

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
27 - 28 January 2018

**He taught as One who had
authority**



JAN	PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR
MON 29	
TUE 30	7:30pm - Novena: Liturgy of the Word
WED 31	<i>Saint John Bosco (F)</i>
FEB	
THU 1	
FRI 2	
SAT 3	
SUN 4	Baptism - Giovanni, Noel, Daisy, Isla, Siris

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

This Sunday's biblical texts tell us good news that rekindles our hope. There are days when we need it. When all goes wrong, we can turn to the Lord; we can count on his presence and his love. His great and unique concern is to save all humanity.

This is the message we find in the first reading. Before he dies, Moses promises the people of Israel that God will not abandon them. He will continue to guide and teach them, even after the death of Moses: "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen." Later, Christians will read this passage by applying it to Jesus. The apostle Peter will understand that Jesus alone has "the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:68). Our response must be a listening and welcoming attitude, as we read in Psalm 95, "O that today you would listen to his voice! Do not harden your hearts".

Today's Gospel tells us the first preaching of Jesus. He is the prophet who teaches with authority. Jesus is first of all a teacher. He came to reveal the Father to us and to teach us the meaning of the Scriptures. In front of Him, we are called to become His disciples, people who listen to Him and follow Him.

Gospel Reflections

The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, shattered. Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is powerful. However, it harbours a fear that a more powerful Holy Spirit could reintegrate a personality, could make a community out of divided groups.

'Have you come to destroy us?' indicates that this fear was realised in the coming on to the scene of Jesus Christ. Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action, healing a man torn apart by a diabolical spirit.

Jesus Christ invites and empowers us to join in his healing mission to overcome whatever it is which tears people apart, whether at the individual, community or global levels. We do so in the confidence of His Resurrection which overcame the diabolical tearing apart of His body and soul.

We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to joining Jesus' mission, so putting the fear of God into the devil!

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PARISH COLUMBARIUM

The parish is planning a major project to build a columbarium in the memorial garden. The details are in the flyer in the pews.

The launch, early-bird costs are:

1st niche \$2 000

2nd niche \$1 800

3rd and subsequent niches \$1 500 each

These costs apply to 30 June 2018, after which we anticipate they will increase. We would encourage you to discuss this with your family and indicate your interest as soon as possible. There will be a form at the front door or you may email business-manager@john23rd.org.au

At this stage we are looking for expressions of interest and will accept payments once our Development Application from Blacktown Council is approved. At that stage payment in full will secure your niche/s and their place in the wall.

BIGGEST LOSER

We have had to postpone the Biggest Loser Challenge as we do not have sufficient administrative support. We hope to run the Challenge soon after Easter – a good opportunity to lose that Easter egg over-indulgence!

Apologies to all the would-be challengers who had indicated their interest. We need 8 -10 people to join the Fundraising Committee and assist with such ventures.

Please contact Nanette Gamboa care of Parish Office 98520580.

PARISH INFORMATION

Do you know we have a website – <http://john23rd.com/>

We also have a Facebook page – please Like us - <https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish/>



Welcome to the community of the Catholic Parish of St John 23rd Glenwood-Sunshine Gardens where the love of Christ is shining in so many ways.



Saint John XXIII
Catholic Parish
Bishop's Conference



Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: "Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

R. If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**



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limitless
and
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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

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

29 Mon 4th week ordinary time

1st Reading 2 Samuel 15:13-14. 30; 16:5-13

Psalm Ps 3:2-8

Gospel Mark 5:1-20

30 Tues 4th week ordinary time

1st Reading 2 Samuel 18:9-10. 14. 24-25

Psalm Ps 85:1-6

Gospel Mark 5:21-43

31 Wed Saint John Bosco (M)

1st Reading 2 Samuel 24:2. 9-17

Philippians 4:4-9

Psalm Ps 31:1-2. 5-7

Ps 102:1-4. 8-9. 13-14. 17-18

Gospel Mark 6:1-6

Matthew 18:1-5

February

1 Thu 4th week ordinary time

1st Reading 1 Kings 2:1-4. 10-12

Psalm 1 Chronicles 29:10-12

Gospel Mark 6:7-13

2 Fri Presentation of the Lord (F)

1st Reading Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm Ps 23:7-10

2nd Reading Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel Luke 2:22-40 (long)

Luke 2:22-32 (short)

3 Sat 4th week ordinary time

1st Reading 1 Kings 3:4-13

Psalm Ps 118:9-14

Gospel Mark 6:30-34

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:

Gertrudes Agustin Pablo, Errol Sancousi,
Paulina Cusi, Jennifer Sheffield & Dr Ng,
Basil Cherry, Felipe Jose Jr Lim, Mary Davis

Deceased:

Elpidio Beltran, R J Rosales, Jeffrey Turner,
Ildelfonsa Capopas, Emelio Capopas,
Alejandro Diaz, Nin & Thomas Arapa,
Juan Marmoujo, Mark De Jesus,
Charles Briffa

Anniversary:

Stephen Kingsford, Teresita Rehac,
M.O Thomas, Juan Parungao

Sick:

Liezl Sultana, Giuseppe David LoRusso,
Edmond Rizon, Romy Masangkay

Thanksgiving:

Ronaldo, Kristine, Maria, Ramon,
Vincenzo Zamora, Eucharist Camilleri

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

"I live by the mercy of Jesus, to whom I owe everything and from whom I expect everything."
— 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

	2	9	16	23	30
Jan	<i>Paguinto M</i>	<i>Magpayo</i>	<i>Sebastian</i>	<i>Shalini</i>	Ivon
Feb	6 Manalo	13 Houghton	20 Dasan	27 Tiong	
Mar	6 Paguinto R	13 Sebastian	20 Shalini	27 Viola	
Apr	3 Cendana	10 Manalo	17 Sebastian	24 Shalini	
May	1 <i>available</i>	8 <i>available</i>	15 Manalo	22 <i>available</i>	29 <i>available</i>

⇒ Lenten Program

Dear parishioners, are you ready for **Holy Week**? Pray, Share and Live the Gospel during Lent this year by joining or forming your own Lenten Discussion Groups. Discussions will be guided by a participant's book plus DVD and CDs entitled **Blessed + Broken** which will be provided. Elements of the program are:

- Prayer (in the book, music on CD 1 and 2)
- Gospel Reading (book + CDs)
- Gospel Reflection (book, CDs and DVD)
- Stories 'blessed, broken and given' (DVD and CD only)
- Pray, Share and Live the Gospel Day by Day (book)

Groups meet once a week starting Ash Wednesday and run for the 6 weeks in Lent. Sign-up sheets are available at the church foyer. For more information, please contact **Vittorio Lim** on tel. 0411 765 050 or **Rowena Esmero** on tel. 0433 524 452.

PASTORAL CARE

We have a Parishioner who lives in Glenwood that needs a lift to attend any Sunday Mass. If you are able to assist please call Parish Office.

LITURGY

Do you wish to serve the parish as Minister of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Senior Adult Server or as Acolyte? The Office of Worship, Diocese of Parramatta will conduct the Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses this coming Feb. Application forms are available in the foyer, from the parish office or email Bob Agbulos on bragbulos@gmail.com for a copy.

VINNIES

⇒ CALL OUT FOR TOWEL DONATIONS

Vinnies is currently seeking donations of towels, bathmats and face-washers in good, clean condition for our Caroline Chisholm Centre, which now provides shower and washing machine facilities to people experiencing primary homelessness. Many of our service users take their towels with them after using our facilities.

If you are spring cleaning or know of anybody who has some towels, face-washers, bathroom toiletries or bathmats that they no longer need, please get in touch with our Caroline Chisholm Centre on 8804 3434 or drop them off at our church foyer and we will take them to the Caroline Chisholm Centre.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

On behalf of St John XXIII Parish, welcome to our faith community!

Moving into a new area can be quite a challenge, let alone finding a new church community in which to worship and interact. I hope our parish will be able to provide support and assistance while you move into your new home – geographically as well as spiritually.

The parish has many ministry and support groups, detailed in the welcome envelopes at the front of the church – “Parish Information for New Parishioners”. If you would like to lend a hand in any parish activities please contact the parish office. Of course, if you have a need of any of our support services or would like your home blessed, again, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office.

I would ask you to complete the enclosed census form in the welcome pack or at the church foyer to enable us to keep you informed of parish activities.

And to enable us to plan and budget for the projects we have planned for the coming years, as well as the daily running of the parish, I would encourage you and the adult members of your family to consider enrolling in our planned giving programme. You may contribute by direct debit or credit card (our preferred methods) or by envelope.

All forms are available at the church foyer or by contacting the parish office.

I wish you every success and happiness at St John XXIII, a community which looks forward to a future of growth and prosperity with you and your family in our midst.

Yours in Christ

Fr John McSweeney

Parish Priest

Q: Why has the "Amen" been dropped from the "Our Father" at the Holy Mass? *(it is not in the missalette.) My understanding is that "Amen" means "I believe." I have come to believe that the additional prayers that were added to the Our Father in the Mass where the Amen is omitted, have now trained our faithful to omit it when we pray the rosary and the Chaplet of Mercy with our prayer group or anytime we pray the Our Father in a group. I have also noticed this at Communion services where only the Our Father is prayed — the Amen is omitted - and on the Catholic radio station in my area. I firmly believe that we are doing something seriously wrong. - M.W., Forest Grove, Oregon*

A: Our reader has made a very interesting point and illustrates an example of an unintended consequence of the liturgical reform of the Second Vatican Council.

Before the reform the Our Father recited at Mass included the "Amen," a term which may be roughly translated "so be it." At solemn Masses the priest would sing the Pater Noster alone; at simple Masses he would recite it with the server but only the priest would say "Amen" in a low voice.

In 1958 the instruction "De Musica Sacra" laid down rules for the direct participation of the faithful, including permission for the assembly to recite or sing the Pater Noster in Latin with all saying "Amen" at the end.

The liturgical reform extensively reordered the Communion rites and this led, not so much to dropping the "Amen" after the Our Father but to its postponement. One significant change was that a shortened version of the embolism: "Deliver us Lord from every evil ...," formally a prayer said silently by the priest while breaking the host, was now to be said aloud, taking its cue from the last words of the Our Father.

At the end of this prayer, instead of "Amen" the people respond with the acclamation: "For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

This acclamation was a new addition to the Communion rites and was probably added for ecumenical reasons. This phrase, although not found in the Gospel text, has traditionally functioned as a final verse of the Our Father in both the Eastern and Protestant traditions. In some rites all recited this verse while in others, such as the Byzantine, the priest alone adds it after the choir finishes the Our Father.

After this acclamation we find the prayer for peace. This prayer was formally a private priestly prayer recited after the Agnus Dei and before the sign of peace, which was exchanged only at solemn Masses and among the clergy alone. It is now recited aloud by the priest and has consequently been changed from the singular to plural (no longer look not on "my" but on "our" sins).

Finally, after all this, we have the "Amen" said by all, which in a way concludes the Our Father and the prayers that follow.

From a strictly liturgical point of view, this postponement of the "Amen" obeys a certain logic. It is unlikely that the formulators of the rite fully grasped this change's capacity in forming the prayer habits of the faithful over time.

As our correspondent points out, many practicing Catholics habitually omit the final "Amen" from the Our Father, and this fact is probably attributable to the new liturgical practice.

That this "Amen" does form part of the Lord's Prayer in non-liturgical contexts is shown, for example, by its inclusion in the common prayers found in the new Compendium of the Catechism.

Since it is highly unlikely that the liturgical text is going to change, the only solution is to pay attention when we pray the Our Father during the rosary and similar situations and form a habit of saying the "Amen."

Catholic media, especially radio, can have a positive effect in this effort and should be politely encouraged to correct any oversights which have slipped in by force of habit. ZE06110740

Follow-up: Why No "Amen" at End of the Our Father [11-21-2006]

Several readers responded to our comments on the missing "Amen" at the end of the Our Father (Nov. 7).

One interesting comment hailed from an eminent Anglican who wrote: *"Father McNamara ... doesn't say — and I had always thought — that modern practice was, broadly, to add 'Amen' to prayers said by others — signifying assent — but not to prayers one said oneself. Thus, in the Roman rite, the prayer of preparation said by the priest immediately before Communion has no 'Amen' whereas the main orations (which the congregation hears) have an 'Amen' added. Mutatis mutandis, the 'Hail Mary's in the Angelus — or when used in the Prayer of the Faithful — tend not to have an 'Amen.' The great exception to this rule is that the Gloria and Credo are recited by all and have an Amen but, no doubt, that is in recognition of the ancient nature of the texts and their musical settings."*

This comment regarding the nature of the "Amen" as a response to prayers said by others would offer a further explanation as to why it was omitted from the Our Father recited at Mass.

As our reader points out, it is a broad rule and there are several exceptions. For example, the "Amen" is omitted after the Our Father recited during Morning and Evening Prayer of the Divine Office. But it is included in the "Glory be to the Father" recited by all at the end of each psalm in the Office.

Likewise, the liturgical practice is not necessarily carried over into personal prayer and official collections of prayers, such as the Enchiridion of Indulgences, and the

Compendium of the Catechism, almost always include the "Amen" at the end of the orations with no distinction made for private or group recitation.

A reader from Kansas asked: "I would also like to know why the last word of the Our Father is also omitted. That word is 'one,' i.e., 'deliver us from the evil one.'"

The Catechism makes clear in Nos. 2850-2854 that the petition to be freed from evil is not an abstraction but refers to a person, Satan, the evil one. The original Greek text, however, admits both translations ("from evil" or "from the evil one") and the present English translation respects the traditional rendition which is already found in the 1611 King James version.

Finally, a reader asked how to pronounce the word "Amen."

Many foreign words entering into English take on a life of their own and end up bearing little resemblance to the original pronunciation. As English rules of pronunciation are somewhat fluid, it is hard to say if there is really a correct way of pronouncing this word in English.

All told, the Hebrew word "amen" has survived fairly intact even though there are regional differences of pronunciation.

Beyond the United States most English speakers tend to say AH-men. In the United States the form AY-men is perhaps most common, but even there the form AH-men is almost invariably used when singing or reciting prayers in Latin. Some Eastern-rite chants sound closer to AH-min than to AH-men.

In the end, it is more important to assent heart and soul to the liturgical prayers than to accent them with perfect diction. ZE06112121

ROME, 7 NOV. 2006 (ZENIT)

Answered by Father Edward McNamara, professor of liturgy at the Regina Apostolorum university.

<https://www.evtm.com/library/Liturgy/zlitur150.htm>

SJ 23rd Youth Ministry

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

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Next session: 2018

Topic: TBA

Guest Speaker: TBA



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Praise & Worship

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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.

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The Term 4 Series, 'Fake News' explored 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: tba



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

Word Find

Jesus teaches with authority

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Find these words

Amazed Capernaum destroy evil Holy Moses Nazareth
Powerful quiet Sabbath shook teaching

Food for Thought

HOW TO AVOID FATAL INJURIES AND ACCIDENTS

From a friend in America

1. Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in Hospitals. So, above all else, avoid hospitals.

BUT, you will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at Church!

And, Bible study is safe too. The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even smaller.

So for SAFETY'S sake: Attend Church, and read your Bible. IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

Kid's Corner

Help spread the good news by connecting all the faces. 😊 Only use straight lines - including diagonal lines - but do not pass through crossed boxes. ❌

Complete the sentence below by adding each letter that your line passes through.

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FINISH

People were amazed at his
_____ teaching.

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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

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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