

Thirty Second Sunday Ordinary Time
11 - 12 November 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

We might have some questions to ask after we read or hear the Gospel passage of this Sunday. However, let's focus on the message behind this parable. Today, Jesus sends us a strong warning: "Watch therefore, for you do not know neither the day nor the hour." This is not a threat to scare us. The Gospel is first good news that must radically change our lives. The return of Christ is presented as a wonderful event for which we must prepare ourselves throughout our lives. This encounter with him will be a big party. But as everyone knows, a party takes planning. The one we expect is our Savior. We must be ready to receive Him. This requires vigilance every day. Another important point is that we will not be saved because we have a religious aunt, a mother who prays the rosary every day, siblings who attend Mass regularly, a son who often serves the poor and the homeless... We will personally answer for what we do or fail to do. Christ emphasizes the responsibility of each and every one.

With the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit, let us walk on the paths of our lives by keeping our lamp burning while awaiting the Lord.

NOV	PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR
MON 13	
TUE 14	
WED 15	10.00am Holy Cross Mass
THU 16	
FRI 17	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary (M) Wedding - 1pm Tyler & Torres
SAT 18	7:30pm - Praise & Worship Night
SUN 19	Baptism - Adrian, Lylah, Alisa

1. We congratulate all children who made their first Reconciliation this week. Thank you to our priests, facilitators and parents.

Gospel Reflection

Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

Roque Dias

MINISTRY SUNDAY – 25-26 NOVEMBER

Your parish really needs your help to keep it running smoothly. A number of groups need more people to offer a few hours of their time each month

- ⇒ Gardening- look after a small part of the garden (at least 10 more people)
- ⇒ Cleaning – assist with cleaning the church (at least 15 more people)
- ⇒ Altar Society – preparing the altar for mass and other liturgies; cleaning and mending altar cloths (at least 6 more people)
- ⇒ Counting – counting the weekend collections (at least 10 more people)
- ⇒ SRE Teaching – sharing your faith with school students at our Public Schools (at least 15 more people)
- ⇒ Acolytes/Senior Servers – (at least 6 more people)
- ⇒ Welcomers – welcoming people to Sunday mass (at least 15 more people or families)
- ⇒ Handymen – a range of skills experience - plumbing, electrical, general repairs and maintenance

Do you have a couple of hours each month to offer to the parish? Please think how you could give back to your parish and fill in the form on Ministry Sunday – or don't wait until then and call or email the parish office today businessmanager@john23rd.org.au or 9852 0596.

SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Dear Seniors, you are invited to a Christmas lunch just for you on Sunday, 3 December, 12pm at the St Mark's school hall.

If you are coming, please write your name and number down on the sheet provided in the church foyer.

For any enquiries, please call Jill on 0402 172 346

Helpers and Food donations needed for Seniors'

Christmas Party. The Pastoral Care Ministry is hosting a Christmas lunch for our parish's seniors on Sunday 3rd December, 12pm at the St Mark's school hall. We are looking for helpers on the day as well as requesting any food donations for the lunch.

Your help and support will be greatly appreciated as we hope to make this a memorable event for our seniors. Please contact Jill on 0402 172 346 for more information.



Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O
Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing
I shall want. Fresh and green are the
pastures where he gives me repose, near
restful waters he leads me.

First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them. Watch
for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates. Even
to think about her is understanding fully
grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety
will quickly leave you. She herself walks
about looking for those who are worthy of
her and graciously shows herself to them
as they go, in every thought of theirs
coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8

**R. My soul is thirsting for you O Lord
my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines
for you like a dry, weary land without
water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see
your strength and your glory. For your
love is better than life, my lips will speak
your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name
I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be
filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall
praise you with joy. **R.**

On my bed I remember you. On you I
muse through the night for you have been
my help; in the shadow of your wings I
rejoice. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that
you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that
Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus:
God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any
of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those
who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the
command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in
Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in
the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord
for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel

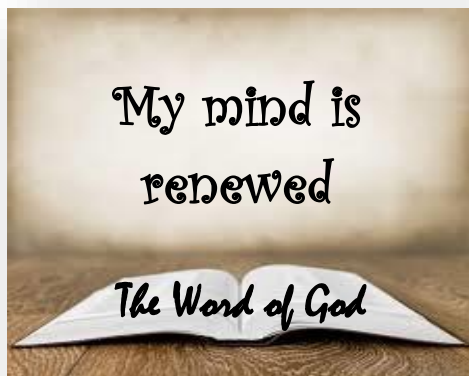
Matthew 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Advent Retreat 2017 Do I Need a Saviour?

(A retreat guide on the prophet Isaiah)

Join us for our annual retreat in preparation for Christmas!

Date: 02 Dec 2017 **Time:** 9:00a.m. to 2:30p.m.

Venue: Mass and Benediction at St John XXIII Parish Church then proceed to St. Mark's Staff Room

Retreat Programme (Video Presentation by Fr. John Bartunek, LC)

Mass and Benediction (St. John XXIII Parish church)

Morning Tea (St. Mark's Staff Room)

Introduction

First Meditation – Who Will Be My Saviour

Second Meditation – The Saviour Comes

Lunch

Conference – Your Prophetic Mission

RSVP to rosefrancoau@yahoo.com.au by 24 Nov. 2017 for purposes of handouts and catering.

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

13 Mon 32nd week ordinary time

1st Reading Wisdom 1:1-7

Psalm Ps 138:1-10

Gospel Luke 17:1-6

14 Tues 32nd week ordinary time

1st Reading Wisdom 2:23 - 3:9

Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 16-19

Gospel Luke 17:7-10

15 Wed 32nd week ordinary time

1st Reading Wisdom 6:1-11

Psalm Ps 81:3-4. 6-7

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

16 Thu 32nd week ordinary time

1st Reading Wisdom 7:22 - 8:1

Psalm Ps 118:89-91. 130. 135. 175

Gospel Luke 17:20-25

17 Fri Saint Elizabeth of Hungary (M)

1st Reading Wisdom 13:1-9 / 1 John 3:14-18

Psalm Ps 18:2-5 / Ps 33:2-11

Gospel Luke 17:26-37 / Luke 6:27-38

18 Sat 32nd week ordinary time

1st Reading Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9

Psalm Ps 104:2-3. 36-37. 42-43

Gospel Luke 18:1-8

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:

Denis Sullivan

Anniversary:

Adele Cerdor, Ante Janezic, Poy Arambulo,
Alfredo Cruz, Regalado Morales

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, Elpidio Deltran,
Julia Lapuz

Thanksgiving:

Monica N Cobarrubias

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, photocopyers, 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

*“Preoccupation about the future, which arise from self-love, delay the work of God in us and hinder His purpose
— 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

Nov	7	14	21	28	
	<i>Pangilinan R</i>	Peiris	Ranasinghe	Manoj	
Dec	5	12	19	26	
	Paguinto S	Drummond	Erasmo	Paguinto M	
Jan	2	9	16	23	30
	Paguinto M	Sebastian	Magpayo	Shalini	Ivon
Feb	6	13	20	27	
	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	

⇒ Praise & Worship Night

18th November Topic for the night Patience & Kindness, Virtues that Unite

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 Junior Altar Servers' albs was a big success. Our total collection is \$1,206.50 from individuals' donations and from the games we conducted during the Parish Anniversary on 08/10/17. This will allow us to purchase around 16 new albs for our Junior Servers.

What's next?

We have identified a seamstress and will be available to start sewing the albs by the 4th week of November. We are hoping to have some if not all available for Christmas.

We are still accepting any monetary contributions for this endeavour. Thank you once again for your generosity.

THE HOLY LAND

Duration: 15 day pilgrimage plus optional extension

Departure: Saturday 6th January 2018

Tour Code: 8PV03

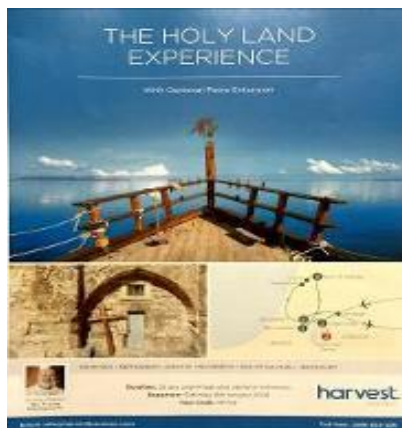
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Spiritual Chaplain: Fr John McSweeney

Book now

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



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.

VOTIVE CANDLE STANDS

We have such generous families in our parish who have contributed to the cost of the three candle stands. Thank you!

The Meaning Of Feast Days In Our Lives

In our Church Christ is the central figure of our faith and lives. The Church throughout the year has numerous feastdays in order to celebrate the events that relate to the earthly life of our Lord, our Lady Theotokos and the Saints of the Church.

These Feastdays are called Despotic, Theometric or Feastdays of Saints.

We call Despotic Feastdays, those which are related to the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. Some of these feastdays are movable and some are fixed. When we refer to fixed feastdays we mean those that occur on the same month and date each year. Some of these are:

- Christmas on the 25th December
- The Circumcision of our Lord on the 1st of January
- Theophany on the 6th January (the day of our Lord's Baptism)
- The Churching of Lord, where He was received into the Temple by Simeon the Prophet and also the churching of Panagia - the 40 day blessing on the 2nd February
- The Transfiguration of our Lord, this is celebrated on the 6th August.
- The elevation of the Holy Cross is celebrated on the 14th September.

We also have the movable Despotic feasts which are:

- Palm Sunday
- Holy Week
- Pascha or Easter (The Resurrection of our Lord)
- The Ascension of our Lord
- The Pentecost.

These Despotic feast days are all depend on Easter. Just as Easter is not celebrated on the same day each year neither are these feasts.

These feast days that occur before or after Easter depend on the date that Easter is celebrated. The date for Easter is calculated by a set formula and then the other dates fall into place.

For example Palm Sunday is always one week before Easter Day, the Ascension marks the end of the 40 days that The Resurrected Christ spent with His disciples and others before ascending to the Father in Heaven.

The Pentecost as its very name suggests, occurs 50 days after Easter or 10 days after the Ascension - here Jesus' promise that He will send the Comfortor to guide the disciples and the Church in His earthly absence is fulfilled.

FEASTS OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Apart from the Despotic feasts, we also have the Feasts of the Mother of God. They are given this name because they relate to some event that we celebrate from the life of the Mother of God. These are:

- The birthday of Maria the Theotokos on the 8th of September.
- The Entrance of the Theotokos on the 21st of November, when her parents fulfilled their promise to dedicate Mary to the service of God. Mary was taken to the Temple at the age of 3.
- The Annunciation of the Theotokos on the 25th of March - when the angel Gabriel brought Mary the news that she was to give birth to a child by the Holy Spirit as part of God's plan to bring the Messiah or Saviour Jesus Christ into the world.

The Dormition of the Theotokos - celebrated on the 15th August.

SAINTS FEASTDAYS

Finally, we have the Feastsdays of the Saints; the martyrs of our Church; the apostles; the evangelists (that is those who wrote the 4 gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John); the hierarchs (the leaders

Which two of these lamps are exactly the same?



Why we do what we do

and bishops of our Church) the Holy Fathers of our Church; the prophets; the angels and archangels.

THE PURPOSE OF THE FEASTS

The purpose of all the Feasts of our Church is to help us feel and understand the importance of the Despotie, Theomitoric and other Feast Days.

When we celebrate the Saints of our Church we are inspired by their examples and we ask them to intercede on our behalf to God for our spiritual welfare.

HOW SHOULD WE CELEBRATE THESE IMPORTANT FEAST DAYS OF OUR FAITH

To deepen our understanding of Feast Days by:-

- regularly attending the Holy Eucharist Services.
- studying the particular Despotie or Theomitoric event or studying the Saint's life whose feast we celebrate.

- honouring and imitating the Saint's life or event that we celebrate in a spirit consistent with the life and Holy example of those events or Saints.

At times there is great misunderstanding in the way that these Holy events are celebrated. It is disrespectful and a grave sin to celebrate such Holy events in ways that are not consistent with our Christian identity. Let young and old ensure that they celebrate these feasts of our Church in a proper manner.

These feasts give us excellent opportunities to participate in the Life of Worship in our Church.

<http://www.sprint.net.au/~corners/Aug95/Feastdays.htm>

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: 24th November 2017



✉ For all youth ministry enquiries, email us at youth@john23rd.com

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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@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

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
Facebook: Libby Peoples (events)

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Deacon: Rodrigo Rupac ✉ DeaconRudy@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



Chairman

Bart Sarlabus

Deputy Chairman

Chris Drummond

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Nanette Gamboa

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