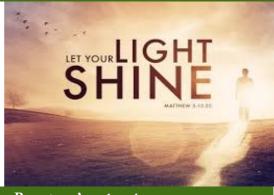
FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME 4 - 5 FEBRUARY 2017

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."



From the Pastor's desk

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ The Gospel calls us to be true disciples, who are salt to the earth, light to the world. As our week unfolds, let's ask the Lord to help us understand our great mission of proclaiming the Word and living out our Faith in action and good deeds. In this way, God is glorified!

- 1. The first full meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council (who are to be commissioned for their role during the 10:30 Mass this weekend) is on Wednesday evening at 7:30pm in the Parish Offices.
- 2. The first meeting of the Parish Finance Committee for this year is on Thursday at 7:30pm in the Parish Office
- 3. And on Friday night we will host the regional SRE Mass here in our Church, commencing at 7pm. All welcome to join with our Special Religious Educators in celebrating their very important missionary ministry in our State Schools.



4. And we need some volunteers to cover all classes this year... please put your hand up! WE NEED YOU! Indeed, THE CHILDREN NEED YOU!

God bless you all! Fr. John

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FEB	PARISH WEEKLY
2017	CALENDAR
MON	Saint Paul Miki and Companion (M)
6	9am - Liturgy of the Word
TUE 7	9am - Liturgy of the Word 6:30pm - Adoration then OLPH 7.30pm - Novena mass - Bacolod Family
WED	7:30pm - PPC meeting, Parish
8	conference room
FRI	Saint Scholastica (M)
10	7:00pm - SRE Mass
SAT	9:00am - Sacrament of Holy
11	Anointing
SUN	8:15am - Divine Office
12	12pm - Baptism -



Evangelicum

We, Christians, are women and men of hope.

It is what emerges clearly from the first text that was written, namely, the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians. Perceived in the passage we heard, is all the freshness and beauty of the first Christian proclamation. The Thessalonian community is a young community, recently founded, yet despite the difficulties and many trials, it is rooted in the faith and celebrates enthusiastically and joyfully the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. So the Apostle heartily rejoices with all, in a much as those that are reborn at Easter truly become "sons of light and sons of the day" (5:5), in virtue of their full communion with Christ.

When Paul writes to them, the community of Thessalonika had just been founded, and only a few years separate it from Christ's Pasch. Therefore, the Apostle tries to make them understand all the effects and consequences that this unique and decisive event, namely, the Lord's Resurrection, implies for history and for the life of each one. In particular, the difficulty for the community was not so much to acknowledge Jesus' Resurrection, all believed in it, but to believe in the resurrection of the dead. Yes, Jesus is risen, but the difficulty was to believe that the dead will rise again. In this connection, this Letter is revealed all the more timely. Every time we find ourselves in face of our death, or that of a loved one, we feel our faith is put to the test. All our doubts arise, all our frailty, and we wonder: "But will there truly be life after death ...? Will I be able to see again and embrace again the persons I loved ...? A lady asked me this question a few days ago in an audience, manifesting a doubt: "Will I meet my own?" In the present context, we are also in need of returning to the root and foundation of our faith, so as to become aware of all that God has done for us in Christ Jesus and what our death means. We all are somewhat afraid of this uncertainty of death. I remember a little old man, and elderly good man, who said: "I'm not afraid of death. I'm a bit afraid to see it coming." He was afraid of this.

In face of the fears and perplexities of the community, Paul invites to have firmly on the head as a helmet, especially in trials and in the most difficult moments of our life, "the hope of salvation." It is a helmet. See what Christian hope is. When there is talk of hope, we can be led to understand it according to the ordinary meaning of the term, namely, in reference to something good that we desire, but which can or cannot be realized. We hope it will happen; it is like a desire. One says, for example: "I hope the weather will be good tomorrow!"; but we know that, instead, the weather could be bad the next day ... Christian hope is not like this. Christian hope is the expectation of something that has already been accomplished; the door is there, and I hope to arrive at the door. What must I do? I must walk to the door! I am certain I will arrive at the door. Christian hope is like this: to have the certainty that I am on the way to something that is, not that I wish it to be.

This is Christian hope. Christian hope is the expectation of something that has already been accomplished and which certainly can be realized for each one of us. Therefore, our resurrection also, and that of our dear deceased, is not something that might or might not happen, but it is a certain reality, in as much as it is rooted in the event of Christ's Resurrection. To hope, therefore, means to learn to live in expectation; to



Gospel Reflection

The Christian Message can be too simple for some: either they sit back and close their minds to further growth in faith (refusing to leave their comfort zone of so-called simple faith)... or... they embellish the Christian Faith with their own ideas and philosophies (as did the people of Corinth in our Second Reading).

Neither approach is correct, for both lead to a distortion of true Christianity. Indeed, our salvation depends on God's action and not solely on our own wisdom and strength. As Paul says to the Corinthians: "...your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God". So, it is the power of God's Holy Spirit which is important.

But how do people come to know this? Only when someone is sent to them to speak the Truth in love. Jesus sends each one of us to preach his message of love and peace. As his disciples, we are the ones who bring people out of darkness to the light of Faith. We are the ones who let the world know about the Salvation that awaits. As the Gospel of Matthew reminds us, we are to be 'salt to the earth, light to the world'.

In being salt to the earth and light to the world, we are fulfilling the image of the upright person that we heard about in the First Reading from Isaiah. We are salt / light in the very actions of caring for the poor and oppressed, in 'sharing our bread with the hungry, sheltering the homeless poor, clothing the one who is naked...".

So, TRUE DISCIPLESHIP is not just about preaching the Good News in words alone, but it is also about living the Gospel in our daily lives. We are true preachers of the message of Jesus when we make known God's love through our love-in-action, through our good deeds - our response to God's gift of Grace.

And the last point that the Gospel makes this weekend is worthy of note: "In the same way your light must shine in the sight of all, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven". All that we say, all that we domust be for the Glory of God, and not for our own glory. The ultimate goal of True Discipleship, the purpose of all our proclaiming of the Word and the good deeds that accompany this - is to give Glory to God. The whole of our Christian life and being is oriented towards the Lord, it is God-centred at all times.

Let's reflect on our texts as the week unfolds, and give God thanks and praise for his great gift of Faith that is ours!



Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading Isaiah 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 111:4-9

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour, **R**.

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **R**.

Gospel Acclamation John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!



Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel *Matthew 5:13-16*

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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learn to live in expectation and to find life. When a woman realizes she is pregnant, she learns to live every day in the expectation of seeing the gaze of that child that will come. So we must also live and learn from these human expectations and live in the expectation of seeing the Lord, of encountering the Lord. This is not easy, but it can be learned: to live in expectation. To hope means and implies a humble heart, a poor heart. Only a poor one knows how to wait. One who is already full of himself and of his possessions does not put his trust in anything other than himself.

Again, Saint Paul writes: "He [Jesus] died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him" (1 Thessalonians5:10). These words are always a motive of great consolation and peace. Therefore, we are also called to pray for loved ones who have left us, so that they will live in Christ and be in full communion with us. Something that touches my heart very much is an expression of Saint Paul, again addressed to the Thessalonians. It fills me with the certainty of hope. He says thus: "and so we shall always be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians4:17). Something beautiful: everything passes but, after death, we will always be with the Lord. It is the total certainty of hope. The same that, much earlier made Job exclaim: "For I know that my Redeemer lives [...] whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold Him" (Job19:25.27). And so we shall always be with the Lord. Do you believe this? I ask you, do you believe this? To have some force, I invite you to say it three times with me: "And so we shall always be with the Lord." And we will meet there with the Lord.

https://zenit.org/articles/general-audience-christian-hope-is-also-the-expectation-of-the-resurrection-pope-francis-says/



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

6 Mon St Paul Miki and Company

1st Reading Genesis 1:1-19

Galatians 2:19-20

Psalm Ps 103:1-2. 5-6. 10. 12.

24. 35 Ps 125

Gospel Mark 6:53-56

Matthew 28:16-20

7 Tues 5th Week Ordinary Time

1st Reading Genesis 1:20 - 2:4

Psalm Ps 8:4-9 Gospel Mark 7:1-13

8 Wed 5th Week Ordinary Time

1st Reading Genesis 2:4-9. 15-17 Psalm Ps 103:1-2. 27-30

Gospel Mark 7:14-23

9 Thu 5th Week Ordinary Time1st

Reading Genesis 2:18-25 Psalm Ps 127:1-5 Gospel Mark 7:24-30

10 Fri Saint Scholastica (M)

1st Reading Genesis 3:1-8

Song of Songs 8:6-7

Psalm Ps 31:1-2. 5-7

Ps 148:1-2. 11-14

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Luke 10: 38-42

11 Sat 5th Week Ordinary Time

1st Reading Genesis 3:9-24 Psalm Ps 89:2-6. 12-13 Gospel Mark 8:1-10

Full weekly readings can be found in the parish website

http://john23rd.com/our-parish/daily-reading/

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Parish Pastoral Corner

If God created shadows, it was to better emphasize the light. — Pope St John XXIII

—PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL-

-FAITH FORMATION TEAM -----

† 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 Evening Prayer at 6.30pm, Rosary at 7.15pm, Mass and Novena prayers at 7:30pm with sung Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the novena mass.

If you want the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home contact Bart Sarlabus - bart.sarlabus@gmail.com or Melva Paguinto (after novena mas). Pick up the statue after the novena mass and return a week after before the start of the novena mass. A good time for the whole family to pray the rosary together and maybe invite other family members and friends to join in prayer.

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights						
February	7	14	21	28		
	Bacolod	Lee (Gary)	Alejandro	Shalini		
March	7	14	21	28		
	Paguinto	Sebastian	Shalini	Nobleza		
April	4	11	18	25		
	Available	Available	Sebastian	Available		

- COMMUNITY BUILDING TEAM -

- **†** Knitting/crochet club meets twice a month in the parish kitchen.
 - (a) 2nd Saturday of the month at 2.00pm, and
 - (b) last Tuesday of the month about 10.30am

There's still room for anyone who would like to join. Contacts are Colleen McCunnie & Rita Mateazzi.



Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Mark De Jesus, Rita D'Silva, Roger Avila, Hector Corpus.

Deceased:

Anniversary:

Emmanuel, Antonia, Victoria, Angelo and Victor Cremona

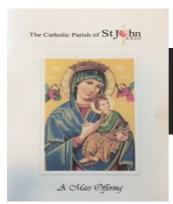
Sick:

Pat Daley, Karam Matte, Cay Espanta, Donatila Ramos, Genevieve D'Silva, Maria Pinky Baartz, Greg Chapman, Sue Laxton, Maria Luisa Celdran-Matias, Alfred Miler

Thanksgiving:

Ronaldo, Kristine, Maria, Ramon, Vincenzo, Zamora, Musca Family





Mass cards available at the parish office.

Paying our debt together

The First Collection – for the diocese. The 1st Collection is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

The Second Collection – for the parish. The 2nd Collection is used to meet our parish running costs (rates, utilities, insurance, telecommunication, computers, photocopiers, stationery and postage, church and altar requisites, repairs and maintenance of the church, presbytery, office buildings and grounds).

It is used to pay the team/staff salaries, superannuation and each priest's car expenses, loan interest and loan repayment.

It is also used to provide for our pastoral and ministry outreach activities from the parish.

Money received in the 2nd collection is banked into the parish "Church Account".

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.



Parish Notices

Liturgical Ministry Courses in 2017

The Office for Worship is offering Liturgical Ministry Courses in 2017, open to all parishes and individuals seeking formation and training for serving at the altar. Held at the Diocesan Assembly Centre in Blacktown on Mondays and at St Nicholas of Myra in Penrith on Thursdays, the formation courses are for anyone who is interested in becoming a Minister of the Word, Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying, Adult Altar Server or Acolyte.

For more information contact Bob Agbulos, Liturgy team coordinator, on 0422 106525 or via email bragbulos@gmail.com.



We will be holding the following cake stalls during the Sunday masses for this year with scheduled dates

of: 5th Mar, 4th June, 3rd Sep, 3rd Dec

Everyone is invited to join us! We're aiming to raise \$5,000 and your continued generosity and support will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to make donations of cakes/savouries/hot dishes, please contact Jill on 0402 172346 or email admin@john23rd.org.au. We are always looking for new Angels to join us! Thank you and we hope to see you soon.

Wall of Remembrance

We are taking orders for plaques in memory of your deceased loved ones, which will be ready by Easter. Please call the parish office (9852 0580) or email John McCartney (businessmanager@john23rd.org.au) to discuss or place your order by Friday 24 February.

We need your palms

We need a good supply of palms from last Easter, which will be burned for the ashes for this Ash Wednesday. Please leave your palms in the box at the front door by Sunday 19 February.



Why we do what we do...

GESTURES and ACTIONS - THE ASSEMBLY

Focusing ourselves

Sometimes a physical gesture or posture helps us to focus our mind for what is at hand and upon God's Word. Bowing, kneeling, folding one's hands, not to mention the Sign of the Cross, help us to focus our body and soul for prayer and worship.

GENUFLECTION

By bending our right knee to the floor, we are showing respect and reverence to the Blessed Sacrament – the hosts that have not been used. When we genuflect we face toward the tabernacle containing the Blessed Sacrament or the altar. We always genuflect when coming into the church before going into our seat and when we leave the church.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

The Sign of the Cross is a cross traced with the right hand, touching the forehead, the chest, and then the left and right shoulder. The words In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen are said aloud or silently as the sign is made. We make the Sign of the Cross with holy water, which is a sign of our baptism, upon entering the church and exiting the church and many times during the Mass.

SITTING

We sit in the Liturgy of the Word when we listen to the First Reading, Psalm, and Second Reading and during the homily.

STANDING

There are several times during Mass when we stand. The first is during the Introductory Rites at the start of the Mass to acknowledge that Jesus is with us. For the same reason, we stand when the Gospel is proclaimed.

SINGING

Singing is a form of praying and so it is important that we sing at Mass. Singing is also an important part of celebrating. We always sing at a birthday party and so too, we often sing when we celebrate Mass.

BOWING

Bowing is a sign of reverence. We bow deeply from the waist at Mass when we go on the sanctuary, near the altar. If you watch closely, you will also see the Priest bowing at different times during the Mass too.

GOSPEL GREETING

The Priest makes the Sign of the Cross with his thumb on the first word of the reading in the book he reads from, called the Lectionary, and announces the Gospel. We respond with the words Glory to you, O Lord, while making a Sign of the Cross with our thumb on our forehead, lips and heart. This gesture is a form of prayer for the presence of the Word of God in your mind, on your lips, and in your heart.

RESPONDING

The Mass is like a conversation we are having with God and so we need to respond to him at certain times during the celebration. The most common



Important Notice

ACCESS TO ST MARK'S SCHOOL

From the first school term of 2017 there will be **NO** access to the school from the parish carpark. We have had to take this action for a number of reasons:

- ⇒ Students walking through the parish grounds or waiting for parents at the church after school are unsupervised by both the school and the parish. This does not meet Child Safety requirements and places the Parish Priest in an unacceptable position of responsibility.
- ⇒ There has been significant damage to our church gardens by students waiting for their parents after school and this is unacceptable.
- ⇒ A handful of irresponsible parents are endangering others by speeding through the carpark.

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PICK-UP
ON
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GROUNDS

The gates will be closed from Sunday evening after the 6.00pm mass to Friday afternoon.

THINK

SAFETY

Why we do ...cont'd

response is Amen, which means I believe. When we respond in Mass, we need to do it clearly and like we mean what we are saying.

KNEELING

In most churches we kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer. Kneeling is a sign of great reverence. Those who are old or injured are not obliged to kneel.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

Those who have made their First Holy Communion go to Communion in an orderly line. We are offered the sacred Host and the Chalice or else the Host alone. The Priest, Deacon or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion offer us the Host saying The Body of Christ and we respond Amen. We always receive the Host and the Chalice with great reverence and in silence because this is such an important part of the Mass.

http://www.togetheratonealtar.catholic.edu.au/



Youth Corner

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. Meet new people, enjoy some food and develop your relationship with God and those around us through prayer, reflection and good discussions with insightful guest speakers.

Upcoming event for Feb 2017 with Very Rev Christopher de Souza PP EV

BLAZE

Watch this space. Coming soon in February

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

When: 2nd & 4th Saturdays

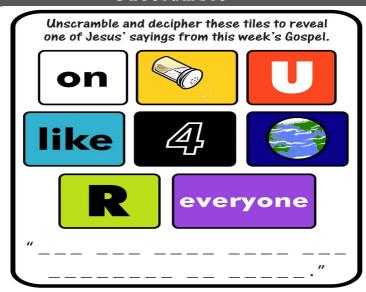
Praise & Worship

Where: Church

Time: after 6:00pm vigil mass



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Diocesan News

Stepping Beyond Support Group

CCSS Solo Parent Services will commence our monthly support group for anyone who is divorced or separated.

The group meets on the last Tuesday of each month. First gathering for the year will be held on **Tuesday 31st January**. Registration essential. Please note new time: 7pm -9pm

Venue: 38 Prince St, Blacktown.

Contact Rita on 8822 2222 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

Positions vacant

Graphic Designer & Team Support – Brand, Networking, Video: The Institute for Mission at Blacktown requires a full-time team member who specialises in graphic design. Applications close on 31 January. For a position description go to www.parracatholic.org/employment

Assistant Housekeeper: Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park has an opening in housekeeping services. The position is part time (2 days/week). Applications close on 6 February. For further information please contact the Rector, Fr John Hogan, tel (02) 9637 1055.

8 February—Launch of Human Trafficking and Slavery Paper – A response from Australian Catholics

World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking will be the diocesan launch of Human Trafficking and Slavery – A response from Australian Catholics. Join Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and Sr Noelene Simmons SM for the launch from 7.30pm-9.00pm at the Institute

for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown.

RSVP to Sr Louise McKeogh FMA atLmckeogh@parra.cathic.org.au or nswprojects@acrath.org.au

9 February -Mass for World Day of the Sick

Everyone is welcome to this annual Mass in acknowledgment of carers and those for whom they care. Includes the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Bishop Vincent Long will be the principal celebrant for Mass at 10.30am in St Patrick's Church, 51 Allawah St, Blacktown. Plenty of parking – refreshments to follow.

Bereavement Support Program

CCSS Solo Parent Services will begin a 7 session Bereavement Support Program for anyone whose spouse or partner has died. This will run fortnightly in Blacktown from **Wednesday 15th February** If you have suffered the loss of your spouse or partner, please come along to an Information session and overview of the Program on Wednesday 1st February.

This is an opportunity to learn about the Program and experience yourself in a supportive group setting. Registration essential.

Venue: 38 Prince St, Blacktown

Time: 10.30 am - 12pm.

Contact Rita on 8822 2222, or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au



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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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Admin Asst: Jill Franco (Wed/Fri)

⊠ admin@john23rd.org.au

Business Manager: John McCartney (pro bono)

businessmanager@john23rd.org.au

& Prayers Devotions

Novena Masses

Tuesday 7:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

First Friday 7:30pm

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday after the 7:30pm novena mass

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

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

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

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