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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 June 2018

From the Pastor's desk

The first way to reject the real Jesus is to domesticate him, and that is what members of his blood family were trying to do. They thought he was 'out of his mind', madly putting himself [and them] in harm's way and he had to be restrained.

Have you or I tried to domesticate Jesus Christ, to reduce him to a non-threatening Jesus-meek-and-mild? If so, we are closer to the family of Nazareth standing just outside his circle, ready to run for cover, than to the new family seated around him, really listening to him and therefore vulnerable.

The second way is to misconstrue all the evidence of Jesus' mission on earth and to claim that he must be in league with the devil, 'He has an unclean spirit'.

If you do this publicly, as did these religious leaders, then you have deliberately put God's plan for the salvation of others at risk, and it is this which is unforgivable. This is real blasphemy.

We might pause for a moment, implore the grace of God, determine to really hear the Gospels, discern the will of God for our lives, and so come back within the ultimate family allegiance of those who dare to call God 'our Father'.

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- 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

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?
 When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Readings/Gospel

Genesis 3:9-15
 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1
 Mark 3:20-35

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129
 With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation

John 12:31. 32
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

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 11	<i>Saint Barnabas (M)</i>	9am - Mass 7:30pm - Bible Study about the Virgin Mary, St Mark's Staff Room 7:30pm - Christian Meditation - Parish conference room
Tue 12		9am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, benediction to follow
Wed 13	<i>Saint Anthony de Padua (M)</i>	9am - Mass
Thu 14		9am - Mass
Fri 15		9am - Mass and Benediction 7:15pm - Table Talk - Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection 7:15pm - BLAZE night
Sat 16		10:30am - ARV visit 4pm - Bible Study about the Virgin Mary, St Mark's Staff Room
Sun 17		11:30am - Pastoral Care sausage sizzle 12pm - Baptism - Please pray for Brooklyn, Adalyn, Isla, Eden & Aeden

OFFICE

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

MAILING

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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

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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:
1st niche \$2 500 (currently \$2 000)
2nd niche \$2 200 (\$1 800)
3rd 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 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

WE GIVE THANKS TO.....

Everyone involved in preparing our children to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

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 frjohn@john23rd.org.au.

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

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.

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 23rd Mothers' Prayers group, please contact Jill on 0402 172 346 or on admin@john23rd.org.au

For more information on Mothers' Prayers, go to: 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.



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**

The Bible and the Virgin Mary next session "The Ark of the New Covenant"

Monday, 11th June 2018, 7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m. or Saturday, 16th June 2018, 4:00p.m. - 5:30p.m. St. Mark's Staff Room

All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

⇒ **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

Jun	5	12	19	26	
	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 R	Ramirez	Manalo
Nov	6	13	20	27	
	Pangilinan R	available	available	available	

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 thisismargaret@bigpond.com. For more information please contact Margaret.

Parish News

The Christian Meditation Group will not be meeting on Monday 11th June, (long weekend). It will resume at St. John 23rd Stanhope Gardens on Monday, 18th June at 7.30pm in the Conference Room of the Parish Office. All welcome. Enquiries Frances 0417406715.

Volunteer Help Needed

Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion or people trained for home visitation of the sick are needed to take Holy Communion to the sick in Westmead Hospital on Sunday mornings between 9.00am and 11.00am, on roster basis once every eight weeks.

This not a difficult ministry but a very important and rewarding one. Assistance will be given to volunteers before visiting the hospital wards. For further details please ring Deacon Tan on 0407 270 782 or Email to nwht@yahoo.co.uk.

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

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:

Stephen Rehaut

Anniversary:

Anthony & Lily Fernandes, Rosana Caballero,
Mai Lacaze, Jocelyn Lacaze, Alberto Cabueos,
Monica R Cobarrubias, Giorgio Kavo,
Rafael Mangona

Sick:

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

Thanksgiving:

Adriel Fontanilla, Ana Victoria Torroba,
Xavier Family

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood
Principal: Marina Hardy
☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ bolycross@parra.catholic.edu.au

John XXIII and St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens
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