

**Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time**  
**28 - 29 October 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**

The Gospel passage of this Sunday stresses the two most important commandments in our Christian life, to love God and to love others.

To love others by saying and thinking good of them is the first step; it must be translated into concrete actions.

To love in the manner of Christ is to give oneself.

We understand this by looking to the cross of Christ. He gave himself to the end, until the gift of His life.

The Holy Spirit is there to inspire us to live this fraternal love: it can go through very simple gestures, a friendly smile, a humble listening, acceptance from the point of view of the other, an effort to be kind to the one that is unpleasant.

And of course, we do not forget prayer because it creates an extraordinary network of solidarity. Praying for others is also a way of loving them. Do we often pray for those we don't like or those who have hurt us?

| OCT       | PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR  |
|-----------|---|
| MON<br>30 | 9am - Liturgy of the Word   |
| TUE<br>31 | 9am - Liturgy of the Word<br>7.30pm - Novena Mass                           |
| NOV       |   |
| WED<br>1  | <i>All Saints (S)</i><br>9am Mass - Church<br>10am Mass - Holy Cross School |
| THU<br>2  | <i>All Souls (S)</i><br>9am and 7.30pm Mass                                 |
| FRI<br>3  | 9am Mass<br>7.30pm - First Friday Novena Mass                               |
| SAT<br>4  | <i>St Charles Borromeo (M)</i><br>9am Mass with Anointing and Benediction   |
| SUN<br>5  | <b>Baptism</b> - Juliano, Mia, April, Cooper, Valentina                     |

1. Children's sessions commence for Reconciliation this weekend Saturday or Sunday at 4.30pm at St Marks Staff Room.

## Gospel Reflection

Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love ‘God’? No, we are to love ‘the *Lord* your God’, the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, ‘Love *the Lord* your God’.

Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, ‘Love your neighbour as *yourself*.’ But who is ‘yourself’? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see ‘yourself’ in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today’s global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

## Diocesan and Deanery Pastoral Councils Nominations

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is calling for nominations for *Deanery Pastoral Councils* and *The Diocesan Pastoral Council*.

Bishop Vincent seeks to enhance our communion and mission, and recognises that these councils express a rightful co-responsibility for the mission of the Church. These bodies, aligning with our Pastoral Plan, Faith in our Future, seek to strengthen the growing and sharing of faith in Christ within our Diocese. These councils seek a cross-section of people from different places in the Diocese and from different backgrounds and experiences. You may also wish to re-view the video introducing the councils that was circulated to parishes mid-year: [tinyurl.com/councils17](http://tinyurl.com/councils17)

Parishioners are invited to nominate themselves or others. Nominations require the assent of the person being nominated, who needs to fill out the nomination form.

In the case of Deanery Pastoral Council nominations, where the member is representing their parish, their parish priest is required to endorse their application. In the case of Diocesan Pastoral Council nominations, either their parish priest or another priest ministering in the diocese is asked to endorse. Unless otherwise indicated on the form, those nominated may be appointed to either their local Deanery Pastoral Council or to the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

## **VOTIVE CANDLE STANDS**

We have replaced the votive candle stands for Our Lady, the Sacred Heart and the Holy Family. We would like to thank the family who have very kindly donated the stand for Our Lady. Is there anyone who would like to donate or at least contribute towards the cost of the Sacred Heart and Holy Family stands? Please speak to Fr John.

These are real candles but with a very low smoke emission. There is a simple procedure – take a candle from the stand, light it from one of the lit candles and place it carefully in the glass holder.

***An offering of at least a gold coin would be appreciated.***

## **CATHOLIC OUTLOOK**

Catholic Outlook: News from the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta is now digital. Catholic Outlook is the official publication of the Diocese of Parramatta news.

To access the E-Edition follow the link

*<https://catholicoutlook.org/e-edition/>*

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## **November Book of Remembrance**

The process for entering the names of your departed loved ones in the November Book of Remembrance was well received last year. A book has again been placed in the sanctuary to enable you to write the names of your departed family and friends. This is more personal than the previous envelope system as you will be able to personally inscribe the names. Please place the envelope with your November mass offering in the Special Needs mailbox at the back of the church (at the sacristy door) – do not leave envelopes with money on the Book of Remembrance table.

## **Petition on Euthanasia**

Please read and sign the petition to the Government of New South Wales regarding the proposed bill on euthanasia. This bill is due to be debated soon.

Completed nominations are to be returned to the Pastoral Planning Office (contact details below). Nominations close on **Sunday, 5 November 2017**.

All nominees are asked to set aside time on Saturday, 2 December 2017 from 9.30 am to mid-afternoon. This will be the initial formation and consultation session for those nominees appointed to one of the above councils.

Please note that the information and nomination forms in this information package are available from the Diocesan website: *[parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils](http://parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils)*.

Please contact me via email at *[rmcmahon@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:rmcmahon@parra.catholic.org.au)* or 8838 3461.

## Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

## First Reading

*Exodus 22:20-26*

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51*

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

**God's word goes to  
work in those  
who believe.**

*The Word of God*

## Second Reading

*1 Thessalonians 1:5-10*

*You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Matthew 22:34-40*

*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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

**30 Mon 30th week ordinary time**

1st Reading Romans 8:12-17

Psalm Ps 67:2. 4. 6-7. 20-21

Gospel Luke 13:10-17

**31 Tues 30th week ordinary time**

1st Reading Romans 8:18-25

Psalm Ps 125

Gospel Luke 13:18-21

**November**

**1 Wed All Saints (S)**

1st Reading Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14

Psalm Ps 23:1-6

2nd Reading 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

**2 Thu All Souls (S)**

1st Reading Isaiah 25:6-9/ Job 19:1, 23-27

Wisdom 3:1-9/ Wisdom 4:7-15

Psalm Ps 26 / Ps 22 / Ps 62 / Ps 102

2nd Reading Romans 5:5-11/Romans 5:17-21

Romans 8:14-23

Romans 8:31-35. 37-39

Gospel Luke 12:49-53

Matthew 5:1-12

Matthew 11:25-30

**3 Fri 30th week ordinary time**

1st Reading Romans 9:1-5

Psalm Ps 147:12-15. 19-20

Gospel Luke 14:1-6

**4 Sat St Charles Borromeo (M)**

1st Reading Ephesians 2:19-22

Psalm Ps 18:2-5

Gospel Luke 6:12-19

Full weekly readings can be found in the parish  
website <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:

Thereisa Michael, Francis Raja

### Deceased:

Phyllis & Joseph Castellino,

Peter & Elizabeth Sampy,

Joseph & Helen D'Souza,

Mark De Jesus

### Anniversary:

Chackochan Thottupuraid,

Emilio Nacua, Ilar Anthony D'Souza,

Aloysius Stanley Reckennan,

Bienvenido Jimenez

### Sick:

Evelyn Paguinto, Josephine Calabria,

Genevieve D'Silva, Andrea Rodrigues,

Epifania Samaniego, Lucie Gallagher,

Neil Buensuceso, Florence Cerdania,

Pat Daly, Jan Mandla, Sigrid Barredo,

Cay Espanta, Lala Salonga, Alfred Miler,

Anna Simic, Carmel Byrne,

Reg Chapman, Liezl Sultana,

Karam Matte, Cora Salvador,

Patria Baby Monica Cobarubbias,

Theresa Gallagher

### Thanksgiving:

Sally & Ashley Callaghan, Ricky Reyes

## 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

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

*“The family is the first essential cell of human society.” — 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

|     | 3            | 10        | 17           | 24         | 31      |
|-----|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Oct | Ivon         | Sebastian | Pangilinan R | Shalini    | Jacinta |
| Nov | Pangilinan R | Peiris    | Ranasinghe   | Manoj      |         |
| Dec | Paguinto S   | Drummond  | Erasmo       | Paguinto M |         |
| Jan | Paguinto M   | Sebastian | available    | Shalini    | Ivon    |

### COMMUNITY BUILDING

#### ⇒ Cake Angels

On the 12th of November, the Cake Angels will be having their cake stall after the Sunday masses. Contributions of savoury or sweets would be greatly appreciated. Please call or SMS Jill on 0402 172346.

### EVANGELIZATION

#### ⇒ 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



## LITURGY

### ⇒ Junior Altar Servers training

We are having our Junior Altar Server Training over two Saturdays, the **11th and 18th of November**. The two sessions will be held in the church from 10am to 12 noon, followed by their commissioning at the 10.30am mass on Sunday the 26th of November.

To be an altar server,

- you need to be over 10 years old;
- have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion; and,
- are prepared to assist before, during and after the mass.

For further details, contact Bob Agbulos from the Liturgy team. Application forms are available at the foyer, in our parish website and in our parish Facebook page.

### ⇒ Alb fundraiser

The fundraising for the Altar Servers' alb has been quite a success. We were able to raise, \$806.50

- \$100. pledge collected
- \$270.00 pledge to be collected
- \$436.50 fundraised from games on 08/10/17
- pledge for the cost of 2 albs

Thank you all for your generosity. We are still open to for any monetary contribution towards this endeavour.

### What's next?

If we buy the textile, do you know any dressmaker or tailor who can sew the albs before Christmas? If not, do you know of any business who sells albs?

## THE HOLY LAND

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

**Departure:** Saturday 6th January 2018

**Tour Code:** 8PV03

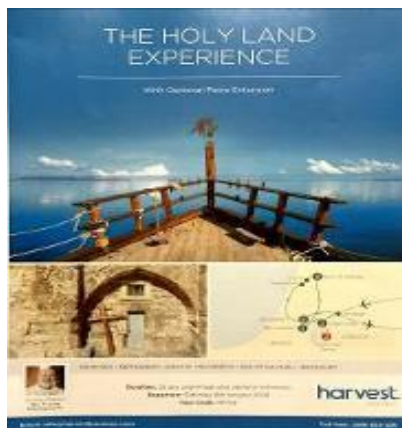
**Email:** [info@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:info@harvestjourneys.com)

**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*)



## SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Today the Church celebrates all the saints: canonized or beatified, and the multitude of those who are in heaven enjoying the beatific vision that are only known to God. During the early centuries the Saints venerated by the Church were all martyrs. Later on the Popes set November 1 as the day for commemorating all the Saints. We all have this "universal call to holiness." What must we do in order to join the company of the saints in heaven? We "must follow in His footsteps and conform [our] selves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. [We] must devote [our] selves with all [our] being to the glory of God and the service of [our] neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history" (Lumen Gentium, 40).

Don't forget to pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory from November 1 to the 8th.

### All Saints Day

During the year the Church celebrates one by one the feasts of the saints. Today she joins them all in one festival. In addition to those whose names she knows, she recalls in a magnificent vision all the others "of all nations and tribes standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands, proclaiming Him who redeemed them in His Blood."

The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home whence they call on us to follow them. The Gospel of the Beatitudes, read today, while it shows their happiness, shows, too, the

road that they followed; there is no other that will lead us whither they have gone.

"The Commemoration of All Saints" was first celebrated in the East. The feast is found in the West on different dates in the eighth century. The Roman Martyrology mentions that this date is a claim of fame for Gregory IV (827-844) and that he extended this observance to the whole of Christendom; it seems certain, however, that Gregory III (731-741) preceded him in this. At Rome, on the other hand, on May 13, there was the annual commemoration of the consecration of the basilica of St. Maria ad Martyres (or St. Mary and All Martyrs). This was the former Pantheon, the temple of Agrippa, dedicated to all the gods of paganism, to which Boniface IV had translated many relics from the catacombs. Gregory VII transferred the anniversary of this dedication to November 1.

### Things to Do:

- Visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead during the Octave of All Saints' Day (November 1 through November 8) will gain a plenary indulgence that can be applied only to the souls in purgatory. On other days, this work gains a partial indulgence.
- Spend a little time after Mass thanking God for all the unnamed saints, some of whom could be our own relatives.
- Have a special meal and if you have young children have them dress up like saints and play games.
- Pray the Litany of the Saints -- you could make it really special by chanting it ("he who sings prays twice") and you could read an explanation of this litany, which is considered the model of all other litanies.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2017-11-01>

Fill in the missing words to complete the story.

An expert in the Jewish law tried to \_\_\_\_ Jesus. He asked, "\_\_\_\_\_, what is the most important \_\_\_\_\_ ?"



Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ : "Love the Lord your \_\_\_\_ with all your \_\_\_\_\_, soul and mind." This is the \_\_\_\_\_ and most important commandment. The \_\_\_\_\_ is like it : " \_\_\_\_\_ your neighbor as much as you love \_\_\_\_\_".



Love    second    God    answered    yourself    teacher    heart    first  
test    commandment

### Indulgences for All Souls Week

An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the first to the eighth of November; on other days of the year it is partial.

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed [November 2 {as well as on the Sunday preceding or following, and on All Saints' Day}] piously visit a church. In visiting the church it is required that one Our Father and the Creed be recited.

To acquire a plenary indulgence it is necessary also to fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father. The three conditions may be fulfilled several days before or after the performance of the visit; it is, however, fitting that communion be received and the prayer for the intention of the Holy Father be said on the same day as the visit.

The condition of praying for the intention of the Holy Father is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary. A plenary indulgence can be acquired only once in the course of the day.

## SJ 23rd Youth Ministry

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" - Philippians 4:13*

### 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:** 26th November 2017

**Topic:** TBA

**Guest Speaker:** TBA



### 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

### BLAZE

BLAZE Youth Group is a fun and exciting way for youths in Years 5 and up to learn about their faith and how to handle the struggles of being a teen.

BLAZE runs during **Friday nights**, weeks 1,3,5,7 and 9 of the school term. Session **starts at 7:15 till 9pm**.

The Term 3 series, **VITAL**, is all about the Holy Spirit. He is the very breath and spirit of God breathed into us giving us life.

In this series, we will explore the life and mission of the Holy Spirit, the fruits and gifts He offers us and discover how we can be more open to His presence and the power in our lives.



**Next Session:** 10th November 2017



✉ For all youth ministry enquiries, email us at [youth@john23rd.com](mailto:youth@john23rd.com)

## Word Find

Love others as much as you love yourself

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

*Find these words*

Commandments   expert   first   foolish   heart   important  
 Law   most   others   Sadducees   soul   test

**Call for Nominations: Deanery & Diocesan Pastoral Councils**

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is calling for nominations for Deanery Pastoral Councils and the Diocesan Pastoral Council. For more information, including the nomination kit, please visit [parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils](http://parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils) or contact Richard or Tanya from the Diocesan Ministry Centre on 02 8838 3460. Nominations close on Sunday, 5 November 2017.

**Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse**

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griegtograces.org.au](mailto:info@griegtograces.org.au) or phone 0407704539. For more information visit [www.griegtograces.org](http://www.griegtograces.org)

**3-5 November: Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat**

This weekend retreat in Sydney is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Australia is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Confidential inquiries: tel or SMS 0400 092555, [info@rachelsvineyard.org.au](mailto:info@rachelsvineyard.org.au)  
For more information visit: [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au)

**5 November: Mass in the African tradition**

Join us as we celebrate Mass in the African tradition. Very Rev Peter G Williams will celebrate Mass at 2.00pm at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown. Contact Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

**12 November: Nigerian Mass in Igbo**

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

**18 November: St Philomena Association Holy Mass**

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her *"the great wonder worker"*. Mass at noon with Confession from 11.30am. St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. A short walk north from Doonside station, the one past Blacktown. Please bring a snack to share. Elizabeth tel or text 0423 154463, [epoples9@gmail.com](mailto:epoples9@gmail.com)  
Facebook: Libby Peoples (events)

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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

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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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