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**Eleventh Sunday
 in Ordinary Time
 17 June 2018**

From the Pastor's desk

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

One of the greatest difficulties that we encounter in our spiritual life is the very human tendency to want to hang on to control, and not let God do His part.

Along the journey through life, it is a rare individual who is content with the way his/her life is going; who trusts in God's goodness unconditionally; and who doesn't try to "make" things happen the way s/he thinks they should!

And yet our Scripture texts today encourage us to 'let go and let God' do His part. The gospel parables of 'the seed growing without human effort' and of 'the mustard seed' remind us that it is not all up to us: God has a part to play in life. Paul encourages the Corinthians to be 'full of confidence' for God will never desert them.

And Ezekiel reminds the People of Israel that God is the one who chose them and continues to build them up.

The challenge of the spiritual life is to continue to TRUST in all circumstances. We must be like the flower of the field and the birds of the air: allowing God to take care of us at all times.

Let us try to live as if we believed this truth in the week ahead.

- We pray for Roque Dias who will be admitted as a Candidate for Holy Orders next Sunday at the Cathedral. Mass at 11am. Let's keep Roque and Gemma in our prayers at this important time.

God's blessing always!

Fr John

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Readings/Gospel

Ezekiel 17:22-24

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Mark 4:26-34

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!!

Communion Antiphon

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**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 18	9am - Mass 7:30pm - Bible Study about the Virgin Mary, St Mark's Staff Room 7:30pm - Christian Meditation - Parish conference room
Tue 19	9am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, benediction to follow
Wed 20	9am - Mass
Thu 21	<i>Saint Aloysius Gonzaga (M)</i> 9am - Mass
Fri 22	<i>Saints John Fisher and Thomas More (M)</i> 9am - Mass and Benediction
Sat 23	4pm - Bible Study about the Virgin Mary, St Mark's Staff Room
Sun 24	<i>The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</i> 12pm - Baptism - Elijah, Maximiliano, Maxll 2pm - Zumba Marathon

OFFICE

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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

CLERGY

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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 8 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 commenced 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.....

Vinnies Social Justice group for holding the Table Talk last Friday. It is a very enlightening event.

HOLY FAMILY STATUE

Please take a moment to look at our beautiful new statue of the Holy Family. We will bless the statue soon. In the meantime please consider contribution to the cost of this addition to our church.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Themes of Faith Program 2018

'Themes of Faith' has proven to be really connective and enriching for people of all ages and it's specially structured so as not to cross over with most university pressure times. Last year quite a number in their early 20's had a great experience joining with those in their 30s, 40s and older. We particularly encourage parishes and friends to be confident that this will be enjoyable and motivating for younger people. Please do actively join us in making a priority to invite younger people into this experience.

Participants enjoy 10 Monday evening gatherings (July 23-Aug 20 / Sept 17-24 / Oct 15-29) and one relaxed Saturday morning (Oct 20) to listen, talk, learn and enjoy. No prior studies in faith are required. The small group process aims to maximize discussion and the confidence to share and grow in faith. And there's also the chance to get to know other people as the mentor groups join together to start each gathering with eating and some prayer and finish with a plenary sum-up.

We are now taking registrations for this program which begins on Monday July 23 July at the IFM Blacktown. Evenings kick off with 6.45pm nibbles for a 7pm start.

Cost is \$70 all-inclusive per person
Click the link below where you or others can express interest ASAP in one of the limited places for the 2018 Themes of Faith Program. Alternatively, call or contact us for more information. Fr Paul: 0417 441177
Donnie: 0432 042140 Charbel: 0410 759795
email: connect@ifm.org.au



SUGGESTION BOX
We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

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 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 Promised Mother"

Monday, 18th June 2018, 7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m. or Saturday, 23rd 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.

PASTORAL CARE

⇒ 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.

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	Manalo
Nov	6	13	20	27	
	Pangilinan R	available	available	available	

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: 29/06/2018



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.

✉ For all youth ministry enquiries, email us at 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:

Christia Yunon, Celine van den Bosch

Deceased:

Victor Francis

Anniversary:

Riolene & Aeldred Weber, Rae Ebert

Sick:

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:

Miguel Cobarrubias

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Cross Primary

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Principal: Marina Hardy
☎ (02) 8664 7100

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John XXIII and St Mark's College

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