

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

20 - 21 May 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

As we begin to prepare for the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost we are told today that this other Advocate with the Father will support and strengthen us in our living out of Christ's Gospel here and now.... Let's pray: Come, Holy Spirit!

1. As our younger parishioners continue their preparation for First Holy Communion next weekend, let's continue to support them with our prayers.

First Communion Masses next weekend:

6pm Saturday Vigil, 10:30am, 1:00pm (extra mass), and 6pm Sunday evening.

Please be aware that there will be both reserved seating and extra large congregations at these masses, which will invariably go longer than our usual time of celebration.

2. Next Sunday (28/5) we will host the Permanent Diaconate Vocations

afternoon from 4-6pm. Those enquiring about the Permanent Diaconate will join us for the 6pm First Communion Mass.

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7:00pm - Symbolon "The Catholic Faith Explained"

The Ascension of the Lord Vigil (S)

12:00pm - Baptisms
Zayne, Matthew, Harley,
Cataleya, Emma, Cooper
7:15pm - IGNITE

15 Day Pilgrimage

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Duration: 15 day pilgrimage plus optional extension

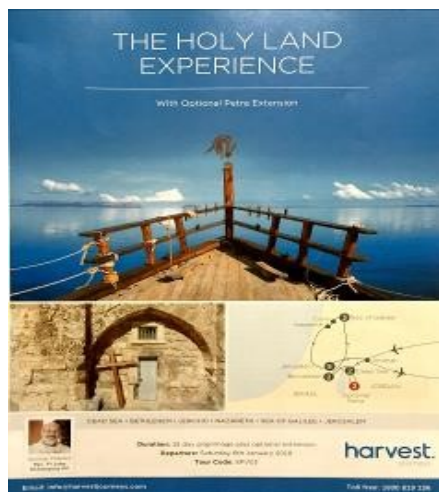
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Deposit for the Pilgrimage has been reduced from \$1000 to \$600 (thanks to Fr John's intervention.)

Pastor's desk

- After Sunday evening Mass on 28/5 we will have the next IGNITE evening for young adults (16-35), and our Seminarian, Jack Green, will offer the Reflection. Join us for an evening of fun, listening, discussion and prayer. Check out the Ignite/Blaze Facebook Page!

Parish Notices

Catholic Learning Community of St John XXIII and St Mark's College

The number of Australians aged 65 and over will more than double by the middle of the century. This has been rightly described as 'the great success story of human development'. Increasing numbers of older people have an excellent chance of enjoying good health and an active life for many years.

The Learning Community of St John XXIII and St Mark's Catholic College would like to invite senior members of the Parish Community to become involved in our Social Justice Programmes. We are looking for people who would be interested in sharing their wisdom and life experiences with our younger folk at the school. For example, sharing your love of reading or other interests that you have with our students, being a critical friend., attending student hospitality events, sharing your life experiences with teenagers, attending music recitals with our college choir and other artists., being members of assessment audience for Project Based Learning. and other college activities.

We would really like to hear from you if you can spare some of your time to connect with the young people in our community. Please contact the College and register your interest tel. 98520567 E mail: dfitzgerald@parra.catholic.edu.au
Many Thanks
Des Fitz-Gerald

God Bless you all! *Fr. John*

Gospel Reflection

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells us that keeping the commandments shows that we love Jesus and he will ensure that we will not be left orphaned. Keeping the commandments makes us present to the already ongoing reality of Jesus' presence in our lives. The commandments reveal our love for Jesus, a love that originates in his abiding love and presence within us.

According to Jesus the answer to that question is determined by love that is revealed and fulfilled in keeping his commandments. The commandment is to love our neighbour as ourselves, to love our enemies, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

He reassures us that even though he will leave us, he will not abandon us. Instead we will have the (Paraclete) Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom we as His people will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom we as followers will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defence for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his people with the Father.

We fear becoming orphaned. That fear points to the deeper reality that by ourselves we are not enough. It is not, however, because we are deficient. It is rather because we were never intended or created to be self-sufficient. We were never intended to stand alone as individuals. We were created to love and be loved, to live in relationship as persons giving themselves to each other, to dwell, abide, and remain within each other even as the Father is in Jesus and Jesus is in the Father; the antithesis of being orphaned.

"I will not leave you orphaned." We all want or even need to hear these words each day as we face the trials in our life. They speak directly to some of our greatest fears and challenges; abandonment and isolation, loneliness, vulnerability. They remind us that we are not destined to walk this earth without an identity or direction. We do not stand alone. We are God's chosen people.

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.** 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules forever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that

they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave your orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of God."

Romans 10:17

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth, and in
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including 'the
Virgin Mary', all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died and was buried; he descended into
hell; on the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty; from
there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and life
everlasting. Amen.

Readings for Next Week

22 Mon Sixth week of Easter

1st Reading Acts 16:11-15

Psalm Ps 149:1-6. 9

Gospel John 15:26-16:4

23 Tues Sixth week of Easter

1st Reading Acts 16:22-34

Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 7-8

Gospel John 16:5-11

24 Wed Our Lady Help of Christian

1st Reading Sirach 4:11-18

Psalm Ps 112:1-8

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel John 19:25-27

25 Thu Sixth week of Easter

1st Reading Acts 18:1-8

Psalm Ps 97:1-4

Gospel John 16:16-20

26 Fri Saint Philip Neri (M)

1st Reading Acts 18:9-18

Psalm Ps 46:2-7

Gospel John 16:20-23

27 Sat Sixth week of Easter

1st Reading Acts 18:23-28

Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 8-10

Gospel John 16:23-28

Full weekly readings can be found in the parish
website [http://john23rd.com/our-parish/daily-
reading/](http://john23rd.com/our-parish/daily-reading/)

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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.**

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Mata Nhuong Thi Duong, Jonathan Ramirez Yanson, Pablo Emiliano, Thomas Joseph Kattukaran

Deceased:

Nina Celdran Matias, Mark De Jesus

Anniversary:

Pacita Delagado Jones, Mario Ferino, Mariano Ferino, Vicente Yunon, Rafaela Yunon

Sick:

Jan Mandla, Pat Daley, Karam Matte, Genevieve D'Silva, Elpidio Beltran, Greg Chapman, Cay Espanta, Alfred Miler, Sue Laxton

Thanksgiving:

Andrea Chesca Reyes, Virwani family



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.

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The Catholic Parish of St John
XXIII



A Mass Offering



Parish Pastoral Corner

The feeling of my smallness and my nothingness always keep me good company.
— Pope St John XXIII

FAITH FORMATION

⇒ Our Lady of Perpetual Help Statue

We continue to ask for host families to pray the Rosary at home and request 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 mass). Pick up the statue after the novena mass and return a week after, before the start of the novena mass. ***"A family that prays together, stays together: Fr Patrick Peyton"***

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

	2	9	16	23	30
May	<i>Shalini</i>	<i>Cano</i>	<i>Ivon</i>	Fernando	Solisa
Jun	6	13	20	27	
	Sebastian	Mojica	Matias M	Matias J	
Jul	4	11	18	25	
	Tanganan	Shalini	Ivon	<i>Available</i>	
Aug	1	8	15	22	29
	Lozada	Cabug-os	Lim	Pangilinan	Shalini

⇒ St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

As Winter approaches it is time to launch the St Vinnies Blankets Appeal. We are asking once more for your generosity in donating clean blankets or sleeping bags to be distributed to the homeless and those in need. Would you kindly place the blankets in the Church front foyer where there will be a place allocated. Deadline for donations is 31 May 2017. Thanking you in anticipation from the members of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

⇒ RCIA Program

If you know of anyone or you yourself are interested in finding out more about our RCIA program, we will be having an Enquiry night on Wednesday 31st of May. Our RCIA program will be starting in June.

Looking for Korean Family—We are looking for any Korean families in our parish community who may be able to support a Korean family wishing to be baptised into our faith this coming Christmas.

Parish Pastoral

⇒ The Faith Formation Committee invites everyone for a short, half hour video presentation on “The Catholic Faith Explained” following straight after every Mass. This compelling series contains two parts including ten episodes each.

7:00pm Saturdays and Sundays at the Church

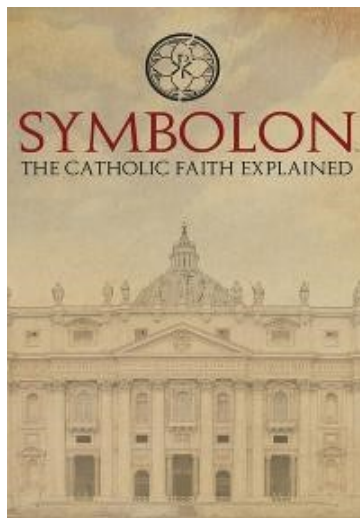
8:30am 10:00am 11:30am Sundays at St Mark's College Staffroom

20 & 21 May Divine Revelation (32min)

27 & 28 May The Bible (33min)

3 & 4 Jun The Story of Salvation (34min)

10 & 11 Jun Who Is Jesus? (33min)



Evangelicum

The Holy Father's Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In these weeks our reflection is moving, so to speak, in the orbit of the paschal mystery. Today we meet her who, according to the Gospels, was the first to see Jesus Risen: Mary Magdalene. The Sabbath rest had just ended. On the day of the Passion there was no time to complete the funeral rites; therefore, on that dawn full of sadness, the women went to Jesus' tomb with perfumed unguents. The first to arrive was she, Mary of Magdala, one of the disciples that had accompanied Jesus from Galilee, putting themselves at the service of the nascent Church. Reflected in her path to the sepulcher is the fidelity of so many women who are devoted for years to the paths of cemeteries, in memory of someone who is no longer. The most genuine bonds are not broken not even by death: one continues to love even if the beloved person has gone forever.

The Gospel (Cf. *John* 20:1-2.11-18) describes Magdalene, making it evident immediately that she was not a woman of easy enthusiasms. In fact, after the first visit to the sepulcher, she returned disappointed to the place where the disciples were hiding; she said that the stone was moved from the entrance to the sepulcher, and her first theory is the simplest that can be formulated: someone must have stolen Jesus' body. Thus, the first announcement that Mary brings is not that of the Resurrection, but of a robbery that unknowns perpetrated, while the whole of Jerusalem was asleep.

Then the Gospels tell of a second trip of Magdalene to Jesus' sepulcher. She was headstrong! She went, she returned...because she was not convinced! This time her step is slow, very heavy. Mary suffers doubly: first of all because of Jesus' Death, and then because of the inexplicable disappearance of His body.

Evangelicum

It is while she is kneeling close to the tomb, with her eyes filled with tears, that God surprises her in the most unexpected way. The evangelist John stresses how persistent her blindness was: she is not aware of the presence of two Angels who question her, and does not even get suspicious seeing the man behind her, that she thinks is the guardian of the garden. And instead she discovers the most overwhelming event of human history, when she is finally called by her name: “Mary!” (v. 6).

How lovely it is to think that the first apparition of the Risen One - according to the Gospels - happened in such a personal way! That there is Someone who knows us, who sees our suffering and disappointment, and who is moved for us, and calls us by name. It is a law that we find engraved in many pages of the Gospel. There are so many persons that seek God around Jesus, but the most prodigious reality is that, long before, it is first of all God who is concerned for our life, who wants to uplift it, and to do this He calls us by name, recognizing each one’s personal face. Every man is a story of love that God writes on this earth. Every one of us is a story of God’s love. God calls every one of us by our name: He knows us by name, He looks at us, He waits for us, He forgives us, He has patience with us. Is this true or is it not true? Every one of us has this experience.

And Jesus calls her: “Mary!”: the revolution of her life, the revolution destined to transform the existence of every man and woman, begins with a name that echoes in the garden of the empty sepulcher. The Gospel describes for us Mary’s happiness: Jesus’ Resurrection is not a joy given in dribs and drabs but a cascade that assails the whole of life. Christian existence is not woven of soft happiness, but of waves that overwhelm everything. You also try to think at this moment, with the baggage of disappointments and defeats that each one bears in the heart, that there is a God close to us who calls us by name and says to us: “Rise, stop crying, because I have come to free you!” This is beautiful.

Jesus is not one who adapts Himself to the world, tolerating that in it death, sadness, hatred, the moral destruction of persons should endure ... Our God is not inert, But our God – I permit myself the word – is a dreamer: He dreams of the transformation of the world, and He realized it in the mystery of the Resurrection.

Mary wanted to embrace her Lord, but He is now oriented to the celestial Father, while she is sent to bring the announcement to brothers. And so that woman, who before encountering Jesus was at the mercy of the Evil One (Cf. *Luke* 8:2), has now become *apostle of the new and greatest hope*. May her intercession help us also to live this experience: in the hour of weeping and in the hour of abandonment, to listen to the Risen Jesus who calls us by name and, with a heart full of joy, go to announce: “I have seen the Lord!” (v. 18). I have changed my life because I saw the Lord! Now I am different from before, I am another person. I have changed because I saw the Lord. This is our strength and this is our hope. Thank you.

[Original text: Italian] [Translation by Virginia M. Forrester]

What is the Lord's prayer and should we pray it?

The Lord's Prayer is a prayer the Lord Jesus taught His disciples in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4. Matthew 6:9-13 says, "This, then, is how you should pray: *'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'*" Many people misunderstand the Lord's Prayer to be a prayer we are supposed to recite word for word. Some people treat the Lord's Prayer as a magic formula, as if the words themselves have some specific power or influence with God.

The Bible teaches the opposite. God is far more interested in our hearts when we pray than He is in our words. "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words" (*Matthew 6:6-7*). In prayer, we are to pour out our hearts to God (*Philippians 4:6-7*), not simply recite memorized words to God.

The Lord's Prayer should be understood as an example, a pattern, of how to pray. It gives us the "ingredients" that should go into prayer. Here is how it breaks down. "Our Father in heaven" is teaching us whom to address our prayers to—the Father. "Hallowed be your name" is telling us to worship God, and to praise Him for who He is. The phrase "your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" is a reminder to us that we are to pray for God's plan in our lives and the world, not our own plan. We are to pray for God's will to be done, not for our desires. We are encouraged to ask God for the things we need in "give us today our daily bread." "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" reminds us to confess our sins to God and to turn from them, and also to forgive others as God has forgiven us. The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one" is a plea for help in achieving victory over sin and a request for protection from the attacks of the devil.

So, again, the Lord's Prayer is not a prayer we are to memorize and recite back to God. It is only an example of how we should be praying. Is there anything wrong with memorizing the Lord's Prayer? Of course not! Is there anything wrong with praying the Lord's Prayer back to God? Not if your heart is in it and you truly mean the words you say. Remember, in prayer, God is far more interested in our communicating with Him and speaking from our hearts than He is in the specific words we use. *Philippians 4:6-7* declares, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Lords-prayer.html>

Youth Corner

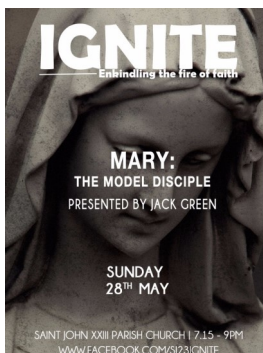
IGNITE - Enkindling the fire of faith

Young adults from 16 - 35 years of age meets every 4th 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.

Next session: 28 May 2017

Topic: Mary the Model Disciple

Guest Speaker: Jack Green



BLAZE

If you're in Years 7 to 10, come and join us. Brochures at the foyer for more information or just drop the Youth Group a line youth@john23rd.com

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

When: 2nd & 4th Saturdays

Praise & Worship

Time: after 6:00pm vigil mass

True or False?



The Spirit will show you what is true

Answer the following questions True or False

Jesus only loves those who do good deeds. _____

The Holy Spirit is always with us. _____

God sent the Holy Spirit to help the disciples. _____

Jesus said "You should not love your enemies". _____

The disciples received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. _____

Word Find

The Spirit will keep on living in you

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Find these words

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Father

help

Holy Spirit

Love one

orphans

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Diocesan News

POSITIONS VACANT

The Diocese of Parramatta is seeking applications for several positions. For further details, go to <https://parracatholic.org/employment>

Volunteer English Teacher - Catholic Care Social Services

For many years now we have been conducting English language classes for Refugee women at Mamre House Orchard Hills - a work of Catholic Care Social Services. The classes are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm during school terms. These classes are possible because of the generous help of volunteer English teachers. At present we urgently need a volunteer teacher to come on Tuesdays or alternatively to be on our relief list to fill in when required. A teaching qualification is an advantage but not essential. A Working With Children Check is required. For further information please phone Sr Janet Woods on 0418 690 487.

Feedback on the 'Lead us to Living Water' Family Lenten Program 2017

Now that Lent is over, the Life, Marriage and Family Office has issued a survey about their recently produced 'Lead us to Living Water' Family Lenten Program and they're asking for people's feedback on it. Please take the time to fill in this two minute survey by clicking on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LMFLEntenProgram2017>

24 May - Centenary History Book of Our Lady Help of Christians Epping

As a final Centenary celebration of the establishment of Our Lady Help of Christians' Church in Epping (the former Catholic Parish Of Epping), the Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford have produced a book reflection on the 100 years of Catholic Worship in Epping. The book will be launched on Wednesday, 24 May 2017, on the Solemnity of our Patron Saint, Our Lady, Help of Christians, and will be available following the launch through the Parish.

The book, "A Paddock out of the Back (100 Years of Catholic Worship in Epping)," details the Parish's life over the last 100 years and even further back to the time of the Barren Hills Timbergetting Establishment in 1820. The book is a journey back in time and includes many pictures and images across this period. Since this memorable book is produced as part of the Parish's Centenary Celebration, it will be selling at the nominal price of \$12 per copy.

27 May - Ordination to the Diaconate of Shinto Francis

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Shinto Francis on Saturday 27 May 2017 at 6.00pm. The ordination will take place at St Paul the Apostle Parish, 40 Buckleys Rd, Winston Hills. Light refreshments to follow. RSVP by 22 May 2017: For catering purposes please RSVP to parish secretary tel (02) 96396516, winstonhills@parracatholic.org

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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 after the 7:30pm novena mass

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



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