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**Fourth Sunday  
of Easter  
22 April 2018**

#### From the Pastor's desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Today is Vocation Sunday, a day when we pray that all members of God's People will live their respective Callings from the Lord... as married or committed singles, ordained or religious sisters and brothers.

This "Good Shepherd" Sunday every year invites us to reflect on our own journeys so far and to recommit ourselves to following the Good Shepherd whose voice calls us to graze the pasturelands of New Life.

1. My thanks to all who helped me celebrate my 60th birthday in style! I thank you for the party on Saturday evening and for all the cards and gifts. I'm humbled by your generosity and care.
2. We welcome Fr Thomas back from his Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and look forward to hearing all about his experiences there.
3. This Wednesday, ANZAC Day, mass will be at the usual time (9am). All are welcome as we pray for all who have been affected by the scourge of war; and especially for those who died in times of conflict.

God Bless you all.  
Fr. John

#### Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

#### Readings/Gospel

Acts 4:8-12  
John 3:1-2  
John 10:11-18

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

#### Gospel Acclamation

*John 10:14*  
Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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."*



#### APRIL

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon	23	9am - Mass
Tue	24	9am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	25	Anzac Day 9am - Mass
Thu	26	Saint Mark (F) 9am - Mass
Fri	27	9am Mass
Sat	28	Peter Chanel (M)
Sun	29	Baptism - Please pray for Ashley, Nixie, Jose, Lucas, Georgia, Maverick

## OFFICE

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

## MAILING

PO Box 23, Stanhope Gardens,  
NSW 2768

## NORMAL 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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Rodrigo Rupac

✉ [DeaconRudy@john23rd.org.au](mailto:DeaconRudy@john23rd.org.au)

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

## PARISH NEWS

### COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

Thank you to all who have shown an interest in the columbarium project and purchased niches.

The columbarium is nearly sold out, with only 25 niches left. If you are interested in purchasing please contact John McCartney [businessmanager@john23rd.org.au](mailto:businessmanager@john23rd.org.au) or 0414 909 178.

### 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.

### LOST CAR KEYS

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



### WE GIVE THANKS TO.....

⇒ Everyone who helped manage the sale of the columbarium niches over the past two weekends.

## DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NEWS

### Positions Vacant

- Risk Officer - Chancery Office, Parramatta
  - Interviewer - Tribunal Office, Parramatta
- More details at: [www.parracatholic.org/employment](http://www.parracatholic.org/employment)
- Garden Crew Supervisor - Catholic Care, Orchard Hills

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

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

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

### Catholic Outlook Survey

Tell Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta what you think about Catholic Outlook. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Take the survey here: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook)

### 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

## 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](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"*

#### ⇒ 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>	<i>Sebastian</i>	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
	Houghton	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	Macrohon
Aug	7	14	21	28	
	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	Pangilinan E	<i>available</i>	

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

SJXXIII Youth is relaunching the Youth Mass at 6 pm 06/05/18. Come and mingle at the BBQ after mass. We look forward to seeing you there!



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](mailto: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](mailto: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:

Ethel Savet, Leonda D'Souza,  
Simon Fernandes, Luneno Braganza

### Deceased:

Jeffrey Turner, Chales Briffa,  
Herminigildo Fontanilla

### Anniversary:

Ernesto R Ribargoso, Peter Flannery,  
W Krawczyk, A Livolsi, S Livolsi,  
Jaimie Bernardo Sr, Jerry Camilleri

### Sick:

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

### Thanksgiving:

Erlyn Pangilinan

## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood  
Principal: Marina Hardy

☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ [bolycross@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bolycross@parra.catholic.edu.au)

### John XXIII and St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens  
Principal: Dr Peter Webster

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✉ [stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au)

### Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

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### Chairman

Bart Sarlabus

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### Secretary

Nanette Gamboa

### Members

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Julienne Crasto

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*To advertise in this space, please contact the parish office*

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