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**The Body & Blood of Christ**  
**3 June 2018**

**From the Pastor's desk**

Dear sisters and brother of Christ

Today the Christian community celebrates the great Gift of God to us all, the Gift of Christ given to us in the Eucharist.

This tremendous gift is something many people struggle to understand fully. Indeed, if we try to comprehend it on the rational level alone, we are doomed to failure. Rather, we need the eyes of faith to comprehend the Eucharist. Indeed, as we reflect on our own experiences of "communion" with the Lord when we have received the consecrated Bread and Wine, we come closer to an understanding of this great mystery of our Faith.

The Scriptures remind us that the Father gave up his precious Son for us and the Eucharist commemorates this Death for our Salvation. Given this, our communion with the Lord encourages and strengthens us to give of ourselves to others, in invitation of the Lord. Indeed, the reception of this special "daily bread" demands of us a renewal of Christian commitment to be people of love and giving.

As our week unfolds, let's reflect on practical ways that we can give of ourselves to God and neighbour. Let's allow the strength of our "food from heaven" to help us be people give of our time and energy to the spreading of the Gospel message to our world.

- We congratulate and continue to pray for all our younger parishioners who are receiving the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time this weekend! May this event become a weekly reality in their young lives!
- We thank the Sacramental Team, ably led by Jill Franco, as well as the parents of the children, who have guided the children to this great day.

God bless you all!  
 Fr John

**Entrance Antiphon**

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**Readings/Gospel**

Exodus 24:3-8

Hebrews 9:11-15

Mark 14:12-16. 22-26

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 115:12-13. 15-18

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

John 6:51-52

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

**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."*



JUNE		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
Mon	4	9am - Mass 7:30pm - Bible Study about the Virgin Mary, St Mark's Staff Room 7:30pm - Christian Meditation - Parish conference room
Tue	5	9am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, benediction to follow
Wed	6	9am - Mass
Thu	7	9am - Mass
Fri	8	9am - Mass and Benediction
Sat	9	4pm - Bible Study about the Virgin Mary, St Mark's Staff Room
Sun	10	12pm - Baptism - Amelia, Scarlett, Georgia

## OFFICE

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## MAILING

PO Box 23, Stanhope Gardens,  
NSW 2768

## NORMAL MASS TIMES

Mon - 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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Fr Thomas Bui  
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Welcome to the community of the Catholic Parish of St John 23rd Stanhope Gardens where the love of Christ is shining in many ways.

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

## PARISH NEWS

### COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

The St John XXIII wall is sold out. The revised costs for our columbarium have been approved. From 1 July 2018, the costs will be:  
1<sup>st</sup> niche \$2 500 (currently \$2 000)  
2<sup>nd</sup> niche \$2 200 (\$1 800)  
3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent niches \$2 100 (\$1 500)

There are only 12 niches left at the St Mary of the Cross MacKillop wall. If you are interested in purchasing and locking in the current price, please contact John McCartney [businessmanager@john23rd.org.au](mailto:businessmanager@john23rd.org.au) 0414 909178.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new packs of envelopes are available at the church foyer. This cycle commences on 3 June. If you would like to switch from envelopes to the credit card or direct debit system please call the parish office.

### PRAGUE TO DUBROVNIK

(Shrines and Cathedrals of Central Europe)

#### A Pilgrimage - in the September - October School Holidays

Will be led by Fr John McSweeney from St John XXIII Parish, Stanhope Gardens.

This three-week Pilgrimage will visit Prague, Czestochowa, Krakow, Brudapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Ljubljana and Dubrovnik.... and visit key Shrines and Cathedrals throughout.

For more info contact Harvest Journeys on 1800 819 or [info@harvestjourneys.com](mailto:info@harvestjourneys.com)

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

To our choirs who provide such wonderful music and support us in our worship.

### Position Vacant Parish Bookkeeper (readvertised position)

We are seeking an experienced Bookkeeper to join our parish team.

Reporting to the Parish Priest, this role involves all aspects of parish bookkeeping, including accounts receivable, accounts payable and ad hoc finance projects. The applicant must be proficient in MYOB. This is a casual position, working 12 hours per week, spread over two days.

Please send your resume and covering letter to [fjohn@john23rd.org.au](mailto:fjohn@john23rd.org.au).

**Position description available from the website.** Closing date for submissions is **Tuesday 12 June 2018.**

## PASTORAL CARE

The Pastoral Care ministry will be holding a sausage sizzle fundraiser for a Seniors' luncheon or high tea (held in August).

**DATE: SUNDAY 17 JUNE**

**TIME: After the 10.30am Mass**

**PLACE: Outside the church kitchen**

Everyone welcome! We hope you will support us. If you would like to donate buns, sausages or salads, please contact Jill on 0402 172 346 Thank you.

### Anglican Retirement Village (ARV) Visits

Every month, the Pastoral Team spends 1 hour with the elderly residents at the Anglican Retirement Village in Stanhope Gardens.

We sit and spend time chatting to the residents as well as doing activities with them to brighten up their day.

Our next visit is on **Saturday 16 June, 10.30am.** Interested? Contact Jill on 0402 172 346.

### Mothers' Prayers Groups

The Pastoral Care ministry is starting a mothers' prayer and support group for mothers in our parish community.

Mothers' Prayers is an international community which began in England in November 1995 by two mothers, who wanted to offer prayers for their children, and has spread throughout the world with contacts in over 100 countries. The Prayer groups consist of 2-8 mothers per group who meet weekly to pray (guided by a special prayer booklet) for their children and also to support one another in the challenges of motherhood.

If you are interested in being a part of our first St. John 23<sup>rd</sup> Mothers' Prayers group, please contact Jill on 0402 172 346 or on [admin@john23rd.org.au](mailto:admin@john23rd.org.au)

For more information on Mothers' Prayers, go to: [www.mothersprayers.org](http://www.mothersprayers.org)

### Did you know??

Our Pastoral Care Ministry can help if you're a senior and require assistance with cooking simple meals and grocery shopping? Or if you would just like some company for afternoon tea or a walk? To find out more, please contact the parish office on 9852 0583.



## 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.

### 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**

#### **The Bible and the Virgin Mary next session "The New Eve"**

Monday, 4 June 2018, 7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m. or Saturday, 9th June 2018, 4:00p.m. - 5:30p.m. St. Mark's Staff Room

All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### ⇒ **TABLE TALK**

#### **Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection**

Bishop Vincent Long has asked parishes to open up a conversation about those who come to Australia fleeing persecution and in search of safety. To start this conversation, our parish is running a Table Talk with guest speakers including a person seeking protection. Listen to a real life experience of seeking safety; share your own story; ask your questions in a safe, respectful place and consider how we can act.

When: 15 June 2018

Time: 7:15 for a 7:30pm start and finishing at 9:30pm

Where: St Mark's College Staffroom, 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

Light refreshments provided.

Registration sheet is available at the church foyer. RSVP by 9th June 2018 to Margaret Harrison on 0413 900226 or email [thesismargaret@bigpond.com](mailto:thesismargaret@bigpond.com). For more information please contact Margaret.

### COMMUNITY BUILDING

#### ⇒ **WELCOMERS**

We are still looking for more committed volunteers to be part of this committee. For those interested please contact Techie Sarlabus on 0438 201436 or email [techie.sarlabus@gmail.com](mailto:techie.sarlabus@gmail.com) alternatively Vanessa Turner (Team Lead) [vbt2k@yahoo.com](mailto:vbt2k@yahoo.com)

#### ⇒ **ZUMBA MARATHON**

For those 12yrs old and over, come and join us for a 2 hour Zumba workout.

When - 24th June Sunday, 2-4pm

Where - St Mark's College Hall

Cost - \$20

Tickets on sale at the church foyer or at the venue

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

It is time once again for our St Vinnies Winter Appeal. We are requesting blankets, socks and beanies in good condition to be distributed to the homeless and the needy. There will also be envelopes provided for cash or credit card donations during the month of June. We thank you for your support and may God bless you for your generosity.

### Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

	5	12	19	26	
Jun	Ivon	Richards	Olan	Shalini	
Jul	3	10	17	24	31
	Houghton	Sivapathnam	Thirimanne	D'Souza	Macrohon
Aug	7	14	21	28	
	Gan	Sebastian	Pangilinan E	Jacinta	
Sep	4	11	18	25	
	Ivon	Houghton	Shalini	Olan	
Oct	2	9	16	23	30
	Olan	Sebastian	Pangilinan	Paguinto	

## YOUTH CORNER

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" - Philippians 4:13*

### 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: Edified 15/06/2018**



### 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

## Youth Ministry

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).

✉ 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  
1st Fri 7:30pm  
Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tue after the 7:30pm novena mass  
1st Fri 6:30pm followed by  
7:15pm Benediction  
Sat 8:00 - 9:00am (Vocations)

**Sacrament of the Sick**

1st Sat 9:00am Mass or upon request

**Divine Office**

Fri After 9:00am Mass and  
Benediction  
Sun 8:15am

**Praise & Worship**

2nd Sat 7:30pm  
led by CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)  
3rd Sat 7:30pm  
led by SJ23rd Prayer Group  
Fri evenings 6:30pm  
led by Christ Catholic Community  
Prayer Group at the Parish Office's  
kitchen

**Special intentions**

**Recently Deceased:**

Sime Peric, Christia Yunon

**Deceased:**

Carmen, Speditu, Christopher, Ronnie, Tony &  
Sunny Baldacchino, Paul, Frank & Carmen  
Tedesco

**Anniversary:**

R & B Krawczyk, Richard Wiliam Hugh,  
Ildefonsa Capapas, Emelio Capapas,  
Mary Alice Walsh

**Sick:**

Celine van den Bosch, Carmel Byne,  
Giuseppe David LoRusso, Sonia Mikac,  
Margaret Iringan, Liezl Sultana, Lolita Diaz,  
Jesse Perrone, Ceasar de Jesus, John Wormald,  
Edmond Rizon, Angie De Lara

**Thanksgiving:**

Art Marinas, Darrell Fontanilla

**OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

**Holy Cross Primary**

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Principal: Marina Hardy  
☎ (02) 8664 7100

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

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**Catholic Early Learning Centre**

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[www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au)



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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.**

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