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**Third Sunday
of Easter
15 April 2018**

From the Pastor's desk

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

The Readings for this Third Sunday of Easter (Year B) remind us that, although we have been gifted with Faith in the Risen Lord and have been baptised, our human nature still has a tendency towards sinfulness. And so, we need to turn back to the Father on a continual basis.

Furthermore, this is all part of the rhythm of the spiritual life; it is not a cause for upset or despair.

Nor should weakness on our part ever be an excuse to avoid our Faith and it's practical and ethical demands.

As our week unfolds, let's pray that we will always remain open to the Spirit's invitation to follow the Christian Way more closely; and let us look forward to the future with hope and joy in the Lord.

1. Fr Thomas will return from the Holy Land on Friday; so, we will still have Liturgies of the Word with Communion on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9am this week.
2. The Columbarium niches remain on sale this weekend at the pre-building prices; deposits are being taken before and after all masses this weekend.
3. The regular monthly ARV Assisted Care Facility Mass is this coming Friday 20/4 at 11am.

God Bless bless you all.
Fr. John

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Readings/Gospel

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
 Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9
 1 John 2:1-5
 Luke 24:35-48

Gospel Acclamation

of Luke 24:32
 Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

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 page

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."



APR	PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Mon 16	9am - Liturgy of the Word	
Tue 17	9am - Liturgy of the Word	7:30pm - Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed 18		
Thu 19		
Fri 20	10:30am - Dudley Foord House visit (ARV)	7:15pm - BLAZE night
Sat 21	7:30pm - Praise & worship night	
Sun 22	Baptism - Lukas, Aria, Markus, Alex & Phoebee	



OFFICE

160 Perfection Avenue,
Stanhope Gardens, 2768
(next to St Mark's College Admin Office)

MAILING

PO Box 23, Stanhope Gardens,
NSW 2768

MASS TIMES

Mon to Fri 9:00am
also Wed 9:00am
Holy Cross Primary school term only
Sat 9:00am, 6:00pm (Vigil)
Sun 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am
6:00pm (Youth)

SACRAMENTS

Baptism by appointment

Sun 12:00pm

Reconciliation (First Rite)

Sat 5:00 - 5:45pm

And after any weekday masses

CLERGY

Parish Priest:

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✉ FrJohn@john23rd.org.au

Asst. Priest:

Fr Thomas Bui

✉ FrThomas@john23rd.org.au

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Rodrigo Rupac

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SUGGESTION BOX
We welcome your
comments and constructive
suggestions.

PARISH NEWS

OUR COLUMBARIUM IS ON SALE !

Columbarium niches are now on sale to the general parish this weekend.

By making the minimum deposit of \$500 for each niche you will lock in the early-bird prices detailed below and in the flyer in the pews.

\$2 000 for the 1st niche

\$1 800 for a 2nd niche

\$1 500 for 3rd and subsequent niches

We expect these prices to be reviewed in the next financial year.

Final payment will be required by 30 June 2018, by which stage construction will have commenced.

If, for any reason, our application is unsuccessful and we have to abandon the project, you will receive a full refund. For any queries please contact John McCartney, businessmanager@john23rd.org.au
We have only a few niches left.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation is an ancient Christian practice that was revived last century by Fr. John Main, a Benedictine monk. We at St. John 23rd 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 0438 072 334 Frances Pegrem.



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If you picked up lost car keys in the church carpark on Sunday please call the parish office - 9852 0580.

WE GIVE THANKS TO.....

To all who organise and manage our many devotions

- 👍 Tuesday evening Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- 👍 Friday evening Prayer Group
- 👍 2nd & 3rd Saturdays Praise & Worship
- 👍 1st Friday Novena to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NEWS

Positions Vacant

- Risk Officer - Chancery Office, Parramatta
- Interviewer - Tribunal Office, Parramatta
- Garden Crew Supervisor - CatholicCare, Orchard Hills

More details at: www.ccss.org.au

- Youth Co-ordinator - Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes

More details at: www.olqp.org.au

21 April - Superhero Ministry

Special YEAR OF YOUTH event! The safety, well-being, protection and support of vulnerable children, youth and young adults in our Church and beyond is everyone's priority.

Join us for an epic day that celebrates, nurtures and challenges YOU - our SUPERHEROS! All content will be presented in light of the recent report handed down by the Royal Commission and our discerned response as the Diocese of Parramatta. All are welcome, no matter what age or role you play with minors or vulnerable people in our Diocese. Come and be part of training in 'dialogue and sharing' with CYP and the Office for Safeguarding! Free event with lunch provided. 10am-4pm, Rooty Hill RSL. Register at www.catholicyouthparramatta.org

Paying our debt together

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 of the church and provide for ministry expenses.

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** is available at the church foyer or contact the parish office.

We would encourage instead of the envelope system to either direct debit or credit card deduction.

Parish Pastoral Corner

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"*

⇒ Bible Study



Join us in discovering about the Catholic truths about Our Lady, showing she has been part of God's plan to bring salvation to the world since the beginning of time.

We will learn how to read the bible from the heart of the church, engaging both the Old and New testaments and see how they work together.

If interested, please register your name and email address on the sign in sheet at the church foyer.

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

	3	10	17	24	
Apr	<i>Cendana</i>	<i>Manalo</i>	Sebastian	Shalini	
May	1	8	15	22	29
	Ivon	Shalini	Manalo	Lobo	Lee
Jun	5	12	19	26	
	Ivon	<i>available</i>	Olan	Shalini	
Jul	3	10	17	24	31
	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>
Aug	7	14	21	28	
	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	Macrohon	

LITURGY

⇒ LITURGY MINISTERS' RETREAT

Attention all Liturgy Ministers: Acolytes, Sr and Jr Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of the Word. We invite you to a spiritual retreat on Sat, 19th May from 9am to 1pm. Please diarise this date. More details to follow or email Bob Agbulos on bragbulos@gmail.com.

⇒ JUNIOR ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Do you wish to serve in our liturgies? Are you 10 years old and over? Have you received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Holy Communion? If so, we invite you

to join our Junior Altar Server ministry. Application forms are available in the church, from our parish office and parish Facebook page. For further details, email Bob Agbulos on bragbulos@gmail.com.

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

YOUTH CORNER

"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 **1st 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: 6/5/18



Find us on
[facebook.com/sj23ignite](https://www.facebook.com/sj23ignite)

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: 20/4/18



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Youth Ministry

ATTENTION

SJXXIII Youth is looking for volunteer youth facilitators who are can commit to assisting with our BLAZE fortnightly sessions. Any enquiries can be sent to youth@john23rd.com.au.

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

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

Devotions & Prayers

Novena Masses

Tue 7:30pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help

First Fri 7:30pm
Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tue after the 7:30pm novena mass

First Fri 6:30pm followed by
7:15pm Benediction

Sat 8:00 - 9:00am (Vocations)

Sacrament of the Sick

First Sat 9:00am Mass or upon request

Divine Office

Fri 12:00pm with Adoration

Sun 8:15am

Praise & Worship

3rd Sat 7:30pm

led by SJ23rd Prayer Group

2nd Sat 7:30pm

led by CRL

(Community of the Risen Lord)

Fri evenings 6:30pm

led by Christ Catholic Community
Prayer Group at the Parish Office's
kitchen

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Magdalena Ramirez, Kelly Ann Wagener

Deceased:

Jeffrey Turner, Teotimo Aure Lio Sr, Mauren
Peason, Hilda Herred - Martiner, Victor
Francis, Rosalia M Pineda, Elsie Keenan,
William Keenan

Anniversary:

Yelly Joko, James KR, Rosalia Pineda, Andrea
Rigley, Ernesto R Ribargoso, Roland
Fernandes, Domina Fernandes

Sick:

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

Thanksgiving:

Father John McSweeney, Carolina Alvarez,
Erlinda Zamora, Omer, Teresa, Athan & Alex
Alvarez, Alfonso Cobarrubias, Xavier Family,
Lolita U Ribargoso

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood
Principal: Marina Hardy

☎ (02) 8664 7100

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John XXIII and St Mark's College

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Catholic Early Learning Centre

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Chairman

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Nidarshi Fernando

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