



I am Willing

FEB	PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR
Mon 12	
Tue 13	<i>Shrove Tuesday</i> 7:30pm - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed 14	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 6.00am, 9.00am & 7:30pm - Ash Wednesday Mass
Thu 15	
Fri 16	
Sat 17	
Sun 18	Baptism - Milana, Travis, Hollyandra, Giaannina, Grayson

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 the biblical texts show the plight of lepers in Jesus' time. They were outcasts. Because of their illness, they were considered unclean. So they were forced to leave away from their families and their environment. They were condemned to loneliness and despair. We now know that leprosy is no longer a cause of exclusion. It has even become a cause of generosity. Each year, a collection is organized to give more resources to those struggling to eradicate this disease. In the past and even today, missionaries are committed to these patients, so that they can be cared for and treated with dignity.

The Gospel of St. Mark shows that Jesus came to the uninhabited places, precisely where the lepers are. He was not afraid to take the chance to meet them; and this is what happened: A leper came to Jesus; He fell to his knees and begged him: If you want, you can cure me. Jesus should have been turning away from this man. The law of Moses required it. But when we read the Gospel, we see that Jesus never just simply kept the law and abandoned them. He is the Good Shepherd who continues to go in search of the lost sheep.

What Jesus once did in the land of Palestine, he continues today. He joins us in all leprosy that disrupt our lives and that of our world: bodily leprosy, diseases, cancer, AIDS, alcoholism, ice, drugs,... There is also psychological and moral leprosy that made lumps in our society. We Christians should not forget the leprosy of sin too. Whatever our situation, the Gospel of this weekend shows a leper who teaches us to look with confidence to the Lord. Only He really knows our distress and can take our problems away.

Gospel Reflections

Lepers were social outcasts forced to live outside the villages and towns. Jesus heals the leper, allowing him to return to communal living, but, in touching him, Jesus put himself on the outer. The Gospel says that Jesus 'had to stay outside where nobody lived'. Jesus willingly changed places with the leper!

This incident prefigures the deepest mystery and scandal of the Gospel. Because of our deliberate wrongdoing, we are 'on the outside' with God. Our Lord and Saviour willingly experienced that alienation on Calvary, outside the walls of Jerusalem, in a desolate place where no-body lived. He suffered the dis-locating consequences of sin in his body and mind: 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'

He took our place outside the human awareness of the loving presence of His Heavenly Father so that we might be located in the right place, insiders with God.

We might pause for a moment to lovingly thank our Saviour for leading us into 'the One in Whom we live and move and have our being'.

© Fr Michael Tate

Diocesan News

World Youth Day 2019 Information Evenings

Every three years WYD provides an opportunity for young people (aged 16-35) to be immersed in the beauty, intensity and adventure of our Catholic faith as we unite with the youth of the world in the presence of Pope Francis. Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people of our Diocese on a journey to the host city of Panama in Central America during January 2019. Unique to our Diocese, we will be immersed in a sharing of faith, culture and local experiences in the shadow of ancient pyramids, Basilica's and the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe as we pass first through Mexico. Visit www.parrawyd.org and join us for one of three upcoming information evenings to learn more. All are from 7-8:30pm.

Monday 12 February – St Andrew's Parish, Marayong

Thursday 15 February – St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

Tuesday 20 February – Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, St Mary's

17 February - Mount St Benedict Centre

Lenten Reflection Day - Seeking God who keeps looking for us. Lent calls us to renew and deepen our Christian call to the faithful seeing of God. The day will include input, conversation and time for quiet reflection. The day will be facilitated by respected biblical scholar and teacher Dr Michele Connolly rsj. Date: Saturday 17 February, 10.00am -3.30 pm
Cost: \$30 morning tea provided, BYO lunch. Reserve your place by email mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or 02 8752 5390. Where: 449D Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills. Entry off Hull Road.

WE GIVE THANKS ...

- ◇ The team that cleaned Our Lady's candlestand - Vincent, Asela, Lito, Rizza and Feli
- ◇ Our sacristans - Stella and Sophia who set up the sanctuary every week day
- ◇ Mary and Esther who wash all our altar linen



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.

SUGGESTION BOX

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

CatholicCare has moved to 13 Buller Street North Parramatta

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains has relocated from 2A Villiers Street, North Parramatta to 13 Buller Street North Parramatta. CatholicCare will continue to offer the following services:

- * Personal and Family Counselling
- * Relationship Counselling
- * Post Separation Support and Counselling
- * Grief and Loss Counselling for adults and children
- * Financial Counselling
- * Problem Gambling Counselling
- * CHOICES NDIS approved counselling

Appointments can be made by calling 02 8843 2530. Free parking available. For more information contact: Karolyn Ellis, Manager Family and Relationship Counselling Services, Karolyn.ellis@ccss.org.au or 0447 441 862.

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. **R.**

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **R.**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. **R.**

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!



The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

12 Mon 6th week ordinary time

1st Reading James 1:1-11

Psalm Ps 118:67-68. 71-72. 75-76

Gospel Mark 8:11-13

13 Tues 6th week ordinary time

1st Reading James 1:12-18

Psalm Ps 93:12-15. 18-19

Gospel Mark 8:14-21

14 Wed Ash Wednesday

1st Reading Joel 2:12-18

Psalm Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17

2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2

Gospel Matthew 6:1-6. 16-18

15 Thu Thursday after Ash Wednesday

1st Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm Ps 1:1-4. 6

Gospel Luke 9:22-25

16 Fri Friday after Ash Wednesday

1st Reading Isaiah 58:1-9

Psalm Ps 50:3-6. 18-19

Gospel Matthew 9:14-15

17 Sat Saturday after Ash Wednesday

1st Reading Isaiah 58:9-14

Psalm Ps 85:1-6

Gospel Luke 5:27-32

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.**

Recently Deceased:

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

Deceased:

William Keenan

Anniversary:

Domina Fernandes, Stephen Kingsford,
Felicisimo Gabriel Sr, Emanuel Cremona,
Gertrude Silva, Vences Fernando

Sick:

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

Thanksgiving:

Virwani family, Perez family



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.

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 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 for online submissions.

“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* 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	
	<i>Manalo</i>	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

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.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

⇒ 13th February - SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday is the name of the day before the start of Lent. The word “shrove” is the past tense of the English verb “shrive” which means to obtain absolution for one’s sins by way of confession and by doing penance.

Shrove Tuesday is known as Pancake Day in Australia. Join us in the celebration of Shrove Tuesday on 13th February after the novena mass. Pancakes/crepes will be served.

Pancakes or any teacakes to share would be most welcome!



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**

The manner of receiving holy Communion

How we handle objects says a lot about how we regard them. When looking at fine jewelry, for example, we are mindful to handle the gems carefully. When observing fine works of art, we don't even touch them at all. When we hold a baby or hug a loved one, we do so gently and with care. The things we handle carefully are usually the things we hold in high esteem.

When it comes to the holy Eucharist, the living sacramental presence of Jesus Christ, this should be true all the more. Because we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist—body, blood soul and divinity—we reserve the Eucharist in a secure tabernacle, constructed of the finest materials available. We situate the tabernacle in a place of honor in the Church, usually in the center of the sanctuary, and we genuflect before it.

To reverence our Lord's sacramental presence, we use chalices and patens for the celebration of the Eucharist, not ordinary dishes. We call these "sacred vessels." Made of precious metal, they are set aside for sacred use only. Priests and deacons wear beautiful vestments during the celebration of the Eucharist and most of us, out of respect for our Lord, put on our "Sunday best" when we head to Mass.

When we receive our Lord in holy Communion, we should receive him in the way we encounter a loved one: with reverence, care, gentleness and humility. For in the holy Eucharist, the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, "Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present" (1374).

Recently, Cardinal Antonio Canizares Llovera, prefect for the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, encouraged Catholics to consider receiving holy

Communion on the tongue as a "*sign of adoration that needs to be recovered.*" When we do so, he said, we "*know that we are before God himself and that he came to us and that we are undeserving.*" To receive the Eucharist on our tongue, he said, is to signify our humility before the Lord and to recognize that it is God himself who feeds us.



For this reason, some Catholics choose to receive the Eucharist not in their hands, but directly on their tongues. Receiving the sacred host on our tongue ensures that we do not treat Christ's presence as an ordinary piece of bread.

Reception of holy Communion on the tongue has been a tradition of the Church for more than 15 centuries. It began, largely, as an effort to affirm that the Eucharist was not a symbol or a ritual, but the living presence of Jesus Christ. In recent years I have observed that a growing number of young Catholics, particularly seminarians, choose now to receive holy Communion on the tongue.

To be sure, the Church permits Catholics to receive the Eucharist either on the tongue or in their hands, at the discretion of the one receiving holy Communion. Both modes of receiving holy Communion have their own value and their own beauty.

Some Catholics feel more comfortable receiving the Eucharist in their hands. For some, touching the Eucharist makes them feel more connected to Jesus Christ himself. It takes humility to accept the Lord, present and visible, in our own hands. Many of the Fathers of the early Church recognized that our hands could be a "throne" for receiving holy Communion—the Lord, the King of

Kings. To make a throne for the Lord with our hands is to signify our total commitment to worship and to Christian service.

Catholics who receive in the hand should ensure, above all, that their hands are clean as they prepare to literally touch the presence of Christ. When they receive, St. John Damascene counselled that they should put their hands “in the form of a cross.” They should receive right away, not when they return to their seat. To pluck, grab or pull the Eucharist into their hands is a sign of great disrespect and could lead to accidentally dropping the sacred host. An even greater danger and sacrilege is the possibility of someone stealing a host for trivial or even evil purposes. Sadly, this actually happens.

As we prepare to receive the new English translation of the Roman Missal on the first Sunday of Advent, let us take this opportunity to reflect on the manner in which we receive our Lord in holy



Communion. It is my hope and prayer that we not only use this historic moment in the liturgical life of the Church to celebrate a new English text of the Roman Missal, but that we also make this a time of true liturgical renewal in every aspect of our worship and communion with the Lord.

Some may choose to receive the Lord on the tongue while others choose to receive in the hand. All of us should receive with great reverence and respect. And to demonstrate reverence and respect, the Church asks us to offer a slight bow of the head immediately before receiving holy Communion. For to receive our Lord in holy Communion is, indeed, the most profound union we can have with God this side of eternity.

This column continues the Denver Catholic Register's New Roman Missal series.

Bishop James D. Conley is apostolic administrator of the Denver Archdiocese. Father Daniel Cardo and Father Marcus Mallick, members of the archdiocese's Implementation Committee for the New Roman Missal, contributed to this column.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resources/roman-missal-3rd-edition/bishops/the-manner-of-receiving-holy-communion>

PARISH INFORMATION

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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.



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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: 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



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

Word Find

Jesus is the Good News

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

Find these words

Begged disappear everywhere gift hand kneel leprosy
Priest sorry tell temple towns

Parish News

Call for Actors and Volunteers for the Way of the Cross

Every Good Friday, we Catholics traditionally go to our church to pray the Stations of the Cross. Here at St John XXIII, we do it differently. We have a living Way of the Cross. Numbers each year have been increasing and estimates from last year was 600. The Way of the Cross will be held on 30th of March, Good Friday from 10am at the Holy Cross Primary School, Glenwood.

Our Way of the Cross is different because we have real people re-living the 14 stations. From Jesus condemnation by Pilate to his crucifixion and to His burial, With people rather than pictures or carvings, it makes more real and our prayers more meaningful.

This would be our 7th year that we will be having our Way of the Cross. We need your help to make this real. We are seeking for actors to play the roles of Jesus, Mother Mary, John the Beloved, Mary Magdalene, Veronica, Simone of Cyrene, Pilate, Roman soldiers, and men, women of Jerusalem. We also need volunteers for greeters & collectors, logistics, supply and keeping of costumes and props.

If you are interested, please email Bob Agbulos, Liturgy coordinator on bragbulos@gmail.com by 28th of Feb. Practice is scheduled on Sat, 10th of March from 3-5pm at Holy Cross Primary. Many thanks and God bless.

Kid's Corner

What did Jesus say to the man after he cured him of leprosy.

Use the words below to find out!

temple

show

commanded

nothing

healed

Say _____ of this to anyone;
but go and _____ yourself to the
_____, then make an offering
at the _____ as Moses
_____, then all will know
you are _____.



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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



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