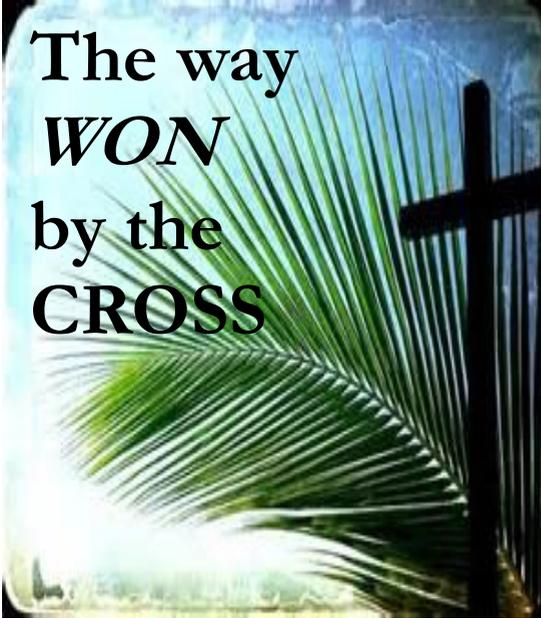


**Palm Sunday**  
24 - 25 March 2018



**The way  
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MAR	PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR
Mon 26	2nd Rite Reconciliation at Winston Hills at 7pm
Tue 27	2nd Rite Reconciliation at Kellyville at 7pm 7:30pm - Liturgy of the Word Novena OLPH
Wed 28	7:30pm - Joint choir practice for Easter Vigil 7:30pm - Chrism Mass at St Patrick Cathedral
Thu 29	7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 30	10:00am - Way of the Cross Holy Cross Primary 3:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat 31	Easter Vigil - 7.30pm
<b>APR</b>	
Sun 1	Easter Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 6.00pm

**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 Sister and brothers in Christ

Once again we enter into the prayerful drama of Holy week. From the celebration of the Lord, Entry into Jerusalem, through the gift of the Eucharist commemorated during the Mass of the Lord's Supper, to the stark Liturgy of Good Friday's Passion - we enter into the last days of Jesus of Nazareth.

And yet, even as we weep at his terrible death on the Cross, we are sure of victory. And with Easter Vigil we are lifted up to New Life in Christ, full of joy at the Resurrection of the Lord.

As Holy week and Easter unfolds this week, let us enter into the movement of our Liturgy, allowing the Spirit to raise us up to New Life despite the periods of Passion and Cross that affect. Let Faith, Hope and Love blossom once again in our hearts in our world!

God Bless you all Fr John

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## Gospel Reflection

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to *non-violent* revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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Christian Meditation is an ancient Christian practice that was revived last century by Fr. John Main, a Benedictine monk. We at St. John 23<sup>rd</sup> Parish are planning to start a weekly meditation group. This group welcomes everyone and consists of a welcome, a short teaching that we listen to, 20-25 minutes silent meditation together finishing with a prayer and short period of sharing afterwards. We plan to hold this meeting on Monday evenings. If you are interested in learning about Christian meditation and joining this group, please talk to Fr. John or Fr. Thomas or call me on 0438072334 Frances Pegrem.

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**Easter Candles for sale** this weekend, \$3 \$5 & \$7. Money will go towards Parish operating expenses.

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PASCHAL TRIDUUM SCHEDULES

Saturday 24 March:	9:30am	Reconciliation (both priests)
	5 - 5:45pm	Reconciliation
Monday 26 March:	7pm	2nd Rite Reconciliation at <b>Winston Hills</b>
Tuesday 27 March:	7pm	2nd Rite Reconciliation at <b>Kellyville</b>
Wednesday 28 March:	7.30pm	Chrism mass at St Patrick's Cathedral
Thursday 29 March:	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper with adoration to midnight
Friday 30 March:	10am	Way of the Cross at <b>Holy Cross</b>
	3pm	Celebration of The Lord's Passion
Saturday 31 March:	7.30pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday 1 April:	regular mass times 7.30am; 9.00am; 10.30am; 6.00pm	

## Entrance Antiphon

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

## First Reading

*Isaiah 50:4-7*

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

## Second Reading

*Philippians 2:6-11*

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Philippians 2:8-9*

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24*

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priest, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back. 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed

and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription, giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.'

And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others, they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Ebi, EI, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah.' Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait and see if

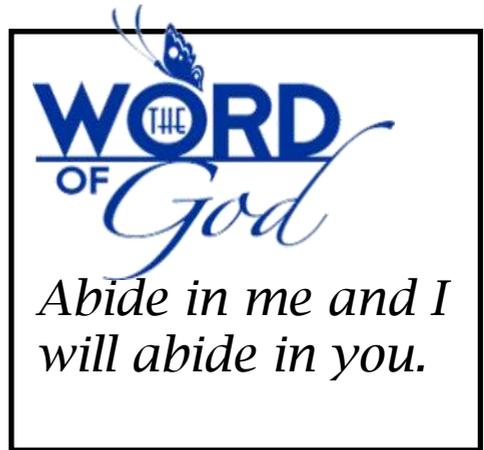
Elijah will come to take him down.’ But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

**All kneel and pause a moment**

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, ‘In truth this man was a son of God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



## Why we do what we do

### What is Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first Easter.

During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and many people will fashion them into small crosses or other items of personal devotion. These may be returned to the church, or kept for the year. Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are appropriately gathered at the church and incinerated to create the ashes that will be used in the follow year's Ash Wednesday observance.

The colors of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolizing the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

*'So it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead'* Luke 24:46

<https://www.catholic.org/lent/palmsunday.php>

### 30 March - Good Friday Night Walk

Catholic Youth Parramatta are hosting the annual Good Friday Night Walk. Starting Friday 30th March at 10:00pm from St Patrick's Church, Blacktown and finishing at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Details at: [parracatholic.org/cyp](http://parracatholic.org/cyp)

### 8 April - First Mass at St Luke's Marsden Park

The new St Luke's Catholic Faith Community, Marsden Park invites you to join them as Bishop Vincent Long, assisted by Deacon Tony, leads their first Mass at St Luke's College, Frontier Avenue, Marsden Park on 8 April at 10am. More info at: <https://stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au>

### 8 April - The Feast of Divine Mercy

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on 8 April 2018 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Celebrations will commence at 3pm with Chaplet, Confessions, Benediction and Mass. There will be fellowship after Mass, please bring a plate to share. No RSVP required.

### 1 May - NSW Pastoral Conference

NSW Pastoral Conference: Forming Missionary Disciples - Join with pastoral council members, parish clergy, staff and volunteers across NSW to explore strategies for forming missionary disciples. How do we renew our baptismal call and enable our gifts in parish and school life? Tuesday 1 May, Lidcombe, cost \$65. Find out more: [www.tinyurl.com/disciples2018](http://www.tinyurl.com/disciples2018) or contact Tanya Quinn: 02 8838 3441 or [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org)

### 6 May - The Permanent Diaconate

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768. Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. The meetings will commence at 3.00pm until 6.00pm followed by the Parish Mass and Fellowship. The 2018 dates on Sundays: 8 July, 9 September, 4 November. For further information visit [www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate](http://www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate) or please contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270782, Deacon George – 0408 440769

## OTHER NEWS

### Positions Vacant

- ◆ Executive Officer, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry - Archdiocese of Sydney
- ◆ University Chaplaincy Co-ordinator, Sydney University Chaplaincies (Closes: 23 March 2018)
- ◆ Live-in Centre Manager – Benedict XVI Retreat Centre

For further information, the advertisements for these positions can be viewed at [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au)

- ◆ Community Participation Leader – Caritas Australia

For further information, please visit [www.caritas.org.au/jobs/positions-vacant](http://www.caritas.org.au/jobs/positions-vacant)

## 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

### **26 Mon Monday of Holy Week**

1st Reading Isaiah 42:1-7  
 Psalm Ps 26:1-3. 13-14  
 Gospel John 12:1-11

### **27 Tues Tuesday of Holy Week**

1st Reading Isaiah 49:1-6  
 Psalm Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17  
 Gospel John 13:21-33. 36-38

### **28 Wed Wednesday of Holy Week**

1st Reading Isaiah 50:4-9  
 Psalm Ps 68:8-10. 21-22. 31. 33-34  
 Gospel Matthew 26:14-25

### **29 Thu Holy Thursday**

1st Reading Isaiah 61:1-3. 6. 8-9  
 Psalm Ps 88:21-22. 25. 27  
 2nd Reading Revelation 1:5-8  
 Gospel Luke 4:16-21

### **30 Fri Good Friday**

1st Reading Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12  
 Psalm Ps 30:2. 6. 12-13. 15-17. 25  
 2nd Reading Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
 Gospel John 18:1 - 19:42

### **31 Sat Holy Saturday**

1st Reading Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 (long)  
 Genesis 1:1. 26-31 (short)  
 Psalm Jeremiah 31:10-13  
 Gospel Genesis 22:1-18

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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### 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

**If you or a family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in  
 your home please contact the parish office.**

**Recently Deceased:**

Sergio Antiocona, Rudy Cruz, Julia Lapuz,  
Serapia Gathdula, Cely Macrohon,  
Keith Jaynes, Jessie Macapagal,  
Rowen Sales

**Deceased:**

Jeffrey Turner, Charles Briffa, Royan, Silvia,  
Rathanam, Thresa, Pupraj, Soundham,  
Amatarani, Deveroy, Victor Francis,  
Basil Cherry

**Anniversary:**

Crispina Alino ,Alfredo U Franco, John  
Corcoran, Juan Marmolejo,  
Jorge Chanco Sr, Yelly Joko

**Sick:**

Sonia Mikac, Giuseppe David LoRusso,  
Margaret Iringan, Romy Masangkay,  
Lolita Diaz, Liezl Sultana, Edmond Rizon,  
Jesse Perrone, Margaret Iringan,  
John Wormald

**Thanksgiving:**

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**The First Collection** – for the diocese.  
This is used for the support of the Bishop  
and priests of the Diocese.

**The Second Collection** – for the parish.  
This is used to meet our parish running  
costs (*rates, utilities, insurance, telecommunication,  
equipments, stationery and postage, church and  
altar requisites, repairs and maintenance of the  
church, presbytery, office buildings and grounds*).

And to pay for staff salaries and  
superannuation and priests’ car expenses,  
loan interest and loan repayment. Also, used  
to provide for our pastoral and outreach  
ministry activities of the parish.

Money received in the 2nd collection is  
banked into the parish “Church Account”.

**PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM**

If you would like to be a part of the  
church’s plan giving program, which goes to  
the second collection, an **SJ23rd form**  
(white) is available at the church foyer or  
contact the parish office.

For parishioners are already part of the  
program, we would encourage you to  
change from the envelope system to either  
direct debit or credit card. If you wish to  
change your pledge please contact the parish  
office.



**PARISH INFORMATION**

Do you know we have a website – [http://  
john23rd.com/](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 Starhope Gardens  
where the love of Christ is shining in so many ways.



Catholic Parish



**SUGGESTION BOX - We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.**

*“Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give.” — 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					
Mar	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	
	<i>Paguinto R</i>	<i>Sebastian</i>	<i>Shalini</i>	Viola	
Apr	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	
	Cendana	Manalo	Sebastian	Shalini	
May	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>29</b>
	Ivon	Shalini	Manalo	Lobo	Lee
Jun	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	
	Ivon	<i>available</i>	Olan	Shalini	
Jul	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>31</b>
	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>
Aug	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	
	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	Macrohon	
Sep	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	
	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	

⇒ **Silent adoration/prayer/meditation**

**"So, Could You Not Stay Awake With Me One Hour?" Matthew 26:40**

The Faith Formation Committee would like to invite all the members of the community to spend at least one hour in **silent adoration/prayer/meditation** at the **Altar of Repose, St. John XXIII Parish, between the hours of 8:00p.m. and midnight** on **Holy Thursday, 29 March 2019**. An hour spent in the dimly lit church in silence before the Altar of Repose can give you so much inner peace. Will you keep watch with the Lord during His hours of agony in the garden?

**LITURGY**

⇒ **Choir practices for Holy Week liturgies**

Choir practices are scheduled for the following dates and times:

**28 Mar, Wed -7.30-9.30pm**, where required

We hope to see every member from all Parish choir groups. We also encourage any new musicians and singers to join us. If you have any queries, please refer to Bob Agbulos,

Liturgy Coordinator on [bragbulos@email.com](mailto:bragbulos@email.com).

## 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.

⇒ **Pastoral Care: Retirement home visits**

The Pastoral Care team visits the elderly at Dudley Foord House (Anglican Retirement Village) in Stanhope Gardens every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 10.30am-11.30am. For one hour, we spend time talking to the residents, playing games or doing arts and crafts with them.

## SRE

⇒ **BECOME A CATECHIST**

We currently have four public primary schools and one high school in our parish that we teach in. The scripture classes are conducted during school hours for half an hour. The days available are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

If you want further information please call Asoki 0430 020265 or Renuka 0414 795814

⇒ **We give thanks.....**

To our SRE volunteers who were commissioned last Sunday. We congratulate in particular Rose Franco and Sue Properzi who received Long Service certificates, and Sue Properzi, Lucy Camilleri and Dulcine D'Souza who have retired after many years of service



22  
days

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THE GENUINE EXPERIENCE



### *From the Bishop*

The passing on of the Catholic faith to younger generations, especially in public schools, is an exciting task for our Diocese. The role of the Catechist in passing on our living faith is crucial. This role of service to the youngest members of our community brings much to the lived experience of faith, not only to the students of our state schools, but also to the catechists themselves.

I encourage you to consider if you may be called to this role and bring God to the ones whom Christ taught that the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

*Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM  
Conv. Bishop of Parramatta*

**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

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**CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)**

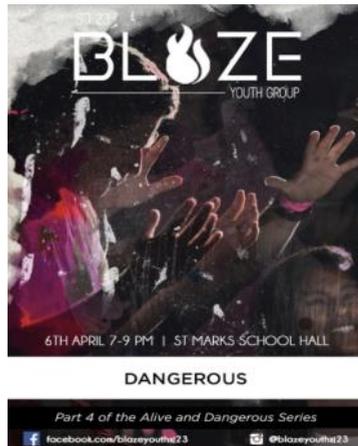
**When:** 2nd & 4th Saturdays  
 Praise & Worship  
**Time:** after 6:00pm vigil mass

**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**.



**Next Session:** 6/4/18

 **Find us on**  
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✉ For all youth ministry enquiries, email us at [youth@john23rd.com](mailto:youth@john23rd.com)

## Word Find

This man really was the Son of God!

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Clothes	Cross	crowd	crown	dark	Golgotha
Head	king	Pilate	priests	whip	wine

## Diocesan Other News

12–14 July - PROCLAIM 2018: National Conference on Parish Renewal and Evangelisation

The Archdiocese of Brisbane, in collaboration with the ACBC's National Centre for Evangelisation, will host PROCLAIM 2018. This national conference will engage parishes and faith communities in a conversation focusing on five key areas: Leadership, Culture Change, Young People, Belonging and Evangelisation.

During the conference participants can attend keynote presentations, expert panel sessions and discussions facilitated by leaders with 'on the ground' experience. Ideally, this will help those participants to contribute to the formulation of some practical strategies to assist your parish or faith community's own goals in the areas of renewal and evangelisation.

Keynote speakers include Cardinal John Dew (Archdiocese of Wellington, New Zealand), Ron Huntley (Divine Renovation – Canada), Ms Lana Turvey-Collins (Plenary Council 2020 Facilitator), Mons Enrique Figaredo SJ (Cambodia) and host of PROCLAIM 2018 Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archdiocese of Brisbane). To find out more visit [www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au) and register at our early bird rate.

### 5 April - Holy Hour for Vocations

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 5 April at 7:00 pm. Join us also for the pizza at 8:00pm, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula by 1st June, e-mail: [vocationscfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscfn@gmail.com) mob: 0449 656 406

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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

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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

## Our School Community

### Holy Cross Primary

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