

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

27 - 28 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

Today we joyfully celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. This Feast is part of the great Easter Event which will culminate next week in the Sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Let's continue to give God thanks for gifting us with New Life in the Death, Resurrection and Ascension of the Lord Jesus.

1. We congratulate all those younger members of our Parish Community who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend. It is a great joy to those of us who regularly worship in our beautiful church to see so many extra faces this weekend who are so happy to receive the Eucharist for the first time. Let's all pray that they may experience the same joy in abundance when they continue to receive the Lord on a regular basis.

MAY		PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR
MON	29	
TUE	30	
WED	31	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F) 7:30pm - RCIA Enquiry Night
JUN		
THU	1	Saint Justin (M)
FRI	2	
SAT	3	Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions (M) 7:00pm - Symbolon "The Story of Salvation"
SUN	4	12:00pm - Baptisms - Ava, Nicholas, Aria, Josie, Zachary, Chelsea

Pastor's Desk

2. Thanks from all the Parish to Jill Franco and her Sacramental Team who have once again wonderfully organised the programme for Parents and Children this year. Everyone involved is in awe of your commitment to help our younger parishioners learn about the Eucharist and be enthused in their Reception of this great Gift of God's Love.
3. **IGNITE** for Young Adults (16-35) is on again after the Sunday 6pm Mass this weekend. All are welcome to enjoy some food, fellowship, a great talk by Jack Green and a discussion time to follow.
4. On Wednesday 31 May we have a RCIA Enquiry Night in the Church Kitchen from 7:30pm. This is a chance for anyone thinking of knowing more about the Catholic Tradition of Christianity to come along and ask questions.

God bless you all.

Fr. John

15 Day Pilgrimage

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

Gospel Reflection

Just before the passion and suffering of Jesus, his friends and followers saw him being betrayed, denied and condemned. They stood at a distance and watched him die a very public and humiliating death. Some of them even deserted him. When they were told by some of the others that they had seen the Lord, they refused to believe them; they doubted. In fact, most of them doubted.

After seeing the risen Lord for themselves several times, they believed that he had indeed risen from the dead. And now Jesus is preparing them for his departure and his return to heaven. They thought they had lost Jesus once when he died, now they have to face the departure of Jesus. He is leaving them, but he is not leaving them alone. He is not deserting or abandoning them. In reality, he is going to be with them in a very personal and intimate way for ever. He told his followers that he would give them another Advocate to be with them forever, the Spirit of truth. Through this Spirit, Jesus will be with them and us forever.

Before Jesus takes this leave of them, he passes on and entrusts them with the responsibility of carrying on his mission of proclaiming the good news of the gospel and of establishing the kingdom of God. The ordinary group of men and women are the ones who were chosen by Jesus to be the heralds and witnesses of the resurrection. Through their words and actions, the world will know that Jesus is alive and more alive and present than ever he was. As Jesus' earthly life ends, theirs and our mission and ministry begins.

Today that responsibility now belongs to us. It is now up to each one of us in our way to carry on the mission and ministry of Jesus. As Pope Francis says to each of us, every Christian is a missionary to the extent that they have experienced the love of God in Jesus.

So, on this Ascension Day, the festival of the future of the world, we look back with joy and thanksgiving to all Jesus accomplished during his time on earth, and we look forward to our own destiny with God in the future. We await the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, because the Spirit is the guarantor of our future transformation. The Spirit is the assurance that our sinfulness, weakness and blindness will finally be healed.

Entrance Antiphon

You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins, is seated for ever at God's right hand, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are

you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



**For the word of the
Lord is right; and all
His works are done in
truth**

Psalms 33:4

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

29 Mon Seventh week of Easter

1st Reading Acts 19:1-8

Psalm Ps 67:2-7

Gospel John 16:29-33

30 Tues Seventh week of Easter

1st Reading Acts 20:17-27

Psalm Ps 67:10-11. 20-21

Gospel John 17:1-11

31 Wed Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)

1st Reading Zephaniah 3:14-18

Romans 12:9-16

Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6

Gospel Luke 1:39-56

JUNE

1 Thu Saint Justin (M)

1st Reading Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Psalm Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11

Ps 33:2-9

Gospel John 17:20-26

Matthew 5:13-19

2 Fri Seventh week of Easter

1st Reading Acts 25:13-21

Psalm Ps 102:1-2. 11-12. 19-20

Gospel John 21:15-19

3 Sat Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions (M)

1st Reading Acts 28:16-20. 30-31

2 Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14

Psalm Ps 10:4-5. 7

Ps 123:2-5. 7-8

Gospel John 21:20-25

Matthew 5:1-12

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:

Annie Bee Guek, Mata Nhuong Thi Duong, Jonathan Ramirez Yanson, Rufo Alday

Deceased:

Christopher Balduchini, Charles Briffa, Azzopardi & Camilleri, Vincente Yunon, Rafaela Yunon

Anniversary:

Soedad Mountford, Julia Dimaculamgan, Antonio Dimaculamgan, Agapito Gutierrez, Norberto Rizon, Peter Properzi, Florencia Aurelio

Sick:

Jan Mandla, Pat Daley, Karam Matte, Genevieve D'Silva, Elpido Beltran, Greg Chapman, Cay Espanta, Alfred Miler, Ramon Rendon, Siqid Barredo, Lucie Gallagher

Thanksgiving:



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.

Mass cards available at the parish office

The Catholic Parish of St John XXIII



A Mass Offering



Parish Pastoral Corner

The secret of everything is to let oneself be carried by God, and so to carry Him to others.
— Pope St John XXIII

COMMUNITY BUILDING

⇒ 10th anniversary of our Church Dedication - 4th June Sunday

We will be celebrating with a special mass and a Food Fiesta during the 10:30 mass. Come and join us. Bring a plate to share. Sign-up sheet for food contribution will be at the foyer or otherwise contact Techie Sarlabus.

⇒ Community Building group is looking for more members to be actively involved in church activities. For interested parties please contact Techie Sarlabus, via email techies@bigpond.com or just simple call 0438 201436

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	Shalini	Cano	Ivon	Fernando	Solisa
Jun	6	13	20	27	
	Sebastian	Mojica	Matias M	Matias J	
Jul	4	11	18	25	
	Tangunan	Shalini	Ivon	Available	
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.

Parish Pastoral

⇒ 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.

⇒ SYMBOLON

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.

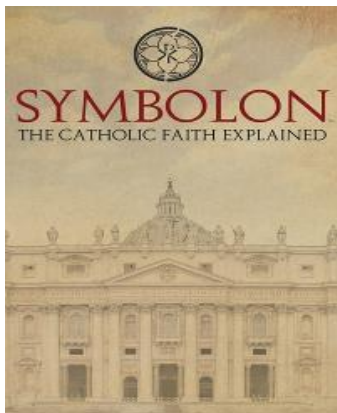
7:00pm Saturdays and Sundays at the Church

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

27 & 28 May The Bible (33min)

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

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



⇒ **Friday Evening Prayer Group** has now moved from the church kitchen to the Parish Office’s Kitchen. Start time is at 6.30pm every Friday.

Parish Notices

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

◇ The latest edition of Australian Catholics has arrived. Please collect your free copy at the front entrance.

SYMBOLON

◇ No **SYMBOLON** showing 27 & 28 May due to First Holy Communion.

Why we do what we do....

Responsorial psalm and Gospel acclamation

Why do we sing the responsorial psalm each week?

Following the first reading, there is a moment of silence to reflect on the Word of God that was just proclaimed. After reflecting on the Scripture message, all are invited to respond by singing a response taken from the Book of Psalms. It is called the responsorial psalm because it is our response to the Word of God. There is a scriptural refrain that we pray after each stanza of the Psalm. The Book of Psalms is chosen because it has expressed the faith of believers for centuries and is filled with prayers of praise, thanksgiving, repentance, sorrow, trust and hope that serve as an appropriate response to the reading just proclaimed.

If it is impossible to sing on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation, it is permissible to recite the responsorial psalm in a manner conducive to meditation. It is interesting to note that the Book of Psalms is the only book that is read from at almost every liturgy with a few exceptions.

Why do we sing an acclamation before the Gospel? What does the word "Alleluia" mean?

After the second reading, but prior to the Gospel reading, the congregation stands as the Gospel acclamation is sung. During all of the liturgical seasons except for Lent, the Gospel acclamation is "Alleluia." The word Alleluia comes from a Hebrew word, and its most literal translation means "Praise God." This acclamation is a way of praising God and preparing our hearts to receive the Word of God in the Gospel. After the Alleluia

is sung once, a Scripture verse is sung that points to, and usually summarizes, the Gospel reading about to be proclaimed. After the verse, the Alleluia is sung again.

Because Alleluia is a word of solemn praise and rejoicing, we do not use it during Lent as there is a more somber tone to the liturgy. This absence is also a reminder that Lent is a time of preparing for the great season of Easter that is summarized by the word "Alleluia." During Lent, Alleluia is replaced by one of several possible acclamations such as: "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory."

If a deacon is proclaiming the Gospel, why does he go to receive a blessing from the priest before going to the ambo?

In all Masses, there is a priest who is the primary celebrant, or presider, of the liturgy. Because the role of the deacon is to assist the priest in his ministry, he goes to the priest to receive a blessing. The priest, as the presider of the liturgy, gives a blessing to the deacon as a way of preparing him to proclaim the Gospel so that he may perform this ministry more worthily.

What does the deacon say to the priest? What does the priest say back to the deacon?

As he bows, the deacon says, "Your Blessing, Father." The priest replies in a low voice, "May the Lord be in your heart and on your lips that you may proclaim his Gospel worthily and well, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The deacon signs himself with the Sign of the Cross and replies, "Amen."

Why we do . . .

If there is no deacon and the priest is going to proclaim the Gospel, what does he pray as he stands before the altar?

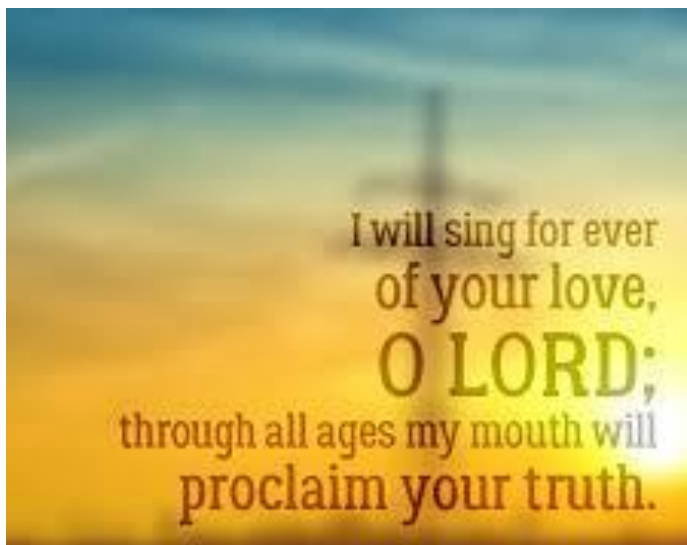
The priest, bowing before the altar, prays quietly, “*Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel.*” This prayer is a scriptural reference to the response of Isaiah when God called him to be a prophet. He said, “*Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!*” (Isaiah 6:5). After Isaiah made this prayer, a seraphim angel touched his lips with ember from the altar and said, “*See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged*” (6:7). This prayer serves as a reminder to the priest of his unworthiness to proclaim the Gospel if it were not for God’s grace and mercy.

Why does the priest or deacon process around with the book of the Gospels?

After the deacon has received a blessing from the priest or the priest has prayed before the altar, he picks up the Book of the Gospels that usually is placed on the altar during the opening procession and raises it up for all to see. After showing the Book of the Gospel to the people while they are singing the Alleluia, he processes to the ambo where the Gospel will be proclaimed. Because the book of the Gospels contains the words and deeds of Jesus Christ, we reverence not the physical book, but what it contains: his message of hope and salvation. The procession of the book is a way of reverencing the Gospel of Christ.

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<http://clarionberald.info/clarion/index.php/special-sections/year-of-renewal-the-mass/859-responsorial-psalm-and-gospel-acclamation>



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: 25 June 2017

Topic: tba

Guest Speaker: tba

BLAZE

If you're in Years 7 to 10, come and join us. Meets every 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.

Brochures at the foyer for more
information or just drop them a line
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CRL (*Community of the Risen Lord*)

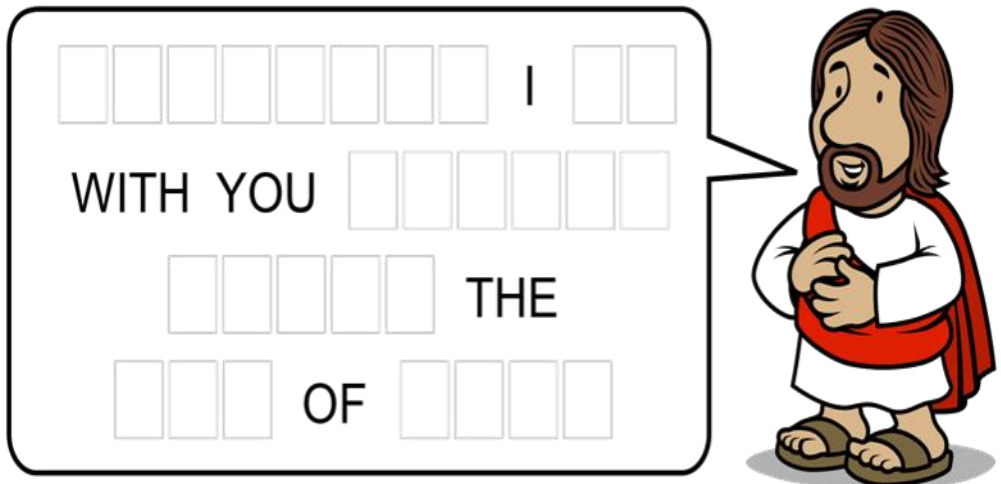
When: 2nd & 4th Saturdays

Praise & Worship

Time:after 6:00pm vigil mass

Unscramble

Unscramble the words below to find out what Jesus told his disciples before he ascended into heaven.



TIME REMEMBER UNTIL ALWAYS AM END

Word Find

Jesus is given all authority in heaven and earth

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

Find these words

Galilee authority doubted earth eleven end everything
 Heaven mountain nations teach worshiped

Diocesan News

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>

31 May - Caritas Australia: Change the World! It's Up to Us!

Are you 18-25 yrs? Committed to social justice, changing the world, & having fun? Come & co-create with Caritas, the world's second-largest aid & development organisation. Join us for an initial Call to Action in the Sydney CBD (Venue TBC), Wednesday 31 May 2017 at 6pm. RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1848653452074863/> or act@caritas.org.au

2 June - Mass For Neophytes:

Friday 2 June, 2017 at 7.30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The annual Mass for Neophytes (newly Baptised Catholics and those who have been received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church) marks the celebration as an occasion of the Church universal. Celebrated by the Most Rev. Vincent Long, Bishop of Parramatta. For further information contact Ingrid Vergano on 8838 3456 or ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au

3 June - Time for Us to go on a Date

An evening for couples to dance, dine and prayer together at Mount Schoenstatt. Includes an input on male leadership, a lesson in ballroom dancing, formal dinner and prayer. Saturday 3rd June from 5pm - 10pm. Investment \$150. For more information or to register: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728334, juliebrcar@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/376209752754089/>

3-4 June - LIFTED Leadership Seminar 2017

Catholic Youth Parramatta is hosting a weekend of formation, training and sharing for aspiring and active leaders from parishes and schools between the ages of Year 11 and 30 years of age – “Develop, Grow, Inspire for Mission” at the funky Atura Hotel, 32 Cricketers Arms Rd, Prospect. The program begins at 10am on Saturday and includes a conference dinner with Bishop Vincent. It continues on Sunday and concludes with a Parish Mass in the evening. There is a heavily discounted registration cost of \$50 for all meals but we are limited to 70 participants. Register through James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au

10 June - Grace & Silence Retreat Day for Young Women

A Silent retreat day for vocation discernment to marriage & family life, single life or consecrated life. Commences with an input. The day can be used as a general recollection day. Cost \$30 includes morning, lunch, afternoon tea and materials. Saturday 10th June 9:30am - 4pm. Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Registrations: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 728334, juliebrcar@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/events/1918258908407700/>

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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 6:30pm
 led by Christ Catholic Community Prayer
 Group at the Parish Office's kitchen



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