

Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time 29 - 30 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

As the Gospel reminds us, it is our calling as disciples of Jesus to strive for the kingdom of God. Whether we stumble across the hidden treasure of faith, or actively search for it, it is important that we are moving towards the future God has called us to: membership in the Church, the Kingdom of God on earth.

Let us do whatever we can this week to be faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

1. Please note that we will be having a **GENERAL PARISH ASSEMBLY** on Sunday **27th August from 12-3pm**. Please save the date. Catering will be made available
2. The 5 week Introduction to the Gospel of Luke commences this Wednesday evening from 7:30. All welcome
3. First Friday this week... Novena Mass on Friday at 7:30pm.

JUL PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR	
MON 31	<i>Saint Ignatius of Loyola (M)</i>
AUG	
TUE 1	<i>Saint Alphonsus Liguori (M)</i>
WED 2	7:30pm - Bible Study Gospel of Luke
THU 3	<i>Saint Dominic (M)</i>
FRI 4	<i>Saint John Vianney (M)</i> 7:30pm - First Friday Novena Mass
SAT 5	9:00am - First Saturday, Anointing of the Sick
SUN 6	<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i> 12pm Baptism - Lachlan, Aria, Clara, Bailey

From the Pastor's desk

4. First Saturday this week... Anointing during the 9am Mass with Adoration and Benediction to follow.
5. We are hoping to start a monthly mass in Dudley Foorde House (within the ARV in The Ponds). We hope this will be on the Third Friday of the Month at 11am. Tbc.

Parish Notices

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at Stanhope Gardens has received through Fr. Thomas a donation of some very beautiful wood laminated holy pictures and some solar powered led-light house numbers. The donation came from a Vietnamese family who made the donation to raise funds for the Society who had helped them when they first arrived in Australia.

We will be giving them away on a "first come, first served basis" for the price of donation from you after every Mass on the 29th and 30th of July.

Adult Confirmation 2017

The Office of Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on

Saturday 2nd September, 9.30am - 2.00pm at the Institute of Mission Hall, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis.

SRE TEACHERS NEEDED

"The harvest is great but the workers are few" (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

Gospel Reflection

In this week's gospel, Jesus' parables remind us that as Christians, what we should most love, what should most capture our imagination, what we should be willing to sacrifice everything else for is the Kingdom of heaven: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field" (Mt. 13:44). The kingdom of heaven is a kingdom of "love, justice, and peace" and "the righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Roman Catholic Catechism 2046, 2819).

We depend on God for ultimate judgment, for it is God who will ultimately sort the wheat from the tares (as we heard in last week's gospel). For us in the church now, the kingdom of heaven that Jesus preaches is both present and future, both something which has already begun, but is not yet complete. In this already/not yet state, all of us are a mixture of weeds and wheat, good fish and bad. We may have strong moral ideals which are impossible to live out in the sinful world we find ourselves in (something St. Augustine knew so well). It is ultimately by God's grace that we are justified, and this should give us a certain amount of humility, not relying on our own righteousness as an opportunity to criticize what we see as a lack of righteousness in others, but rather, extending the same mercy we hope to receive from God to others who may need it now. When we extend such mercy, when we put the call of discipleship above all else, when we are willing to sacrifice everything else for the treasure which we know in hope is ours, the kingdom of heaven is made more fully present here on earth.

Today's gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic Law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

This should cause us to ponder what it is that we cannot give up in order to follow Jesus. The gospel compels us to ask where it is that we have put our treasure, because as we know, where our treasure is, there also is our heart (Mt. 6:21). And the moral imperative of this week's gospel is that we need to cling a little less tightly to those things that we treasure most if we want to be able to go and follow Jesus when the opportunity presents itself.

Roque Dias

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

of Matthew 11:25-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel (long)

Matthew 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

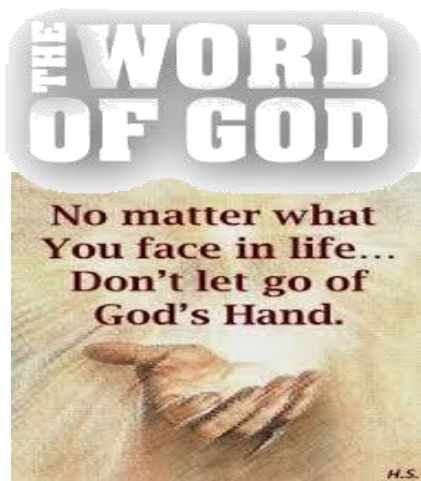
'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Parish News

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, in our parish website and in our parish facebook page. Course schedule, venues and other details can be found in the form. Note endorsement from Fr John is required.

Email a completed form to Bob Agbulos on bragbulos@gmail.com or call 0422106525 for more details.

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

31 Mon Saint Ignatius of Loyola (M)

1st Reading Exodus 32:15-24. 30-34
1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1
Psalm Ps 105:19-23 / Ps 33:2-11
Gospel Matthew 13:31-35
Luke 14:25-33

August

1 Tues Saint Alphonsus Liguori (M)

1st Reading Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5-9. 28
Romans 8:1-4
Psalm Ps 102:6-13 / Ps 118:9-14
Gospel Matthew 13:36-43
Matthew 5:13-19

2 Wed 17th week ordinary time

1st Reading Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm Ps 98:5-7. 9
Gospel Matthew 13:44-46

3 Thu Saint Dominic (M)

1st Reading Exodus 40:16-21. 34-38
1 Corinthians 2:1-10
Psalm Ps 83:3-6. 8. 11
Ps 95:1-3. 7-8. 10
Gospel Matthew 13:47. 53
Luke 9:57-62

4 Fri Saint John Vianney (M)

1st Reading Leviticus 23:1. 4-11. 15-16.
27. 34-37 / Ezekiel 3:16-21
Psalm Ps 80:3-6. 10-11 / Ps 116
Gospel Matthew 13:54-58
Matthew 9:35-10:1

5 Sat 17th week ordinary time

1st Reading Exodus 24:3-8
1 John 4:7-16
Psalm Ps 49:1-2. 5-6. 14-15
Ps 33:2-11
Gospel Matthew 13:24-30
Matthew 9:35-10:1

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:

Sr Lourdes Atienza, John Joseph Hume,
Conchita Bantiles, Joseph Castellino,
Nazzarene Sultana, Patria Roxas,
Fr Tony Reynolds

Deceased:

D'Souza family, Mark De Jesus,
Olive & Joseph D'Souza

Anniversary:

Alfredo Cruz, Eugene Ray T Menguito,
Louis Cherry, Julianna B Torres,
Vivianne Van Schellebeeck, Pat Olarte,
Max Yago, Arturo Cobarrubias Sr,
Nonoy Guiregay, Stephanie Salazar,
Mabel Carter, Connie Peterson,
Susana Bantiles, Augusto Bantila,
Calixtus Fernando, Ruby Agra
Thomson, Wilfred Lobo

Sick:

Jan Mandla, Pat Daley, Karam Matte,
Genevieve D'Silva, Reg Chapman,
Sigrid Barredo, Ramon Rendon,
Alfred Miler, Remedios De Guzman,
Cay Espanta, Lucie Gallagher,
Evelyn Paguinto, Andrea Rodrigues,
Carmel Byrne, Josephine Calabria, Aida
Landicho, Liezl Sultana, Lala Salonga,
Anna Simic

Thanksgiving:

Jose R Joel Magat, Cobarrubias Family,
Stefan Luigi, Elizabeth Reyes,
Sampy 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.

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 adapt to circumstances, without requiring all circumstances to be adapted to my own wishes.
— 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 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"***

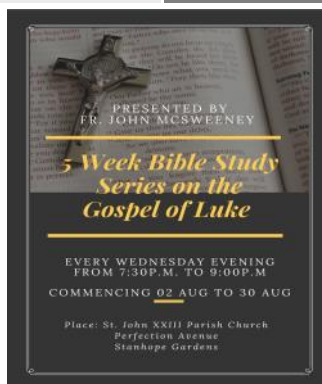
Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

Aug	1	8	15	22	29
	Lozada	Cabug-os	Gracias Flor	Pangilinan E	Shalini
Sep	5	12	19	26	
	Sebastian	Erasmus	Paguinto E	Olan	
Oct	3	10	17	24	31
	Ivon	Sebastian	Pangilinan R	Shalini	Jacinta
Nov	7	14	21	28	
	Olan	Peiris	Ranasinghe	Manoj	
Dec	5	12	19	26	
	Paguinto S	Drummond	Erasmus	Paguinto M	

⇒ 5 week Bible Study Series on the Gospel of Luke by Fr. John McSweeney

The Gospel of Luke is the third of the four canonical Gospels

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.



Parish Pastoral

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The Catholic Church in Australia

A common misconception about the Catholic Church is that it is highly centralised in its organisation, as if all Catholic institutions and activities were owned and operated as one. In fact, the situation is very different. As the following description shows, it is an intricate and, at first sight, bewildering complex of groups and individuals, each with a defined autonomy and accountability according to the Code of Canon Law, the fundamental legislative document of the Church.

Christ's Faithful

All who have been baptised have rights and responsibilities in the Church, whether or not they have been ordained (as bishops, priests or deacons), or taken religious vows (see below). Their activity in the Church is succinctly expressed in the following excerpt from the Code of Canon Law:

- Since they share the Church's mission, all Christ's faithful have the right to promote and support apostolic action, by their own initiative, undertaken according to their state and condition. No initiative, however, can lay claim to the title "Catholic" without the consent of the competent ecclesiastical authority.
- Christ's faithful may freely establish and direct associations which serve charitable or pious purposes or which foster the Christian vocation in the world, and they may hold meetings to pursue these purposes by common effort.

Dioceses

In Australia, there are thirty-three dioceses in union with the Pope. The Church defines a diocese as "a portion of the people of God, which is entrusted to a bishop..." or, as "a community of Christ's faithful in communion of faith and sacraments with their bishop...". A diocese usually has a defined territory and comprises all the Catholics who live there: such is the case with twenty-eight of the Australian dioceses. However, there are also five dioceses covering the whole country: one each for those who belong to the Chaldean, Maronite, Melkite and Ukrainian rites and one for those who are serving in the Australian Defence Forces.

The bishop "governs the particular church (diocese) entrusted to him with legislative, executive and judicial power, in accordance with the law." The last phrase is important: not only are some matters regularly reserved to the Pope, but in other matters the rights and responsibilities of individuals or groups within the Church are legally defined. In addition to his governing office, the bishop is his diocese's chief teacher of doctrine and leader of public worship. A bishop's involvement in the activities and institutions in his diocese is, in some instances, no more than consent and encouragement; in others, advice and guidance; and, in others, full ownership and direction.

Dioceses are divided into parishes, each headed by a parish priest,

appointed by and accountable to the bishop. A parish is "a certain community of Christ's faithful, stably established within a particular Church". Like dioceses, parishes are usually territorial, but need not be. According to church law, a parish is a juridical person and can own and operate property and institutions. In Australia, most parish property is owned by a diocesan body recognised in state law.

"Religious Orders"

In church law, these groups are known as Institutes of Consecrated Life or Societies of Apostolic Life. Their members live in community and bind themselves to a way of life under vows. They are governed according to their own constitutions, which are usually approved by the Pope, in some cases by the local bishop. They cannot work in a diocese without the consent of the bishop. They can own and operate property and institutions. In Australia, their assets are usually held by their own body recognised in state law.

A national organisation, Catholic Religious Australia (the public name of the Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes), facilitates cooperation and fellowship among the more than 175 such groups active in Australia today.

Provinces and Metropolitans

A province is a grouping of several neighbouring dioceses, formed to promote common pastoral action in the region. The senior diocese is known as metropolitan, the others as suffragan. The bishop of the senior diocese is also known as the Metropolitan and has certain limited functions, but no powers of governance outside his own diocese. In Australia, there are five provinces: Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney. These roughly correspond to state boundaries, which, among other considerations, enables the bishops to cooperate in matters involving that level of secular government.

<https://www.catholic.org.au/about-us/the-catholic-church-in-australia>



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: 27 August 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 youth@john23rd.com

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

When: 2nd & 4th Saturdays

Praise & Worship

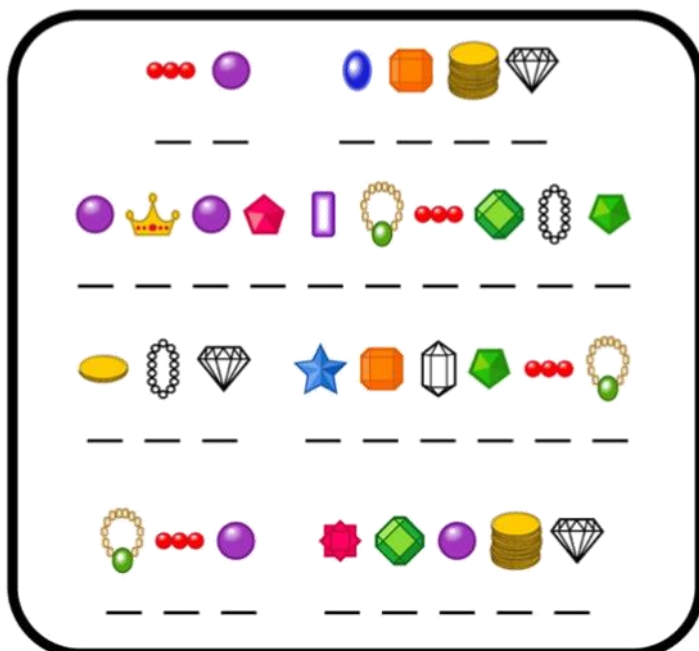
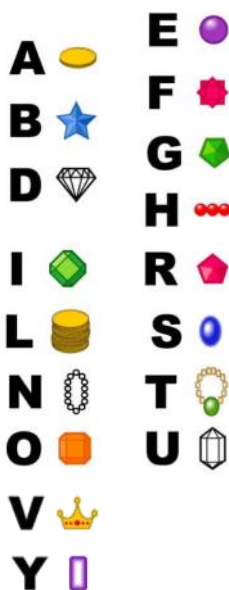
Time: after 6:00pm vigil mass

YFC (Youth for Christ)

When: 3rd Sundays of the month

Decipher

What did the man do after he found the treasure hidden in the field? Use the key below to decipher the code.



Word Find

Finding the hidden treasure

M	E	D	K	Z	M	G	E	Y	M	H	E	Y	I	Z	H	A
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R	V	K	L	Z	C	Y	E	M	P	O	H	S	K	G	O	O

Find these words

Buy	field	find	happy	heaven	hidden	kingdom
One	pearl	sell	shop	treasure		

Diocesan News

3 August - Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth – Holy Hour for Vocations

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations. Thursday, 3rd August 2017, at 7:00 pm. Join us also for the pizza at 8:00pm. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 28th June, email: vocationscsfn@gmail.com or mobile 0449 656406.

4 - 6 August - Single Life Vocation Retreat

A Retreat for Women at Mt Schoenstatt who would like to find out more about the Vocation to Single Life. The weekend will provide an opportunity to meet Women who are living the Single Life vocation and learn about how this vocation is lived and fostered. For more information or to register contact: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 738334, juliebrcar@gmail.com Visit: <https://goo.gl/eLoMMg>

5 August - Grace & Silence Retreat day

A Silent Retreat day at Mt Schoenstatt for vocation discernment to Marriage & Family life, Single Life or Consecrated Life. Commences with an input on love followed by silent prayer and reflection and concludes with group prayer. Cost \$30 includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and materials. Registrations: Sr M Julie Brcar ISSM, tel 0408 738334, juliebrcar@gmail.com Visit: <https://goo.gl/R5ApCo>

18 – 20 August - Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

Weekend date: 18th to 20th August at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings online at www.wmme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774419 oradrian.janet1@bigpond.com

20 August - Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day

Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. BYO picnic lunch – tea & coffee provided. Arrive 10am for 10.30am, concludes about 3pm. Books & CDs for sale. St Benedict's Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02)9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02)9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02)9456 4775

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Deacon: Nicephorus Tan ☒ DeaconTan@john23rd.org.au

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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