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**Pentecost  
20 May 2018**

**From the Pastor's desk**

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ!

Today is the great day of Pentecost, the last day in our Easter Celebrations! It is the Birthday of our Church, the day when the Spirit transformed a disparate and frightened group of Disciples into a formidable force for evangelisation and conversion in our world.

Our Second Reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians reminds us that the Spirit will also transform us - from previous ways of acting that is inimical to the Gospel into people of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. We need to reflect on each of these fruits of the Holy Spirit, and see when we can be led into greater and greater unity with the God who loves us unconditionally.

Let us ask for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the People of God, the Church. Let us allow the words of the Galatians to permeate our moments of prayer in the coming weeks, so that we will allow the Spirit to transform us into the image of Jesus Christ.

**"Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit".**

1. We continue with our prayers for the Children in the First Communion Programme; we also pray that their parents will be renewed in Faith and Practice, as they model Jesus to their children.
2. We also pray for Jack Green who will be ordained to the (transitional) Diaconate on Saturday 2/6 at Westmead at 6pm. All are invited to this ceremony.
3. And we congratulate and pray for Roque Dias who will be formally accepted as a Candidate for Holy Orders in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on 24 June at 11am.

God bless you all.  
Fr. John

**Entrance Antiphon**

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**Readings/Gospel**

Acts 2:1-11  
Galatians 5: 16-25  
John 15:26-27 16:12-15

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 103:1-2. 24. 27-30. 35  
Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon**

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, 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."*



MAY	THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
Mon 21	9am - Mass 7:30pm - Bible Study about the Virgin Mary, St Mark's Staff Room 7:30pm - Christian Meditation - Parish conference room
Tue 22	9am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, benediction to follow
Wed 23	9am - Mass
Thu 24	9am - Mass
Fri 25	9am - Mass and Benediction
Sat 26	9am - Mass 11am - Wedding - Kristopher & Arian 4pm - Bible Study about the Virgin Mary, Parish Conference Room
Sun 27	12pm - Baptism - Please pray for Aria, Emma, Nashik, Arisha

## OFFICE

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## MAILING

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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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### Asst. Priest:

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### Deacon:

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

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## PARISH NEWS

### COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

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 a few 14 niches left:

St John XXIII – 2  
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – 12

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 909 178.

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

To all who supported the Mother's Day stall. We were able to raise \$650. A special thanks to Nanette Gamboa, Liza Vallejo & Techie for manning the stall. All proceeds will go to the Ministry Fund for the church.

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

We are happy to announce that a Christian Meditation Group will commence in the Conference Room in the Parish Office at 7.30pm, Monday evening 21st May. All are welcome. If you would like to find out more about Christian Meditation before you come to the group, you can look online at Australian Community for Christian Meditation (ACCM).

## DIocese of Parramatta News

### 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)  
02 8838 3456 or [ingridvergano@parracatholic.org](mailto:ingridvergano@parracatholic.org).

### 26 May: Ordination to the Diaconate of Christopher del Rosario

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Christopher del Rosario on Saturday 26 May 2018 at 6.30pm. The ordination will take place at St Monica's Church, Richmond. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### SUGGESTION BOX

We have a suggestion box in the front foyer and welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new packs of envelopes are available at the front of the church.

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.



Welcome to the community of the Catholic Parish of St John 23rd Stanhope Gardens where the love of Christ is shining in so many ways.

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## 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.

### 2 June: Ordination to the Diaconate of Jack Green

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Jack Green on Saturday 2 June 2018 at 6.00pm. The ordination will take place at Sacred Heart Church, Westmead. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### POSITIONS VACANT

**Administrative Assistant** - CatholicCare, Orchard Hills

**Financial Counsellor** - Richmond & Blacktown offices

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

**Head of Property Development Services** – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at [www.parracatholic.org/employment](http://www.parracatholic.org/employment)

### 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 (Session 3) The Handmaid

Monday, 21 May 2018, 7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m. at St. Mark's Staff Room or Saturday, 26 May 2018, 4:00p.m. - 5:30p.m. at St. Mark's Staff Room

All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

### LITURGY

#### ⇒ 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).

### 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)

#### ⇒ YOUTH MINISTERS

We are looking for committed young people to assist in the facilitation of our BLAZE fortnightly sessions. You will be assisting like minded youth in the development of the younger generation in our parish and help in their spiritual growth. Enquiries can be sent to [youth@john23rd.com.au](mailto:youth@john23rd.com.au).

### Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

	1	8	15	22	29
May	Ivon	Shalini	Manalo	Lobo	Lee
Jun	5	12	19	26	
	Ivon	Richards	Olan	Shalini	
Jul	3	10	17	24	31
	Houghton	Sivapathnam	available	D'Souza	Macrohon
Aug	7	14	21	28	
	Gan	Sebastian	Pangilinan E	Jacinta	
Sep	4	11	18	25	
	Ivon	Houghton	Shalini	available	

#### ⇒ 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 Hall

Cost - \$20

Congratulations to the 10 lucky Mother's Day Draw winners for a free Zumba Marathon tickets:

Margaret Bosworth	Nilda Sayas	Helen Zammit
Joanne Braganza	Helen Festejo	Mina Dyohar
Beth Jerusalem	Rose Franco	Mary Phillips
Malu Katipunan		

Please claim your ticket from Techie Sarlabus after mass.



## 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: 1/06/2018



[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

#### 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).



**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:**

Yvonne Rehm, Romy Masangkay,  
Guillermo Ramirez

**Deceased:**

Pacita Delgado, Leonila & Juan Marmolejo,  
Robert D'Souza, Father Jose Maria,  
Sergio Anticon, Lurna Ranola,  
Austine Alexander

**Anniversary:**

Feliciano Suarez Jr, Katy Vella, Anna Perrone,  
Peter Properzi, Mario Ferino

**Sick:**

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

**Thanksgiving:**

Cobarrubias Family, Andrea Chesca Reyes,  
Theophil Soundrya, Theodore Arul Raj,  
Xavier Sly

**OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

**Holy Cross Primary**

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



**Chairman**

Bart Sarlabus

**Dep Chairman**

Chris Drummond

**Secretary**

Nanette Gamboa

**Members**

Bernadette Virwani

Gary Lee

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Nidarshi Fernando

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