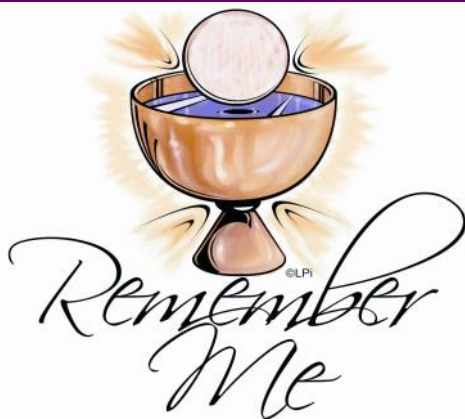


**First Sunday of Lent**

**17 - 18 February 2018**



FEB	PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR
Mon 19	9am - Liturgy of the Word
Tue 20	9am - Liturgy of the Word 7:30pm - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed 21	
Thu 22	<i>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle (F)</i>
Fri 23	7.30pm - Stations of the Cross
Sat 24	
Sun 25	Baptism - Xavier, Nico, Machaela, Erik, Noel, Toby

**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.

> Lent is upon us! We enter into this holy season of preparation for Easter with a spirit of determination; Determination to open ourselves up to the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit, who calls us to conversion and renewal.

> The three traditional practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are just as valid today as they were 2000-3000 years ago.

> An increase in PRAYER creates an awareness of God's loving presence in every moment of every day. All that we are, all that we do - all is done in God, who walks with us at all times.

> Such an increase in awareness of God's continual presence with us then invites us to undertake spiritual FASTING. When we separate ourselves from the indulgent tendencies of contemporary life, we can identify with those who suffer deprivation on a regular basis.

> Naturally this leads to ALMSGIVING, which is an ancient term for charitable activity. Our Prayer and Fasting moves us to help our brothers and sisters in need.

> And so, my friends, as we commence our Lenten Journey today, let's recommit to walking the ancient road of spiritual renewal - of Prayer, Fasting and almsgiving - so that we will be enabled to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of the Lord's Death and Resurrection with even greater joy this Easter!

## From the Pastor's desk

1. There will be Liturgies of the Word with Communion led by Deacon Rudy at 9am this Monday and Tuesday in place of Mass.
2. Mass at Holy Cross on Wednesday will be at 10am.
3. Finance Committee will meet from 7:45 on Tuesday evening as I have to celebrate the 7:30pm Mass. The Novena Prayers will be included in the following Adoration and Benediction led by Deacon Rudy.
4. Parish Pastoral Council will be on Wednesday evening at 7:30pm.
5. We need volunteers to work with Nanette Gamboa on the reconstituted Fundraising Committee. Please see me or Nanette.
6. Please note that there is another Pilgrimage led by Yours Truly during the Sept-Oct school holidays: "From Prague to Dubrovnik". The Brochure is on the Notice Board. Copies are in the Sacristy for those interested in finding out more.

I have recovered from my illness picked up in the plane on my way Home from the Holy Land Pilgrimage. Thank you for your prayers.

God Bless you all.

Fr John

## Prague to Dubrovnik Shrines & Cathedrals of Central Europe

**Departure:** 27th September 2018

**Tour Code:** 8PV46

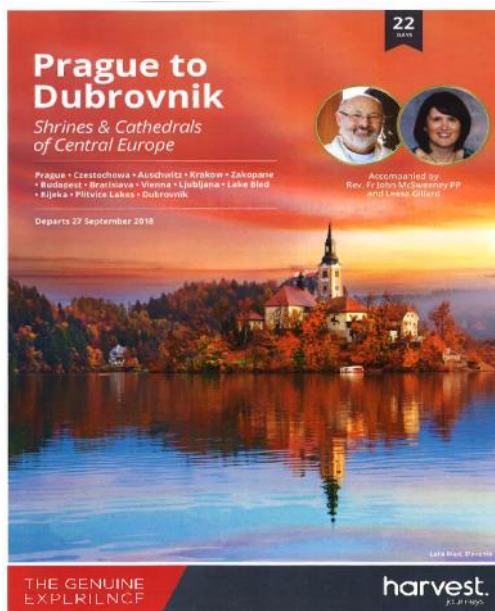
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**Call:** 1800 819 156 Toll free

**Spiritual Chaplain:** Fr John McSweeney

**Book now**

Deposit for the Pilgrimage is \$800



## WE GIVE THANKS ...

- ◇ Priscilla, Brad and Feli for cleaning the Holy Family candle stand
- ◇ Peter and Alan who helped with preparing the ashes for Ash Wednesday
- ◇ Ray for cleaning and preparing the baptismal font for Easter
- ◇ Bob for running our latest Acolytes and Senior Servers training



## 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](mailto:Karolyn.ellis@ccss.org.au) or 0447 441 862.

## NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance.

Please also check out our website and Facebook pages

Fr John McSweeney

Parish Priest

## Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

## First Reading

*Genesis 9:8-15*

*I will recall the covenant between myself and you ... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 24:4-9*

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

## Second Reading

*1 Peter 3:18-22*

*The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!



## Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Gospel Reflections

The Rainbow is God's signature to a treaty with humankind. On God's part, material forces will never be sent to annihilate human beings as a punishment for wrongdoing. On our part, as humans made in the likeness of God, we are to image God's rainbow relationship to nature.

This is the Divine Treaty basis of our responsibility for the environment. We undertake not to engage in practices or support policies which could severely damage the fragile ecology which supports life on our planet. The deforestation of the slopes of the Himalayas, leading to floods which kill thousands, is a catastrophic example.

And, gazing at the rainbow, we can pray for our planet, for the human beings and all other creatures who inhabit it, and quite often for ourselves at a deep personal level. For we know that, just as after a storm and dark clouds, light penetrates the misty sky and the beautiful bow of colour appears, the same phenomenon can occur in our own lives.

We could take a moment to pray that the rainbow will appear, perhaps for ourselves, perhaps for others we know who are going through a stormy time.

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## 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

### **19 Mon 1st Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18

Psalm Ps 18:8-10. 15

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

### **20 Tues 1st Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm Ps 33:4-7. 16-19

Gospel Matthew 6:7-15

### **21 Wed 1st Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading Jonah 3:1-10

Psalm Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 18-19

Gospel Luke 11:29-32

### **22 Thu The Chair of St Peter the Apostle (F)**

1st Reading 1 Peter 5:1-4

Psalm Ps 22

Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

### **23 Fri 1st Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading Ezekiel 18:21-28

Psalm Ps 129

Gospel Matthew 5:20-26

### **24 Sat 1st Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading Deuteronomy 26:16-19

Psalm Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 7-8

Gospel Matthew 5:43-48

Full weekly readings can be found in the parish  
website [http://john23rd.com/our-parish/daily-  
reading/](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:

Mrs Henriqueta Menezes, Jeffrey Turner,  
Mrs Roberto Menezes, Guilhermina Pereira,  
Edwin De Almedia, Felicisimo Gabreil Sr,

### Anniversary:

Wini Jayakody, Gertrude Silva, Yelly Joko,  
Vences Fernando

### Sick:

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

### Thanksgiving:

Ronald Alvarez, Ronaldo, Kristine, Maria,  
Ramon and Vincenzo, Xavier Family,  
Jovita Bituin Ceria

## 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.



*“If God created shadows, it was to emphasis the light.” — 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
	available	Shalini	Manalo	available	available

### ⇒ 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 0490 231 427.

## 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.

### ⇒ Seniors’ Morning Tea

Sunday 25 Feb , 8.30am (After 7.30am mass)

Please bring a plate. We look forward to seeing you again. The Pastoral Care Team





## 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**

## LITURGY

### ⇒ 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](mailto: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.

## Why Do We Do Penance for Lent?

In the Catholic Church, the season of Lent is a time for increased prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for the greatest feast on the Church calendar: Easter.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are forms of penance. Penance simply means the repentance of sins by taking some form of action in reparation for our sins. Just as we sinned by actually committing or omitting something we shouldn't have, so we should do penance by actually committing or omitting something to "make up" for it. And this is for our benefit.

Just as sin did something real in our souls by causing damage, in the same way penance does something real in our souls by bringing healing; doing penance spiritually turns our hearts away from sin and back on the right path of reconciliation with God and a life of holiness lived according to his will. (This is why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is also called the Sacrament of Penance; the priest always gives a prayer or an action to perform after we confess our sins).

*"Wherefore, we ask, urgently and prayerfully, that we, as people of God, make of the entire Lenten Season a period of special penitential observance."* – Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence, USCCB, 1966.

And penance is hard work! But the saints tell us that health of our souls depends on it.

*"Let us chastise our body crucifying it with its vices, concupiscence and sins, because by living according to the flesh, the devil wishes to take away from us the love of Jesus Christ and eternal life and to lose himself in hell with everyone else."* – St. Francis of Assisi

Penance simply means the repentance of sins by taking some form of action in reparation for our sins.

## THE TWO PRIMARY REASONS WE DO A LENTEN PENANCE

1) To make reparation for our sins: We need to grow in our understanding of the depth and seriousness of our sin that nailed Jesus to the Cross, so that we do not fall into the deadly trap of thinking "it's no big deal." All sin is an offense against God, and something for which we must make amends in order to restore our right relationship with Him. The saints and holy men and women did great penances for themselves and also for the souls of many others.

2) To grow in virtue: We do not do penance for the sake of suffering. We should not choose what is going to make us suffer the most, that isn't the point. We do penance in order to deny ourselves the movements of the lower parts of our nature, thus making our will grow stronger towards the higher parts of our nature, so that we will be better able to resist temptations to sin. Virtue is only gained by choosing it over against the vice that is most opposed to it (for example, to conquer pride, one must practice humility).

## WHEN CHOOSING A LENTEN PENANCE, WE SHOULD

Choose something that will help you grow in virtue: Our model for Lent is Jesus who endured the wilderness for 40 days while denying his bodily appetites. When we choose a Lenten penance, we should choose something worthy and something that will help us to rely on grace to accomplish, so that we will be closer to the heart of Jesus Christ by Easter than we were at the start of Lent.

The point of doing penance during Lent is to accomplish something good in our lives, and to remove obstacles to loving God with our whole heart.

What is your Lenten penance this year?

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/why-lenten-penance-two-reasons/>

## 25 February - Lenten Retreat Afternoon for Families

Open to families of all ages and constellations. From 2-4:30pm at Mt Schoenstatt. Event details: <https://goo.gl/NrgeXH>.

This is a free event but registration is essential: [www.trybooking.com/trfl](http://www.trybooking.com/trfl)

9-10 March - 24 hours for the Lord  
From Friday 6pm until Saturday 6pm at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. Commences with Holy Mass at 6pm and concludes with Holy Mass on Saturday at 5pm. For event details: <https://goo.gl/vGicaH>

## 10-11 March - Lenten Retreat for Young Adults

Held at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. For event details: <https://goo.gl/YWfwkW>  
Contact: Sr M Julie [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com)

## 8 – 13 April - Grief to Grace

Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griegtograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griegtograceaus.org.au) or phone 0407704539. For more information visit [www.griegtograce.org](http://www.griegtograce.org)

## 13 – 15 April - Women in Leadership

For women of any age and experience in formal leadership positions and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes etc. The inspirational Sr Hilda Scott OSB (presenter at ACYF) and Dr Leoni Degenhardt will be the presenters. April 13-15 2018 at Benedictine Abbey, 695 Mountain Road, Jamberoo. Info: 02 4236 0533 or [cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au](mailto:cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au)

## PARISH INFORMATION

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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.



## 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](mailto:youth@john23rd.com)

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Believe the Good News

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## Positions Vacant

- Family Life Coordinator - Blacktown Parish, Blacktown

More details at: [www.mqofblacktown.org.au](http://www.mqofblacktown.org.au)

- Interfaith and Ecumenical Executive Officer - Chancery Office, Sydney

- Safeguarding Training and Support Officer - Chancery Office, Sydney

More details at: [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au)

## Volunteers Needed

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service in the Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking caretakers for the Balgo parish. Accommodation and food is provided. For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060. Email: [volunteers@broomedioocese.org](mailto:volunteers@broomedioocese.org) or Web: [www.broomedioocese.org](http://www.broomedioocese.org)

## Kid's Corner

### Resist the Temptation

Place ticks ✓ next to what you think are the right things to do.  
Place crosses ✗ next to the things you would be tempted to do.

You see money lying on the ground at school



#### What do you do?

- ☐ You pick it up and take it to a teacher.
- ☐ You use it to buy icecreams and chocolate for all your friends.
- ☐ You leave it where it is.

You forget to do your homework



#### What do you do?

- ☐ You tell the teacher that you left it on the bus.
- ☐ You pretend to feel sick so that you can get out of class.
- ☐ You tell the teacher that you forgot to do your homework.

You break your mom's favorite vase when playing basketball in the hallway



#### What do you do?

- ☐ You tell your mom that the cat knocked it over.
- ☐ You tell her that you knocked it over with your basketball.
- ☐ You glue it back together and hope that no-one notices.

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*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

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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  
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