

**Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time**  
**1 - 2 July 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.

This Sunday's text from Matthew is never easy to hear, because it demands a response from us... a response that is sometimes difficult. We are not just "Sunday Christians", for our Faith is a total commitment to Jesus Christ and all that he stands for. If we are not trying to walk in the Master's footsteps to the best of our ability, if we are not trying to walk the narrow path which leads to life, if we are not trying to carry the cross of generosity... then let's stop and examine ourselves, and be ready to recommit to the Lord's Way of unconditional Love!

JUL PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR	
MON 3	St Thomas, Apostle (F)
TUE 4	7:30pm - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
WED 5	
THU 6	
FRI 7	7:30pm - First Friday Novena 7:30pm - BLAZE Holiday program
SAT 8	7:00pm - Symbolon <i>Why do I need the Church</i>
SUN 9	12:00pm - Baptisms - Indianna

1. Next Friday is First Friday. There will be a Novena Mass at 7:30pm, to which all are invited.

2. I wish all the children who are on holidays a happy and safe time. I pray for the parents as well!

God bless you all. *Fr John*

## Parish Notices

### Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

Would you like to serve our parish as a Minister of the Word, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Minister to the Sick, Adult Server or Acolyte? The Office for Worship of the Diocese of Parramatta are offering courses this August and September. After completing the course from the Office of Worship, you will receive further training from a Liturgy team member on specific parish procedures.

Enrolment forms are available at the foyer and on our parish website. Course schedule, venues and other details can be found on the form. Note endorsement from Fr John is required.

Email a completed form to Bob Agbulos on [bragbulos@gmail.com](mailto:bragbulos@gmail.com) or call 0422106525 for more details.

### SRE TEACHERS NEEDED

***“The harvest is great but need a few workers” (Matthew 9:37)***

If you have the desire to spread God’s word to children and could spare an hour during weekdays, please consider this ministry. Training and resources will be provided.

We currently have four public primary schools and one high school in our parish that we teach in. The scripture classes are conducted during school hours for half an hour. The days available are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

If you want further information please call Asoki 0430020265 or Renuka 0414795814

### Church Maintenance

Commencing on Monday (3 July), contractors will be working on some leaks in the church for two weeks. They are the same contractors who successfully addressed the leak at the front, above the baptismal font. There should be minimal disruption to weekday or Sunday masses. We are using this time to also attend to some other renovations. As always, if anyone would like to contribute to the costs of these essential maintenance projects please contact the parish office.

## Diocesan News

### June 30 - July 9 - Light Up St Pat’s

Light Up St Pat’s Presented by Payce. St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta will shine a brilliant array of colour and creativity in conjunction with the City of Parramatta’s Winterlight Festival. Similar to the Christmas lights at St Mary’s Cathedral, this event will also provide entertainment and stalls in the Cathedral precinct including: Shroud of Turin (*replica*) Exhibition, Organ Recital and Concert in the Cathedral, Live Entertainment, Food & Drinks and more. 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. 6pm – 10pm Weekdays, 6pm – 10pm Weekends. More information visit: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/>



## Gospel Reflection

We all have been the recipients of hospitality at one time or another. We have enjoyed the experience of being made welcome, of having people look after our needs, of being invited to share in the life of our hosts for a while. Afterwards, we carried with us a warm feeling that stayed with us for some time. Hospitality is a beautiful human experience- it brings a blessing both to the person who receives it and to the one who practices it. Both are enriched, one by giving and the other by receiving. In the Scriptures, we find that hospitality attracts the presence of God, and brings God's blessing.

The first reading we heard today is a story about hospitality. It centers on the friendship that developed between the prophet Elisha and a woman in the Town of Shunem. After the prophet accepted her offering of a meal, she urged her husband to provide him with a permanent place to stay when he passed that way on his travels. Elisha was so grateful for their hospitality that he announced God's special blessing on their household in the form of a son soon to be born.

In the New Testament, we are all familiar with the story of the Samaritan woman. By the well in Samaria, she gave a stranger from a hostile nation the hospitality of a drink of water, and found herself in the company of the Messiah. Then there is the Emmaus story- how two disciples met Jesus after the resurrection as they traveled on the road to Emmaus, but didn't recognize him. But after they invited him into the inn and offered him hospitality, they came to recognize him in the breaking of bread.

Of course, the Last Supper is the supreme example of hospitality in the New Testament. Jesus invites his closest friends to share a special meal with him. During the meal, he opens his heart to them more than ever before, and promises them that they will always enjoy his presence and his hospitality whenever they come together to remember what he did.

The lesson of today's first reading and of the Scriptures in general, is that when we practice hospitality, we attract the presence and the blessings of God.

## Diocesan News

### **Appointment of SISTER CATHERINE RYAN RSM Chancellor of Ministries Catholic Diocese of Parramatta**

It is with great joy that I announce to you the appointment of Sis Catherine Ryan RSM as Chancellor of the Diocese of Parramatta. She will be the Chancellor of Ministries, responsible for coordinating, supporting and guiding the various ministries which operate out of the Ministry Hub in Blacktown. She will also be a member of the Curia which helps me in the governance of the Diocese.

The occasion of this appointment gives me the opportunity to name a highly qualified woman to a senior position with the Diocese of Parramatta. It is my belief that the Church at every level will benefit for the unique gifts, insights and perspectives that women bring with them.. *Yours truly, Bishop Vincent Long*

## Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

## Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

## First Reading

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

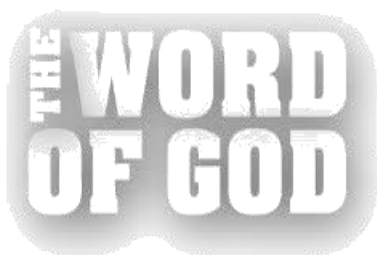
## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**



**"We return glory to  
God by keeping His  
Word."**

## Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

## Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## 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

### **3 Mon Saint Thomas, Apostle (F)**

1st Reading Ephesians 2:19-22

Psalm Ps 116

Gospel John 20:24-29

### **4 Tues Thirteenth week Ordinary Time**

1st Reading Genesis 19:15-29

Psalm Ps 25:2-3. 9-12

Gospel Matthew 8:23-27

### **5 Wed Thirteenth week Ordinary Time**

1st Reading Genesis 21:5. 8-20

Psalm Ps 33:7-8. 10-13

Gospel Matthew 8:28-34

### **6 Thu Thirteenth week Ordinary Time**

1st Reading Genesis 22:1-19

Psalm Ps 114:1-6. 8-9

Gospel Matthew 9:1-8

### **7 Fri Thirteenth week Ordinary Time**

1st Reading Genesis 23:1-4. 19; 24:1-8. 62-67

Psalm Ps 105:1-5

Gospel Matthew 9:9-13

### **8 Sat Thirteenth week Ordinary Time**

1st Reading Genesis 27:1-5. 15-29

Psalm Ps 134:1-6

Gospel Matthew 9:14-17

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:

Emelio Capapas, Nihal Perera,  
Annalyn Tubalinal Dantes,  
Melchor Batongbacal Jr,  
Julie Ann Rodriguez,  
Roland Sison

### Deceased:

Fausta & Primitivo  
Marinas

### Anniversary:

Joseph Simon Francis, Adelaide Goco,  
Patrick Alexander, Wade Joseph Hall,  
Susan Mirasol

### 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,  
Evelyn Papaguinto

### Thanksgiving:

Ravi & Bernadette Virwani and family,  
Imee Batongbacal



## 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

*"Only for today, I will seek to live the lifelong day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life all at once." — Pope 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](mailto: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

Jul	4	11	18	25	
	Tanganan	Shalini	Ivon	Cano	
Aug	1	8	15	22	29
	Lozada	Cabug-os	Gracias Flor	Pangilinan	Shalini
Sep	5	12	19	26	
	Sebastian	Erasmio	Paguinto	Olan	
Oct	3	10	17	24	31
	available	available	available	available	available

#### ⇒ SYMBOLON

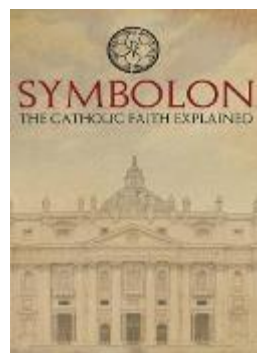
The Faith Formation Committee invites everyone for a short, half hour video presentation on "The Catholic Faith Explained" following straight after every Mass.

**7:00pm** Saturdays and Sundays at the Church

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

**1 & 2 Jul** The Holy Spirit & the Life of Grace

One of the most profound aspects of the Catholic faith is that Christ sent his Spirit to dwell in the hearts of the baptized. Christ's spirit within us conforms us ever more to Christ, so that we can say with St. Paul, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."





## Parish Pastoral

**8 & 9 Jul** Why do I need the Church

**15 & 16 Jul** Mary & the Saints

**22 & 23 Jul** The Last Things

⇒ **5 week Bible Study Series on the Gospel of Luke** by Fr. John McSweeney  
Every Wednesday evening commencing 02 Aug to 30 Aug, 2017 7:30p.m. to 9:00p.m. St. John XXIII Parish Church, Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens

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The Catholic Parish of **St John**  
XXIII



*A Mass Offering*

## 15 Day Pilgrimage

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

**Duration:** 15 day pilgrimage plus optional extension

**Departure:** Saturday 6th January 2018

**Tour Code:** 8PV03

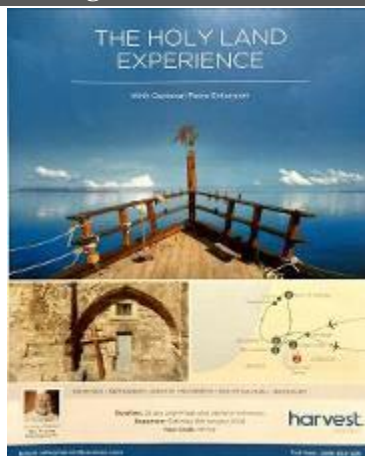
**Email:** [info@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:info@harvestjourneys.com)

**Call** 1800 819 156 Toll free

Spiritual Chaplain: Fr John McSweeney

### Book now

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



## Why we do what we do

### How does the Church's liturgical calendar work?

To answer these questions, a simple review of the church liturgical calendar is helpful. Even though the liturgical year follows the same course of seasons punctuated by various feast days, the faithful must not see this as repetitive but rather as an opportunity to live anew the saving mysteries. While we do celebrate historic dates, i.e., chronological events like the birth of Our Lord, we are mindful that in the sense of sacred time, we live those events now and participate in the living mystery of salvation.

The church year begins with the first Sunday in Advent (the Sunday that falls on or closest to Nov. 30), at which time the faithful prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Savior at Christmas. While remembering His first coming, we also look forward to the return of our Savior when He will return to judge the living and the dead. Advent proceeds over the course of four Sundays, with the third being Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of Rejoicing, which marks the midpoint of our preparation. The fourth week of Advent, which begins with the Fourth Sunday of Advent, may be a whole week or may be just one day depending upon when Christmas occurs. Also, during the octave before Christmas (from Dec. 17 until the 24) our preparation intensifies with the Gospel passages for daily Mass recounting the genealogy of Jesus; the Annunciations to Zechariah, to Mary and to St. Joseph; the Visitation; and the birth of St. John the Baptist.

Christmas season begins with the Masses of Christmas Eve and vespers. The Sunday following Christmas marks the feast of the Holy Family. On January 1,

the faithful celebrate the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; however, if Jan. 1 falls on the Sunday after Christmas, then the feast of the Holy Family would be celebrated on Dec. 30. In the United States, the Sunday following Jan. 1 marks Epiphany, the visit of the Magi; however, in the universal calendar of the church, Epiphany is celebrated Jan. 6. The Sunday after Epiphany marks the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which closes Christmas season and sets the stage for the season of Ordinary Time. *(Here's a glitch: Because of the Sunday Epiphany rule in the United States, if Epiphany is celebrated Jan. 7 or 8, the Baptism of the Lord is then celebrated on Monday.)*

Here we come to a "confusion." Technically, according to the Roman Missal, Ordinary Time does not begin until the Monday after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Then, the Sunday that follows is "the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time." One could posit that the feast of the Baptism of the Lord not only closes Christmas season but would also be the First Sunday in Ordinary Time, especially since during "Ordinary Time" our Gospel passages relate the events of the public ministry of our Lord, the beginning of which is marked by His baptism.

Lent interrupts Ordinary Time, and lasts for 40 days (not including Sundays) and prepares us for Easter. As determined by the Council of Nicea (A.D. 325), Easter is the Sunday that follows the first full moon after the vernal equinox (spring). So, once the date of Easter is determined, back up 40 days (not including Sundays), and that marks Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. This period of preparation for Easter

includes fasting, penance and almsgiving. As the catechumens prepare to receive the sacraments of initiation, the faithful also should consider this time as one of spiritual renewal. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is Laetare Sunday, a time to rejoice, marking the midpoint. The Sixth Sunday of Lent is the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord which begins Holy Week.

Here we come to another “confusion”: The Roman Missal states that “the 40 days of Lent run from Ash Wednesday up to but excluding the Mass of the Lord’s Supper” (Holy Thursday). With the renewal of the liturgy, the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, the Liturgy of the Passion on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil are like one continuous event. If Lent stopped at Holy Thursday instead of the Easter Vigil, we would not have “40” days. However, the missal also states: “On Friday of the Passion of the Lord and, if appropriate, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the sacred paschal fast is everywhere observed,” which suggests that our Lenten sacrifices continue on until the Easter Vigil except for Holy Thursday. *(Technically, Sundays and other solemnities are also not part of Lenten penances.)*

Easter season, which begins with the Easter Vigil Mass, is followed by the 40 days leading to the Ascension, and then concludes 10 days later with Pentecost. After Pentecost, Ordinary Time resumes and concludes with the solemnity of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the liturgical year.

The church also specifies certain solemnities with the obligation of attending Mass. According to the Code of Canon Law (No. 1246), Sunday, the

day we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord, is always observed as the foremost holy day of obligation for the universal church. The code also lists 10 other holy days of obligation: Christmas (Dec. 25); the Epiphany (Jan. 6); the Ascension of our Lord (40 days after Easter); the solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Thursday after Trinity Sunday*); the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1); Mary’s Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8); the Assumption (Aug. 15); the solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19); the solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul (June 29); and All Saints Day (Nov. 1).

As noted in the code, the local conference of bishops may reduce the number of holy days of obligation or transfer them to Sunday with the approval of the Holy Father. In the United States, Epiphany is transferred to the Sunday after Jan. 1 and Corpus Christi is transferred to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. In the province of Baltimore (*which includes the Arlington Diocese*), the Ascension is transferred to the seventh Sunday of Easter. Other holy days of obligation include the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God; the Assumption; All Saints Day; the Immaculate Conception; and Christmas.

While this may seem somewhat complicated and despite the “glitches” and “confusions,” the liturgical calendar provides an opportunity for the faithful to celebrate the sacred mysteries of our faith ever anew and with a refreshed spirit.

<http://catholicstraightanswers.com/how-does-the-churchs-liturgical-calendar-work/>

## 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.

**Holiday program:** 7 July 2017

Amazing Race 7-9:00pm at the school

Brochures at the foyer for more information or just drop them a line [youth@john23rd.com](mailto: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

## Maze

Complete the text maze

**Anyone who welcomes you,  
welcomes me.**

**START**

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**FINISH**

## Word Find

Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me

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*Find these words*

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 Prophet    rewarded    same    sent    water    welcome

## 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 [www.acyf.org.au](http://www.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](mailto:jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au)

### **1 July - Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth – Discernment Retreat**

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite women aged between 18-35 to their Discernment Retreat involving reflections, prayers and a social gathering. Lunch will be provided. 1 July 2017 at 9:30am, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 28th June, email: [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com) or mobile 0449 656 406.

### **13-15 July - MGL Sisters Vocations Weekend**

The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters are a new Australian group who dedicate their lives to helping people encounter the love of God. They invite young women who are open to praying about God's will for their lives to spend some time with them at their home in Sydney. This weekend provides the space to pray, as well as information about the MGL vision and way of life, their ministries and their individual stories. If interested, please contact the sisters: [pattijo.mgl@gmail.com](mailto:pattijo.mgl@gmail.com) or 96268382

### **16th July Sunday - 75th Jubilee of the Schoenstatt Family Movement**

On the 16th of July 1942 Father Kantenich together with Family man, Dr. Fritz Kühr founded the Schoenstatt Family Movement in the Dachau Concentration Camp. Come and join us to find out about the history, give thanks for the past and look forward to the future.

The 16th of July is Covenant Sunday. 11am Holy Mass followed by Family Fiesta (*rego essential for catering purposes*) All are welcome.

2pm Presentation 3pm Adoration and Renewal of the Covenant  
3:30 Afternoon Tea

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*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

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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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