

Second Sunday of Advent
9 - 10 December 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

As the last of the OT prophets and the first of the New, John the Baptist is called by God to "*prepare the way of the Lord*". And in doing so, he accepts that Jesus must be the focus of the coming Kingdom, and not himself: "*I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandal*".

As Christians, we must imitate John the Baptist in two ways:

1. From the day of our Baptism we are also called to prepare the way of the Lord through the way we live the Gospel and thus prepare for the Lord's Coming in the lives and hearts of those whom we encounter throughout our lives.
2. We have to keep whatever we do for the sake of the Kingdom in perspective: it is something that is subordinate to God and Jesus Christ, and is never done for self-aggrandizement. We are not ministers for our own benefit but for the benefit of the other person; for the upbuilding of the Kingdom!

DEC	PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR
MON 11	
TUE 12	7:30pm - Novena: Liturgy of the Word + Benediction
WED 13	<i>Saint Lucy (M)</i>
THU 14	<i>Saint John of the Cross (M)</i>
FRI 15	11:00am - Anointing Mass Dudley Foord House, The Ponds
SAT 16	
SUN 17	Baptism - Zoey

- ⇒ We pray that this weekend's Youth Festival will engender an increase in Faith for the Young Adults of our Church.
- ⇒ We pray for Year 6 in both our Primary Schools as they are about to transition to High School. And we celebrate a Graduation Mass for Holy Cross Year 6 Students on Wednesday evening at 7:30pm in the Church.
- ⇒ The last Nursing Home Anointing Mass for this year will be on this Friday at 11:00am at Dudley Foord House in the ARV, The Ponds. All welcome.
- ⇒ On Saturday 16th December at 10:30am in the St Patrick's Cathedral, Deacon Shinto Francis will be ordained to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Parramatta. All parishioners are welcome to attend; please keep Shinto in your prayers at this important time for him and for our local Church.

As the joyful season of Advent unfolds, let us continue to prepare for the Christmas Season through prayer and reflection. God bless you all!

Fr. John

Gospel Reflection

John immersed, baptised, his followers in water, symbolising the washing away of the sins of the *past*. But he could not empower people by drenching them in the dynamic life of God. John anticipates ‘Someone’ (not named!) who *does* have the power to inundate, baptise, people with the Holy Spirit.

From the heading of St Mark’s Gospel, *we* know that that ‘Someone’ is ‘Jesus Christ, Son of God’ who came to flood our lives with that Divine Power which can effect a completely new *future* for humanity.

That is why St Mark took the term ‘gospel’ (good news) which was used on inscriptions announcing an Emperor’s birth or victory, and used it to describe his inspired rendering of the mission of Jesus Christ, which was to inaugurate the ‘Kingdom of God’, overcoming the pretensions of all Emperors of any kind throughout history.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the Good News of our being baptised with *water* in the ‘Name of the Father and of the Son and of the *Holy Spirit*.’

Michael Tate

GRADUATION BLESSING YEAR 6

During the 1030am Mass on Sunday the 17th December there will be a special Blessing to celebrate the graduation of Year 6 from John the XXIII Primary School.

There is a Graduation Mass for Year 6 Holy Cross Primary on Thursday evening 14th December at 7.00pm

Let us keep these young people in our prayers at this time.



Dear friends,

Re: Royal Commission Update

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will shortly release its final findings on public hearings, and its recommendations, related to the Catholic Church in Australia.

These case studies included evidence around the pain and hurt that was inflicted upon victims of abuse by Church authorities, including Diocese of Parramatta personnel.

Once again, I apologise on behalf of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Parramatta for the irreparable harm caused to people who were betrayed by clergy, religious and lay people who were entrusted to lead ministry in this Diocese. Our response and processes at the time were clearly inadequate. For these failings, I wish to express my profound sorrow.

Throughout the Royal Commission, the Diocese of Parramatta has strived to engage in their processes with openness, transparency and a commitment to learning about our history so that our child protection policies and procedures are strengthened and there is restored confidence in Church ministry.

As we await the final reports and recommendations to be handed down, I would like to remind you that should anyone wish to report abuse by Church personnel to the Diocese, or require support for the impact upon them from abuse by Church personnel, that they may contact the Office for Safeguarding & Professional Standards on 02 8838 3419 or safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au. Any matter of a criminal nature should be reported to the NSW Police on 131 444.

For any media related questions, please direct them to Joseph Younes, Communications Director on 02 8838 3435 or jyounes@parra.catholic.org.au.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

"Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light to my path."

Psalm 119:105

The Word of God

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus
Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
buried; he descended into hell; on the third
day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

Readings for Next Week

11 Mon 2nd week of Advent

1st Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm Ps 84:9-14

Gospel Luke 5:17-26

12 Tues 2nd week of Advent

1st Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm Ps 95:1-3. 10-13

Gospel Matthew 18:12-14

13 Wed Saint Lucy (M)

1st Reading Isaiah 40:25-31

2 Corinthians 10:17 - 11:2

Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10

Ps 30:3-4. 6-8. 16-17

Gospel Matthew 11:28-30

Matthew 25:1-13

14 Thu Saint John of the Cross (M)

1st Reading Isaiah 41:13-20

1 Corinthians 2:1-10

Psalm Ps 144:1. 9-13

Ps 36:3-6. 30-31

Gospel Matthew 11:11-15

Luke 14:25-33

15 Fri 2nd week of Advent

1st Reading Isaiah 48:17-19

Psalm Ps 1:1-4. 6

Gospel Matthew 11:16-19

16 Sat 2nd week of Advent

1st Reading Sirach 48:1-4. 9-11

Psalm Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19

Gospel Matthew 17:10-13

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:

Julia Lapuz, Alfie Docena, Elpidio Beltran

Deceased:

Mark de Jesus, Bienvenido Jimenez,
Gaston Jayawardeas

Anniversary:

Paul Camilleri, RJ Rosales, Jeffrey Turner,
Ilar Anthony D'Souza

Sick:

Natasha Henricks, Maria Pinky Baartz,
Cely Macrohaon, Charmaine Beltran,
Amando Magno, Jovie Disterhofft,
Elgin Duenas, Pat Daley, Karam Matte

Thanksgiving:

Enrique & Ana & Family, Romaldo,
Kristine, Maria, Ramon, Vincenzo Zamora,
Rohan & Rayan Virwani

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, photocopies, 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.



COUNCIL PLANT ALLOCATION

Thank you to everyone who signed the form to allow the parish to take over your plant allocation from Blacktown Council. We have been allocated over 100 plants – which we now need to plant of course!



Parish Pastoral Corner

"Born poor, but of honored and humble people. I am particularly proud to die poor."
— 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

	5	12	19	26	
Dec	Paguinto S	Drummond	Erasmus	Paguinto M	
Jan	2	9	16	23	30
	Paguinto M	Magpayo	Sebastian	Shalini	Ivon
Feb	6	13	20	27	
	Manalo	Viola	Dasan	Tiong	
Mar	6	13	20	27	
	Sebastian	available	Shalini	available	

⇒ Mass of the Rooster (Misa de Gallo)

A nine day novena Mass {Mass of the Rooster} will start on the 16th of December until the 24th of December at St. John XXIII parish in preparation for Christmas. Masses will be held at 6:00a.m. daily during this period.



LITURGY

⇒ "Family Christmas Mass"

The Family Christmas Mass will be held at 6pm on 24th December in our church. We will include a short play of the Nativity story before the mass commence as we have done in the past. We are inviting children to take part in the Nativity play to:

1. play characters from the Nativity story,
2. narrate the Nativity story,
3. read during the Mass, or
4. participate in the offertory procession.

Please contact Therese Coutinho on theresecontinho1689@gmail.com for more details if your child can take part or if you can assist in any way for the Nativity story at the Family Christmas Mass. Practice to be held in the Church on Sunday 17th December from 3-5pm.

PASTORAL

⇒ DRIVERS NEEDED

Looking for Parishioners who can drive a Parishioner to Mass every Sunday. Could you please call the Parish Office if you are able to help.

VINNIES

⇒ Vinnies 2017 Christmas Appeal

Every year, during the Christmas season, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Stanhope Gardens Conference, brings cheer to families in need in our community by providing them with Christmas hampers. This year, we are also helping some of our neighbouring communities who have no conference of their own, namely, Quakers Hill and Doonside.

Commencing on the 1st of December, you can help fill up these hampers by **picking a star or stars** from the Christmas tree and purchasing the item indicated. Another option would be to pick one of the **index cards containing the profile of one of the families we help from the cork board** and preparing a hamper suitable for that particular family. **You** may also take one of the Vinnies envelopes found on the pews and drop your donations in the Vinnies buckets at the church entrance **or in any of the collections during Mass.**

Please bring all your donated goods **(preferably in reusable shopping bags, e.g. calico)** no later than the 11th of December. Thank you very much for your kind generosity.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The new year is coming up soon – do you have your calendar for 2018? There are a few Columban calendars at the front door. Please leave your \$10.00 in the suggestion box next to the calendars.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the generous family who donated a brand-new BBQ to the parish. It will be assembled and put to good use.

SENIORS LUNCH THANKYOU

My wife and I would like to express our "Thanks" for such a wonderful Xmas lunch for seniors that it was held last Sunday.

Everyone was impressed with the dedication, hard work and a happy disposition from all the Care group Committee, Jill and the team.

Regards,
Esther/Frank

Why we do what we do

Why is Christmas so important? Explaining it to the kids

By Fr John Flader December 23, 2015

Recently my five year-old son asked me why Christmas is so important and while I think I gave him some good answers I suspect there may be more. How would you answer him?

Actually, the Catechism of the Catholic Church answers your son's question under the heading "Why did the Word become flesh?" It is a somewhat more sophisticated way of putting it but in the end it is the same question. Christmas is important because it celebrates the birth into the world of the Word of God, the second person of the Blessed Trinity, and his birth brought many blessings.

Many centuries ago St Anselm (1033-1109) wrote a whole treatise on the question entitled *Cur Deus Homo?* – Why the God man? so it is a question that has been thought about down the ages.

Before we look at the answers the Catechism gives we should remind ourselves that the child Jesus lying in the manger is not just one more child – he is God the Word who has become man. As Pope Benedict says in his Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini*, “*The Lord made his word short, he abbreviated it*” (Is 10:23; Rom 9:28) ... *The Son himself is the Word, the Logos: the eternal word became small – small enough to fit into a manger... Now the word is not simply audible; not only does it have a voice, now the word has a face, one which we can see: that of Jesus of Nazareth*” (n. 12).

Returning to your son's question about why Jesus' birth is so important, we find the **first and most important answer** in the Creed we say in Mass on Sundays: “*For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*”

That is, Jesus came to us in that first Christmas for our salvation – to redeem us from original sin and from our personal sins. In the words of the Catechism, “*The Word became flesh for us in order to save us by reconciling us with God, who ‘loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins’; ‘the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world,’ and ‘he was revealed to take away sins’*” (1 Jn 4:10; 4:14; 3:5; CCC 457).

The second reason for the Word becoming flesh is “so that we might know God's love” (CCC 458). We know that God loves us but it is especially in his becoming man and living among us that we see the love of God made visible. St John writes: “In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him” (1 Jn 4:9). And Our Lord said to Nicodemus, “*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life*” (Jn 3:16).

Truly Christmas is a great manifestation of God's love for mankind. The infant lying in the manger is God in the flesh, God who so loved us that he became man and dwelt amongst us in order to redeem us by his death on the cross. And by coming into the world as a new-born infant he is easy to love in return. Christmas is a good time to grow in love for Jesus.

The third reason for the Word becoming flesh is “to be our model of holiness” (CCC 459). We are all called to holiness, to be saints in our own state in life, but how do we achieve this? What is the model we are to imitate? The model is Jesus Christ himself, “*perfect God and perfect man*”, as we say in the Athanasian Creed.

Just as many people have a hero that they try to imitate, studying their way of being and mannerisms in order to imitate



them and be more like their hero, so our hero is Jesus Christ. We make the effort to get to know him better by reading the Scriptures and other books about him, so that we can become more like him, more Christ-like. He is the model of holiness. He himself said, “Learn from me” (Mt 11:29), and “*I am the way, and the truth, and the life*” (Jn 14:6).

The fourth reason why the Word became flesh was “to make us ‘partakers of the divine nature’” (2 Pet 1:4; CCC 460). That is, by assuming our human nature, and making us members of his Mystical Body through Baptism, Jesus allows us to share in the divine nature. Many Fathers of the Church express this truth, each one in

slightly different words. For example, St Athanasius says: “*For the Son of God became man so that we might become God*” (De inc. 54, 3; CCC 460).

As we see in these four reasons, Christmas is very important.

It is truly a feast to be celebrated for the many lessons it teaches us and the benefits it brings.

This article was first published on 23 December, 2012.

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SJ 23rd Youth Ministry

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

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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: 2018

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 7 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 4 Series, 'Fake News' explores the Good News of Jesus, not fake news. It looks at who Jesus really is - the God who became man, died for our redemption, and rose from the dead. It dispels myths that Jesus is just a good guy, who teaches us how to be good, is tolerant of our life choices, and chooses the path of least resistance. His Passion and Death is certainly not the path of least resistance, and we are called to follow in His footsteps.



Next Session: 15th December 2017



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

Word Find

Make a straight path for the Lord

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Find these words

Baptist	camel	crowd	grasshoppers	Holy Spirit	honey
Jordan	Judea	prophet	sins	sorry	water

Positions Vacant

Youth Minister – St Bernadette’s Parish, Castle Hill. More details at:

www.parracatholic.org/employment

Volunteers for the homeless needed

The Order of Malta requires volunteers to visit ‘homeless hotspots’ around Parramatta. Volunteer drivers, nurses and paramedics are needed to provide this service to Parramatta’s homeless. If you would like to learn more, please email info@smom.org.au

Kid’s Corner

Fill in the blanks

The prophet Isaiah wrote:

“I am _____ my
 _____ ahead of you,
 who will _____ your way;
 the _____ of one _____ out
 in the _____:
 ‘Prepare the _____ of the _____,
 make his paths _____,’”

Crying straight way voice sending prepare wilderness
 Messenger Lord

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Mass Times

Tuesday 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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