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Corpus Christi 17 - 18 June 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

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- * the salvation of God that has reached fulfilment in the bread from Heaven, Jesus Christ
- * the life-giving Gift of the Lord himself to us all under the form of bread and wine
- * the gift of communion with one another in the Lord's Church.

Let us gift thanks to the Father for his Sending of the Son so that we can all live in the Spirit!

1. There will be an extra Mass this coming Friday (23rd June) to celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. (Please note that this is **not** a regular Novena Mass followed by Benediction)

JUN	PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR
MON 19	
TUE 20	
WED 21	St Aloysius Gonzaga (M)
THU 22	Saints John Fisher ぐ Thomas More 7:30pm Baptism Preparation for parents (Church)
FRI 23	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (S)
SAT 24	Nativity of St John the Baptist 7:00pm - Symbolon 'Who is Jesus?''
SUN 25	12:00pm - Baptisms -
	7:15pm - IGNITE "Becoming A Church of Missionary Disciples"



From the Pastor's desk

- 2. Fr. Robert William will be installed as Parish Priest of St Matthew's, Windsor, next Saturday 24th June. Please keep him in your prayers as he moves into this new ministry of service to God's People.
- 3. Ignite (for Young Adults) is on next Sunday 25th June after the 6pm Mass. All are welcome to this evening of food, fun, talk, reflection and prayer. Come and Hear Daniel Ang speak...

God bless you all. Fr. John

Gospel Reflection

Today's celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the great gift of the Eucharist, the gift of Jesus Christ's very self to His Church!

The readings remind us of the history of this great sacrament.

Our First Reading from the book of Deuteronomy has Moses reminding the obstinate People of Israel in the desert of the many gifts that God had already given them up to the moment of entry into the Promised Land: the 40 years of testing their commitment to the Lord, and the gift of Manna in the desert which alleviated their hunger. He makes them understand that 'one does not live on bread alone but that one lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord." God saved them over and over again.

The Gospel of John takes up this OT concept of the manna... and, in chapter 6 of the Fourth Gospel, Jesus is proclaimed as the fulfilment of the miraculous gift of the manna: "This (= Jesus Christ) is *the* bread come down from heaven; and not like the bread our ancestors ate; they are dead. But anyone who *eats this bread* will live forever". And Christ adds to this statement dramatic and realistic language, which must have confused his followers at first: "If you do not eat my flesh ad drink my blood you will not have life in you"!

It is St. Paul in the Second Reading that gives context to these graphic words of Jesus, for he offers what is now termed the 'words of Institution'... "This is my body, This is my blood". Paul draws out the meaning in the rite of saying these words over the bread and cup on the Lord's Day: "the fact that there is only one loaf means that though there are many of us, we form a single body, because we all have a share in this one loaf".

The eating of Body and Blood of the Lord under the form of Bread and Wine necessarily involves *communion* with one's fellow Christians!



Gospel Reflection

So, to summarise:

- 1. Deuteronomy tells us that God saved his People from all danger; their job was to remain faithful to God and His Covenant.
- 2. John's Gospel witnesses to Jesus' words that His followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood in order to have Life in them
- 3. And Paul gives the Lord's Supper context... linking the relationship with Christ through the Eucharistic Feast to the communion all Christians then share with each other.

These key Eucharistic Texts for today's Feast give rise to three questions for our pondering:

- 1. How Faithful are we? If our Salvation means remaining Faithful to God, then how far along the road towards this fullness of life are we?
- 2. Do we strive to receive the Lord's Body and Blood with a clear conscience? Are we in 'right-standing' with the Lord when we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood? How clear is our conscience?
- 3. Are we fostering closer communion between ourselves and our brothers and sisters in the Lord? If communion with the Lord is integrally linked to communion with each other, are we attempting to live the love-command of Jesus Christ: "Love one another as I have loved you"?

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Entrance Antiphon

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

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Responsorial Psalm *Ps 147:12-15. 19-20*

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. **R**.

He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. **R**.

He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. **R**.



Gospel Acclamation Iohn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!



The grass withers, the flowers fades, but the word of God will stand forever!

Gospel *John 6:51-58*

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



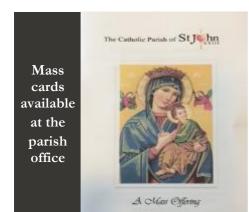
Apostle's Creed

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

	eventh week Ordinary Time
	2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Psalm	Ps 97:1-4
Gospel	Matthew 5:38-42
20 Tues El	eventh week Ordinary Time
1st Reading	2 Corinthians 8:1-9
Psalm	Ps 145:2. 5-9
Gospel	Matthew 5:43-48
	Aloysius Gonzaga (M)
1st Reading	
	1 John 5:1-5
Psalm	Ps 111:1-4. 9
	Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-8
Gospel	Matthew 6:1-6. 16-18
	Matthew 22:34-40
22 Thu Sts	John Fisher & Thomas
More	
1st Reading	2 Corinthians 11:1-11
	1 Peter 4:12-19
Psalm	Ps 110:1-4. 7-8
	Ps 125
Gospel	Matthew 6:7-15
	Matthew 10:34-39
23 Fri Th	e Most Sacred Heart of
Jesus (S)	
1st Reading	Deuteronomy 7:6-11
Psalm	Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 10
2nd Reading	1 John 4:7-16
Gospel	Matthew 11:25-30
24 Sat Na	ntivity of St John the Baptist
1st Reading	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm	Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17
2nd Reading	1 Peter 1:8-12
Gospel	Luke 1:5-17

Full weekly readings can be found in the parish website http://john23rd.com/our-parish/ daily-reading/ Copyright (c) LabOra Worship 2016

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:

Jonathan Ramirez Yanson, Rufo Alday, Pascal D Rozario, Nihal Perera,

Roland Sison

Deceased:

Susana Bantiles,

Reno Camilleri,

Mark De Jesus

Anniversary:



Father Dave Hume, Alberto Cabug-os, Francisco Catabay, Mary & Joseph Bugaya,

Amy Torres–Streeter

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Sick:

Jan Mandla, Pat Daley, Karam Matte, Genevieve D'Silva, Greg Chapman, Siqrid Barredo, Ramon Rendon, Alfred Miler, Cay Espanta,

Lucie Gallagher, Remedios De Guzman

Thanksgiving:

Ronaldo, Kristine, Maria, Ramon, Vincenzo Zamora, Serapia Gatdula



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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please collect your new batch of Planned Giving envelopes from the church entrance. If you wish to change your pledge please contact the parish office. We would encourage you to change from the envelope system to either direct debit or credit card.



Parish Pastoral Corner

It is now for the Catholic Church to bend herself to her work with calmness and generosity. It is for you to observe her with renewed and friendly attention — Pope John XXIII

COMMUNITY BUILDING

\Rightarrow Looking for more members

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 simply call 0438 201436

FAITH FORMATION

\Rightarrow 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 Fai	mily Roster for Tue	esday Nights	
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\Rightarrow RCIA Program

Our RCIA program will be starting in June. If you know of anyone or you yourself are interested in finding out more about our RCIA program, please contact the parish office for further updates.



Parish Pastoral

⇒ 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.

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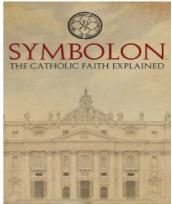
The Faith Formation Committee invites everyone for a short, half hour video presentation on "The Catholic Faith Explained" following straight after every Mass.

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

17 & 18 Jun Who Is Jesus? (33min)



15 Day Pilgrimage

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Duration: 15 day pilgrimage plus optional extension Departure: Saturday 6th January 2018 Tour Code: 8PV03 Email: info@harvestjourneys.com Call 1800 819 156 Toll free Spiritual Chaplain: Fr John McSweeney Book now Deposit for the Pilgrimage has been

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



St John XXIII Catholic Church



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ *HISTORY*

In 1246, Bishop Robert de Thorete of the Belgian diocese of Liège, at the suggestion of St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon (also in Belgium), convened a synod and instituted the celebration of the feast. From Liège, the celebration began to spread, and, on September 8, 1264, Pope Urban IV issued the papal bull "Transiturus," which established the Feast of Corpus Christi as a universal feast of the Church, to be celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday.

At the request of Pope Urban IV, St. Thomas Aquinas composed the office (the official prayers of the Church) for the feast. This office is widely considered one of the most beautiful in the traditional Roman Breviary (the official prayer book of the Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours), and it is the source of the famous Eucharistic hymns Pange Lingua Gloriosi and Tantum Ergo Sacramentum.

For centuries after the celebration was extended to the universal Church, the feast was also celebrated with a eucharistic procession, in which the Sacred Host was carried throughout the town, accompanied by hymns and litanies. The faithful would venerate the Body of Christ as the procession passed by. In recent years, this practice has almost disappeared, though some parishes still hold a brief procession around the outside of the parish church.

(https://www.thoughtco.com/corpus-christi-feast-body-blood-542468)

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the mid thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast is celebrated on the Thursday following the Trinity Sunday or, as in the USA, on the Sunday following that feast.

While the Feast of Corpus Christi is one of the ten Holy Days of Obligation in the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church, in some countries, including the United States, the feast has been transferred to the following Sunday.

This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist.

At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.



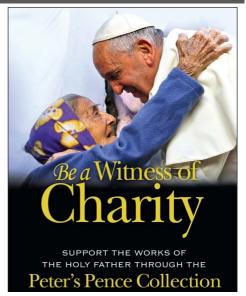
Parish Notices

PETER PENCE APPEAL

The general criterion that inspires the Peter's Pence Collection is derived from the primitive Church:

"The primary source of support for the Apostolic See should be in offerings freely given by Catholics throughout the whole world, and by other persons of good will. This is in harmony with a tradition dating back to the Gospel (cf. Lk 10:7) and the teaching of the Apostles (cf. 1 Cor 11:14)" (Letter of Pope John Paul II to the Cardinal Secretary of State, 20 November 1982).

Peter Pence Appeal 17/18th June.



Why we do

The Feast of Corpus Christi is commonly used as an opportunity for public Eucharistic processions, which serves as a sign of common faith and adoration. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.

http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint.php?n=270



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: Becoming A Church of Missionary Disciples

Guest Speaker: Daniel Ang, Director of the Office for Evangelization, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

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 *youth@john23rd.com*

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

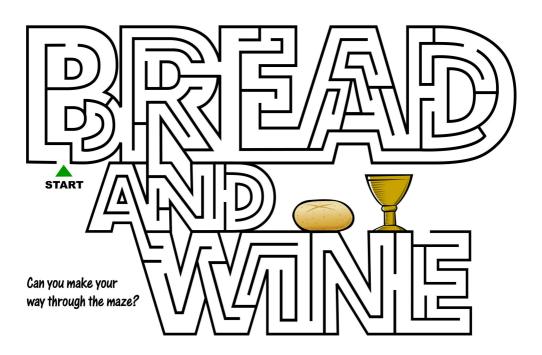
When: 2nd & 4th Saturdays Praise & Worship

Time: after 6:00pm vigil mass

YFC (Youth for Christ)

When: 3rd Sundays of the month

Find the path





Word Find

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever

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Diocesan News

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

Early-bird registration has now opened for the largest gathering of young Catholics since World Youth Day Sydney in 2008!

Bishop Vincent & Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate the young heart of the Church, with 15,000 others, at this year's triennial ACYF being hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney (December 7-9) at Sydney Olympic Park.

Here's how to register:

Student in our Catholic System – speak to your REC

Student in State School System – contact Catholic Youth Parramatta

Over 18 years of age – register as an individual

Visit *mmm.acyf.org.au* now to secure the \$250 early bird rate before August.

For all enquiries contact Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, James Camden, 02 8838 3428, *jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au*

20-21 June - St. Anthony of Padua relic to visit Diocese of Parramatta To Mark the Centenary of the Apparitions in Fatima a Relic of St. Anthony of Padua, Venerated by both Sister Lucy of Fatima and Pope Francis will be visiting Australia in June 2017.

<u>Tuesday, 20th June</u>, Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 8 Diana Avenue KELLYVILLE. Mass: 9:15am & 7:00pm.

Wednesday, 21st June, St Anthony of Padua Church 27 Aurelia Street TOONGABBIE. Mass: 9:30am & 7:30pm.

25 June - Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35

One Holy Hour with prayer, reflection, meditation, praise & worship. 2017 is devoted to Praying for Vocations and Devotion to Mary as per our Holy Father's intentions for WYD 2018 in Panama. From 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by social gathering.

Mary, honoured as the Mother Thrice Admirable, offers 3 graces in the Shrine, this monthly event is a unique opportunity to experience them regularly: Discover your HOME in the hearts of Jesus and Mary; See breakthrough TRANSFORMATION in your life; and Get your spiritual boost to be an authentic WITNESS. In the Shrine at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

<u>30 June - The Catechesis of the Good</u> <u>Shepherd</u>

Hear Rebekah Rojcewicz, highly experienced leader in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from the US, speak over dinner on "The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – A Gift to the Church at this Time'. Cost: \$60 per person. From 6.30pm at North Ryde RSL, cnr Magdala & Pittwater Rds, North Ryde. To book: *https://www.trybooking.com/book/ event?eid=256587*. For more information: *cgsaust.org.au*

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	h Priest: Priest: on:	Fr John McSweene Fr Thomas Bui Nicephorus Tan
Mass Tir Monday to	nes F <i>riday</i> 9:00)am
Also Wedn	esday 9:00	0am Holy Cross
	Prir	mary during school term
Saturday	9:00am, 6	5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday	7:30am, 9	0:00am, 10:30am
-	6:00pm (Y	Youth)
Baptism	12:00pm S	Sunday by appointment
Reconcil	iation (Fir	st Rite)
Saturday	5:00 - 5:45	ōpm
5	And after	any weekday masses

FrJohn@john23rd.org.au

DeaconTan@john23rd.org.au

Parish Office Hours

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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
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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



Chairman Bart Sarlabus Deputy Chairman Chris Drummond Secretary Nanette Gamboa Members Bernadette Virwani Gary Lee Julienne Crasto Nidarshi Fernando

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

Our School Communities

Holy Cross Primary 49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood Principal: Marina Hardy T (02) 8664 7100 \bowtie holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au John XXIII and St Mark's College 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens Principal: Dr Peter Webster T (02) 9852 0500 \bowtie stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au **Catholic Learning Centre** 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens T (02) 9852 0585 \bowtie lcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au

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