live and love as Jesus, following him courageously and tirelessly into the future which only God knows.



President Bart Sarlabus

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Council Team Leaders

<i>Community Bldg</i>	Techie Sarlabus
<i>Comms & Media</i>	John McCartney
<i>Evangelisation</i>	Helen Zammit
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<i>Liturgy</i>	Bob Agbulos
<i>Music</i>	Ray Samonte
<i>Pastoral Care</i>	Jill Franco

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

14 Mon 33rd week of Ordinary time

1st Reading Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5

Psalm Ps 1:1-4. 6

Gospel Luke 18:35-43

15 Tues 33rd week of Ordinary time

1st Reading Revelation 3:1-6. 14-22

Psalm Ps 14:2-5

Gospel Luke 19:1-10

16 Wed 33rd week of Ordinary time

1st Reading Revelation 4:1-11

Psalm Ps 150

Gospel Luke 19:11-28

17 Thu Saint Elizabeth of Hungary (M)

1st Reading Revelation 5:1-10

Psalm Ps 149:1-6. 9

Gospel Luke 19:41-44

18 Fri 33rd week of Ordinary time

1st Reading Revelation 10:8-11

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

111. 131

Gospel Luke 19:45-48

19 Sat 33rd week of Ordinary time

1st Reading Revelation 11:4-12

Psalm Ps 143:1-2. 9-10

Gospel Luke 20:27-40

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Parish Notices

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. Contacts: Rita Mateazzi or Colleen McCunnie or Techie Sarlabus



If you can contribute some time, energy and expertise to YOUR parish there are a number of areas requiring your support.

Money counters - Help with counting of the weekend collections scheduled once a week for 2-3 hrs. Contact: Tanya in the parish office (Tue-Fri) T9852 0580. Closing date: As soon as possible.

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

Gardeners - If you have a green thumb, love to be under the sun taking in a breath of fresh air come and look after a patch of church garden. Some equipment is provided. Contact: John - 9899 2473. Closing date: As soon as possible.

Church cleaners - We are currently looking for reliable, consistent and quality cleaners. Gather some friends and pick the time of day. Some cleaning equipment provided. Contact: John - 9899 2473. Closing date: As soon as possible.

IGNITE
— Enkindling the fire of faith —

**DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON:
WHY THE CHURCH IS PRO-LIFE**

PRESENTED BY MADELEINE VELLA

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 20TH

SAINT MARK'S STAFF ROOM | FROM 7.15PM TO 9PM
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SJ23IGNITE

13 November: Closing of Holy Doors in Year of Mercy

Our Diocesan Way of Mercy pilgrimage will conclude Sunday, 13 November with a ceremony at St Patrick's Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to take part in the ceremony, which will commence with the arrival of the Cross and Relics and Way of Mercy procession at 4.30pm.

At the 6pm Mass, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will close the Cathedral's Holy Door. A sausage sizzle will follow with gold coin donations going to Arrupe Place, a drop-in centre in North Parramatta for newly arrived Australians, run by Jesuit Refugee Service Australia.

The Holy Doors in our Diocese will close at the Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa, the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville, and Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel, Marayong. The Year of Mercy will end on the Solemnity of Christ the King on 20 November when Pope Francis will close the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica.

17 November: Holy Hour for Vocations

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 7pm-8pm for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta.

20 November: 'Waiting for Gabriel' Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive

From 1.30pm-4pm at the Diocesan Assembly Centre (attached to IFM building), 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Hosted by Life, Marriage & Family Office, Diocese of Parramatta, call tel 8838 3441, lmf@parra.catholic.org.au

26 November: Advent – a Season of Hope

This reflection day for women will be presented by Sr Mary Louise Walsh ISSM. From 9.30am-3pm at Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Cost: \$25, BYO lunch – morning & afternoon tea provided. To register tel (02) 4773 8338, info@schoenstatt.org.au

Liturgical Ministry Courses in 2017

The Office for Worship of the Diocese of Parramatta is offering Liturgical Ministry Courses in 2017. The courses are open to those interested in becoming Minister of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion, Minister for the Sick & Dying (Homebound), Adult Altar Server or Acolyte. Application forms available at the foyer. For more information, contact Bob Agbulos, Liturgy team coordinator on 0422 106 525 or via email on bragbulos@gmail.com.

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,
Bienvenido Jimenez

Anniversary:

Alfredo Cruz,
Regalado Morales,
Divina & Gualberto Delgado,
Reno Camilleri

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:

R J Santos and Family



Paying our debt together

Weekly collections

2nd Collection: \$5441.25

Loose \$1824.35

PG Envelopes \$2056.90

PG by EFT \$1560.00

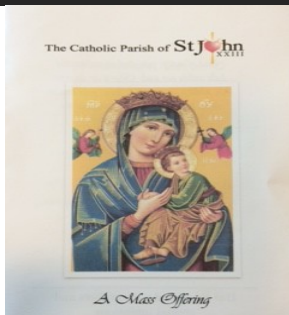
*Pays parish debt and on going running costs,
including wages of staff.*

***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

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Marina Hardy

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John XXIII and St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

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Catholic Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

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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 we do what we do...

Why do people bow during the creed?

Well, the first reason is because that is what we are supposed to do.

There is a Church document called the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (or “GIRM”) that outlines the basic structure of the Mass. In para. 137 we read:

“The Creed is sung or recited by the priest together with the people with everyone standing. At the words et incarnatus est (by the power of the Holy Spirit . . . became man) all make a profound bow; but on the Solemnities of the Annunciation and of the Nativity of the Lord, all genuflect.”

So, just to refresh your memory, here is the Nicene Creed as it is said in Mass, up to the part where we are supposed to make a profound bow:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

You begin the bow at the words “by the power ...” and rise once you have said “became man.” Note that a “profound bow” is a bow at the waist, in the manner of the Japanese when they greet people. This is more demonstrative than the simple head nod.

The reason the GIRM calls us to bow at that point in the Creed is because it is at that point when we express our belief in the most fundamental mystery of Christianity: That in Jesus Christ, God actually became man, born of a woman by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the Incarnation, the most sacred moment in all of human history. Therefore, we bow in honor of that event.

In the Mass, our gestures and postures should always reflect what we believe at each moment in the Mass. Since the Incarnation is so central to what we believe as Christians, the profound bow becomes an important way of outwardly expressing that belief.

Peace of Christ to you,

Nicholas Hardesty, WIMM Board Member

Director of Religious Education, Blessed Mother Catholic Church

<http://owensborocatholicradio.com/850/catholic-qa-35-why-do-people-bow-during-the-creed/>

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION

Thank you to the seven candidates nominated for the FOUR elected positions on the Parish Pastoral Council:

Julienne Crasto
Nanette Gamboa

Chris Drummond
Gary Lee
Bernadette Virwani

Nidarshi Fernando
Bart Sarlabus

The candidates' details are on the noticeboard at the front of the church.

Parishioners will have the opportunity to vote for their FOUR preferred candidates at all masses next weekend.

In addition to these FOUR elected members, Fr John will appoint THREE more members. The new council will come into effect on 1 January 2017 for a term of two years.

Julienne Crasto

I am keen to be part of the Parish Pastoral Council as I would like to become more aware of what is happening in our parish. I would also like to get more actively involved, encourage and support existing groups. I am an Extraordinary Minister of Communion and Minister of the Word. I feel competent to assist in brainstorming decisions as well as share in the implementation of plans for the future betterment and growth of faith in our parish.

Nanette Gamboa

I am a commercially-minded operational leader with over 20 years of professional experience within the banking industry. I have managed diverse types of people which will make me a suitable candidate to be of service to our diverse parish community. I am a qualified lawyer in NSW (restricted) which I can use to assist the parish in forming the basis of providing commercially astute and sound decisions. I am currently involved as Eucharistic and Liturgy of the Word minister and volunteer in choir and parish fundraising. I also make the best scrolls according to my family.

Chris Drummond

Firstly may I say I am humbled by this opportunity and will do all I can to fulfil the position if I am successful. I love and respect my parish along with the spiritual blessings I receive being part of it. I have always been a people's person and have dedicated my life and time to actually approaching them as if I'd known them forever. It is important to me that people need to be cared for and loved and made feel wanted. Sometimes a kind and loving word, a warm embrace and a caring smile is comforting to people as it makes them feel they are not alone. I want so much to be a part of a person's life as it makes me feel I am practising my faith as Our Lord requires. Love one another ... My love I give you ... My peace I give you. It would be an honour to be part of this council and I would give 110% in my efforts to ensure that. God Bless.

Gary Lee

Outside of my family (Gwen and 6 children), the parish has always been an extended family where I can lean on for love and support. I am currently an acolyte. Previously, while overseas, I have served as a catechist and in the pastoral care ministry.

Being part of the council is to be co-responsible for the building up and renewal of the community. This requires discernment, praying for guidance from the Holy Spirit and feeling the pulse of the community.

Finally through the journey my desire is to get to know more of my fellow brothers and sisters in St John 23.

Bernadette Virwani

As a member of the community at St John 23rd I have been actively involved in numerous events. As a member of the Community Building Committee I have contributed and organised a number of parish events. This has involved the celebration of parish feast days, Mothers' Day, Easter/Christmas celebrations to name a few. I have been a strong advocate of the youth in our parish, supporting their fund-raising for events like WYD. As a spokesperson for the Fundraising Committee I have spoken at masses, encouraging and persuading parishioners to continue their support for parish raffles/events. As a Reader and EMHC I regularly assist at masses.

Being an educator I have excellent oral skills and am passionate about working and supporting young people. Given the opportunity I assure the parish of my very best.

Nidarshi Fernando

I am a 21-year old GP Registrar in my final year of training. My parents and friends highly recommended that I nominate myself for a position on the Parish Pastoral Council. I am involved in leading the Young Adults Group of the Community of the Risen Lord, a Catholic charismatic group that I have been a part of for the past seven years. I have been involved in organising various charity events and fundraisers during uni days and thereafter. I place my talents, my enthusiasm and my heart before God and if he desires that I serve my parish through this Council then I will endeavour to do so with the best of my abilities.

Bart Sarlabus

Incumbent member and President of the Parish Council

Acolyte

SJ23 Choir member

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 & 4th Saturdays
Praise & Worship

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

Unscramble the letters

Cross out all letters that appear more than once. Unscramble the remaining letters to reveal what Jesus gives to us so that we know what to say when we defend ourselves.

S	A	R	T
	U	C	P
M	T	I	A
	L	K	U
E	G	N	R
	N	A	D
R	P	T	G
	K	O	P
C	W	L	E

Word Find

You will be saved by being faithful

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