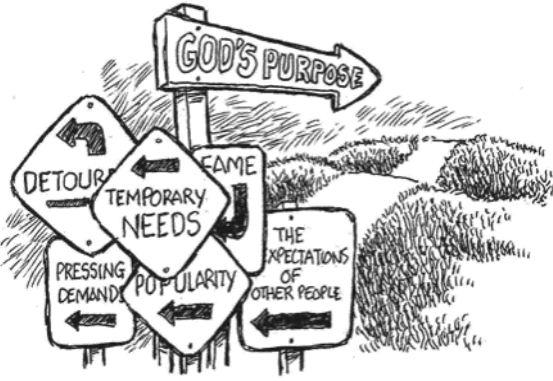


# The Catholic Parish of St John XXIII

Cnr Perfection Ave and Bentwood Tce, Stanhope Gardens [www.john23rd.com](http://www.john23rd.com)

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

3 - 4 February 2018



FEB	PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR
Mon 5	<i>Saint Agatha (M)</i>
Tue 6	<i>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions (M)</i> 7:30pm - Novena: Liturgy of the Word
Wed 7	
Thu 8	
Fri 9	9.15am Opening School Mass Holy Cross
Sat 10	<i>Saint Scholastica (M)</i>
Sun 11	Baptism - Liam, Andrew, Elouise, Sophia, Ben

## 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 liturgical texts of this Sunday speak to us of suffering. We first heard Job's prayer. Here is a man who has lost everything, his property, his family, his health; he is deeply touched in his heart and in his flesh.

In him everything is contradictory: he despairs and he hopes; he blasphemes and he adores; he appeals to God and against God.

This suffering is well known to many patients, adults, young people and even children.

On this Sunday, our eyes are on them and on those who accompany them, the caregivers, the families and the volunteers who will visit them. Our mission as Christians is also to carry them in our prayer.

By our quality of presence, we want to witness to a God who reaches everyone in the depths of his distress.

## Gospel Reflections

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter) was sick in bed with a raging fever. When Jesus learned about her distressed state, he 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. He broke the taboo about physical contact with a woman not his relative because he wanted to holistically heal her dis-ease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need an aspirin and a cup of tea. She felt quarantined, isolated, and needed a hand reassuring her of sociable relationships. Jesus overcame her fever and her dis-ease with the world.

At every Mass we exchange a physical gesture at the greeting of Peace. This quite often overcomes being ill-at-ease with a family member or just with the neighbour in the pew. We need to take that symbolic action into the world. For somebody, it may be the most touching thing we ever do.

We could pause for a moment to identify that person who needs us to reach out, to take their hand and help them up.

© Fr Michael Tate

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## 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-Stanhope Gardens  
where the love of Christ is shining in so many ways.



St John XXIII  
Catholic Parish



**WE GIVE THANKS ...**

Many people worked around the church through the holidays. We thank

- ◊ Our gardeners, for doing such a great job keeping the gardens alive in the heat
- ◊ Ken and Edna for the wonderful fridge they donated to the parish
- ◊ Michael, for helping to transport the fridge (pushing it uphill!)
- ◊ Paul, for painting the sanctuary wall
- ◊ Boy, for repairing tables and green benches
- ◊ Our new cleaning teams who started this week

**PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

Please bring palms you have from last Palm Sunday to be processed for ashes for Ash Wednesday – 14 February. We will need your palms by Sunday 11 February. Please leave them in the box in the front foyer.

**SUGGESTION BOX**

We have a suggestion box in the front foyer and welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

**COLUMBARIUM UPDATE**

“I pray that this project may be a place of true prayer and connection with the whole Company and Communion of Saints.”

Bishop Vincent Long

We received the good news last week that Bishop Vincent has given conditional approval to our columbarium. Once we have Blacktown Council DA approval he will have to give his final approval to proceed to construction. We have briefed our columbarium contractors and the town planning consultants.

Once the DA is approved and we have Bishop Vincent's final approval we will offer the niches for sale on a first-come first-served basis. We have received expressions of interest for over 200 niches. For information on the columbarium please take a flyer from the front foyer.

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**STARTING SCHOOL IN 2019?**

Is your child starting school in 2019? All families are warmly invited to attend the Open Day for John XXIII Catholic Primary School on Tuesday, 13th March 2018.

Tour begins at 9.30 am and concludes at 10.30 am. Expressions of Interest for enrolment are strongly encouraged....visit our College Website [www.stanhopegardenscps.com.au](http://www.stanhopegardenscps.com.au) for online submissions.

Is your child starting high school in 2019? Or, are you looking for a change? All families are warmly invited to attend the Open Afternoon for St Mark's Catholic College on Wednesday, 14th March 2018. Tours commence at 4 pm and 5 pm and take one hour. Meet our Leadership Team, visit our learning spaces, view our facilities and find out about learning Stanhope style!

Expressions of Interest for enrolment are strongly encouraged....visit our College Website [www.stanhopegardenscps.com.au](http://www.stanhopegardenscps.com.au) for online submissions.

## Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

## Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

## First Reading

*Job 7:1-4, 6-7*

*I am filled with sorrow all day long.*

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm


*Ps 146:1-6*

**R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. **R.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. he fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**



*is like a mirror.*

*We must use this mirror to examine ourselves.*

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

*Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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

### 5 Mon Saint Agatha (M)

1st Reading 1 Kings 8:1-7. 9-13  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Psalm Ps 131:6-10  
Ps 30:3-4. 6. 8. 16-17

Gospel Mark 6:53-56 /Luke 9:23-26

### 6 Tues St Paul Miki & Companions (M)

1st Reading 1 Kings 8:22-23. 27-30  
Galatians 2:19-20

Psalm Ps 83:3-5. 10-11 /Ps 125

Gospel Mark 7:1-13 /Matthew 28:16-20

### 7 Wed 5th week ordinary time

1st Reading 1 Kings 10:1-10

Psalm Ps 36:5-6. 30-31. 39-40

Gospel Mark 7:14-23

### 8 Thu 5th week ordinary time

1st Reading 1 Kings 11:4-13

Psalm Ps 105:3-4. 35-37. 40

Gospel Mark 7:24-30

### 9 Fri 5th week ordinary time

1st Reading 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19

Psalm Ps 80:10-15

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

### 10 Sat Saint Scholastica (M)

1st Reading 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34  
Song of Songs 8:6-7

Psalm Ps 105:6-7. 19-22

Ps 148:1-2. 11-14

Gospel Mark 8:1-10  
Luke 10: 38-42

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, Dante Lat, Pauline Famon,  
Philomina Rachala, John Pachala

### Deceased:

Gertrudes Agustin Pablo, Jeffrey Turner,  
Antonia Cremona, Victoria Cremona,  
Victor Cremona, Angelo Cremona,  
Guy & Emmanuel Falzon

### Anniversary:

Domina Fernandes, Stephen Kingsford,  
Felicisimo Gabriel Sr, Emanuel Cremona

### Sick:

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

### Thanksgiving:

Cedric & Judith Castellino, Ronaldo,  
Kristine, Maria, Ramon, Vincenzo Zamora,  
Xavier, Fly, Theophil, Theodore

## 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.



*“Prudent is he who can keep silent that part of truth which may be untimely, and by not speaking it, does not spoil the truth of what he said.” — 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					
Feb	6	13	20	27	
	Manalo	Houghton	Dasan	Tiong	
Mar	6	13	20	27	
	Paguinto R	Sebastian	Shalini	Viola	
Apr	3	10	17	24	
	Cendana	Manalo	Sebastian	Shalini	
May	1	8	15	22	29
	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	Manalo	<i>available</i>	<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.

## 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](mailto:bragbulos@gmail.com) for a copy. Enrolment closes on 8th February 2018.



## **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.

## **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.

## **SRE**

### **WHY I LOVE MY SRE MINISTRY**

I have been serving as an SRE teaching assistant for two months and I am enjoying all the moments I spend with the teacher and the children in the classes. I feel like I am getting closer to God and growing in faith with the children through sharing and praying together. It is such a wonderful experience. **Shirley Chiu**

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## **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

## HOW CATHOLICS PRAY

### Expressions of Prayer



Many years ago a group of seminarians were gathered and their Novice Master instructed them, “Now remember, you are not allowed to chew gum while you are praying.”

One of the seminarians asked, “But, Father, is it okay to pray while we’re chewing gum?”

“Of course,” the Novice Master replied, leaving them wondering just how to follow these contradictory instructions.

This story illustrates that prayer is both an activity on its own as well as a way of living out one’s entire life. Prayer can be formal or informal, verbal or nonverbal, active or contemplative. Prayer is communicating with God. Just as we talk and share with our best friends what is happening in our lives, so we talk and share with God. Just as we listen to our friends, so we listen to God.

As in human communication, our communication with God can be expressed in a variety of ways. We communicate with God using words and songs, in imagination and silence, and ritually or spontaneously. We can pray in church, our gardens, our cars, or while in the shower. We can also pray lying in bed, as the first thing we do when we awake, and as the last thing we do as we drift off to sleep. One of the characteristics of prayer we as Catholics believe is that with the right intention every moment of the day—all our hopes, works, joys, and sufferings—can become our prayer.

Catholics pray in different ways. The Catechism names three major expressions of prayer: vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer.

#### Vocal Prayer

Vocal prayer is giving voice to what is

stirring in our hearts and in our souls. Vocal prayer can be as simple and uplifting as “*Thank you, God, for this beautiful morning.*” It can be as formal as a Mass celebrating a very special occasion. It can be as intense and immediate as the prayer Jesus uttered in the Garden of Gethsemane, “*Not my will, but yours be done.*”

Most Catholics learn traditional prayers from the time they were young. These normally include the Sign of the Cross, the Hail Mary, the Lord’s Prayer, and a mealtime blessing. They might also include prayers at waking and at bedtime. Over time many people learn other prayers, such as the Memorare, a prayer asking Mary, the mother of God, to pray for us in our time of need.

Catholics often pray in groups. When two or more people gather together to raise their minds and hearts to God in prayer, their prayer is called communal prayer. Examples of communal prayer are the Rosary, devotional prayers including novenas and litanies, classroom prayers, and, most importantly, the Mass. Standing together at Mass reciting the Creed (“*I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth ...*”) is a powerful experience that both expresses and shapes our faith. Though we might say the same prayers over the course of our lives, their meaning grows and changes with our life experiences. Surely, the Lord’s Prayer means something vastly different to a person who has just buried his or her father than it does to a child who still has only vague notions about God. Our vocal prayers are not just “going through the motions,” they are the expression of a living faith.

At Mass the presider invites each one of us to “*Lift up your hearts.*” When we honestly say “*We lift them up to the Lord,*” we know we are truly praying, for that is what prayer is—lifting our hearts to God.

## Meditation

To meditate is to reflect on or think about God. When we meditate, we keep our attention and focus on God so that we can recognize his presence in our daily lives and respond to what God is asking of us. When we meditate, a variety of things can help us to concentrate and to spark our imaginations. We may use Scripture, particularly the Gospels; traditional prayers; writings of the spiritual fathers; religious images; or history—the page on which the “today” of God is written. Meditation, also known as reflective prayer, leads us to conversation with God. Remembering that we are in God’s presence, we can listen to him speak to us. We enter into God’s sacred time and space and know that he is with us at all times and in all places.

## Contemplative Prayer

When we rest quietly in God’s presence, we engage in contemplation. In contemplation we spend time with God in wordless silence, aware that he is with us. To understand how contemplation occurs, we can compare it with thinking on—or contemplating—a beautiful sunset. We are conscious of its impact, but our reaction is wordless. When we experience God personally, we feel his love and wait for him to speak to us in his own way. The key is to make time to relax and listen in God’s presence, to seek union with the God who loves us.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/prayer/personal-prayer-life/different-ways-to-pray/hon-catholics-pray>

## ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Pope Francis has declared 8 February to be the world day of prayer and action against human trafficking. He chose this day because it is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of Sudan and of victims of slavery. Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child from Africa and sold into slavery in the Sudan and in Italy before being freed and becoming a Canossian Sister.

The UN estimates that one in every three victims of trafficking is a child.

You are invited to join ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) to mark this day in your parish and school communities.

Find out more about the campaign at <https://acrath.org.au/2016-world-day-of-prayer/>



## ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Born in 1869 in Sudan, Josephine was 7 years old when taken by slave traders. She was bought and sold many times in the following decade. Taken to Italy by a family, who ‘owned’ her, she met the Canossian Daughters of Charity, became a Catholic and joined the Canossian congregation. She died in 1947 and was canonised in 2000.

### Actions

**Learn** about human trafficking

**Pray** for victims of trafficking and for an end to slavery

**Purchase** good that are not tainted by slave labour including those carrying the following logos



*"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: 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' 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**



Word Find

Jesus is the Good News

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

*Find these words*

Alone    diseases    door    fever    Galilee    gather    good  
           House    meal    pray    sick    Simon

## Deanery and Diocesan Pastoral Councils

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv launched our new councils on Saturday 2 December at St Andrew's Parish, Marayong. He called on our councils to be listening bodies, particularly to those who are "outside the tent". Council members are to be connected to the grassroots, to help him listen and respond to the real needs and concerns of the people. More information, including council membership, can be found on [www.faithinourfuture.org.au](http://www.faithinourfuture.org.au)

## Positions Vacant

- Professional Officer
  - Archives and Records Manager
- Chancery Office, Parramatta. More details at: [www.parracatholic.org/employment](http://www.parracatholic.org/employment)
- Interfaith and Ecumenical Executive Officer

- Safeguarding Training and Support Officer

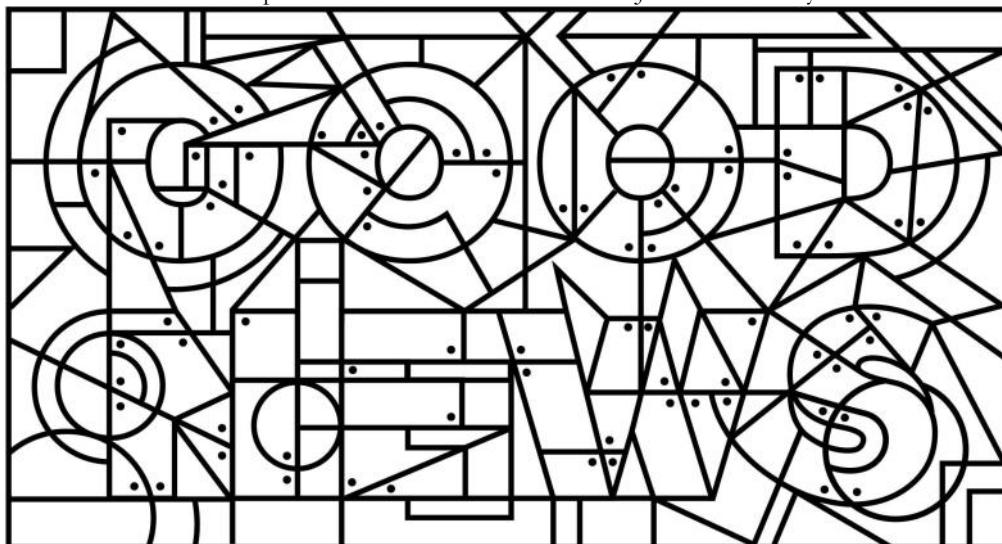
Chancery Office, Sydney. More details at [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au)

## World Youth Day 2019 - Group Leaders

In January 2019 an anticipated 200 pilgrims from the Diocese of Parramatta will be on their journey to WYD in Panama via Mexico to be with Pope Francis and the youth of the world. Here's your chance to contribute and enjoy the formation, training and friendship that comes with being a WYD Group Leader! Read about the responsibilities and apply today for a life changing experience shared with young people at [www.parrawyd.org](http://www.parrawyd.org) or contact James Camden, Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta - [jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:jcamden@parra.catholic.org.au)

## Kid's Corner

Color in all the shapes that contain dots to reveal what Jesus wants everyone to know.





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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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