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## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 July 2018

### From the Pastor's desk

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

There are two Miracle Stories in Today's Gospel text: The Woman with an Internal Haemorrhage and The Raising of the Daughter of Jairus. They highlight the fact that Jesus can *and does* lead us from spiritual illness to wholeness of life, from death to new Life in Him.

The last line of the second Miracle Story is significant: having raised the girl from her deathbed, Jesus tells the parents to "give her something to eat"; food and nourishment is needed for her new existence. Indeed, that is what happens to each and every one of us who have been baptised and enter the sacramental journey of Christian Life. Baptism is a 'Rising to New Life' experience, and the next thing we need after this is nourishment: the Eucharist. Like the Lord's Prayer reminds us, we need to have our 'daily bread'! The Spirit's coming down on the Apostles at Pentecost confirmed the Disciples in their following of the Lord: they were strengthened for the journey throughout life in one magnificent outpouring of grace. Yet, there remains this need for 'daily bread'.

All this leads us to live the double-commandment of Christ - love God, love neighbour - in the reality of our lives. Let us always give thanks to God for the Graces our Sacramental Life of Faith gives us. Let us always give Thanks for the Baptism we have received, for the Gift of the Holy Spirit poured over upon us, and especially for the Gift of the Eucharist - our daily bread which nourishes our New Life in Christ.

In the week ahead, let's meditate on the words of Jesus in our Gospel: "my child, Arise! and "give her something to eat". May we arise to New Life in Christ every day, ready to serve Him and his people in love; and may we never tire in our hunger for that Spiritual Food which strengthens us for the journey of Faith.

1. We wish all the Children a safe and enjoyable mid-year holiday.
2. We will have a Children's Retreat on a Tuesday during the school holiday: details in the Bulletin
3. We have a PPC and Ministries Meeting this Wednesday at 7pm.

God bless you all  
Fr. John

### Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

### Readings/Gospel

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

Mark 5:21-43

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

### Gospel Acclamation

2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

### NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish  
community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance. 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."*



### JULY THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon	2	9am - Mass 7:30pm - Bible Study about the Virgin Mary, St Mark's Staff Room 7:30pm - Christian Meditation - Parish conference room
Tue	3	9am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, benediction to follow
Wed	4	9am - Mass 7:00pm - PCC meeting 7:30pm - Mothers' Prayer Group
Thu	5	9am - Mass
Fri	6	9am - Mass and Benediction
Sat	7	4pm - Bible Study about the Virgin Mary, St Mark's Staff Room 7pm - St Vinnies Soup Night
Sun	8	12pm - Baptism - Please pray for Amalia, Ava & Emily

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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

We have heard from Blacktown Council. The DA will be notified to neighbours this week and they will have 14 days to respond. We would expect to have a decision soon thereafter. The St John XXIII wall is sold out and there are only six niches left on St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. This is your last weekend to purchase niches at the current price. The revised costs for our columbarium have been approved. From 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)

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, Budapest, 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.....

Rudi Yap and friends for leading the Zumba marathon. It was truly a sweaty event. A good start to a healthy winter. We were able to raise \$3,420. A big thank you to all who supported this zumbalicious event.

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

will be held in the Conference Room of the Parish Office this week, Monday 2nd July at 7.30pm. Then there will be no group sessions for 3 weeks. It will resume on Monday 30th July at 7.30pm. Enquiries Frances Pegrem on 0417406715.

## PARISH NEWS

### LITURGY CHANGES

We are about to embark on some major cleaning and renovations in the church. In the second week of the holidays (16-20 July) specialised high-rise access equipment will be installed, which will cause some disruption to our usual liturgies:

Monday 16 July – no access so **no Mass or Liturgy of the Word**

Tuesday 17 July – 9.00am mass but no access from 9.30. There will be Tuesday evening Novena and Mass

Wednesday 18 July - 9.00am mass but no access from 9.30

Thursday 19 July - 9.00am mass but no access from 9.30

Friday 20 July - 9.00am mass but no access from 9.30, so **no Benediction**

The total cost is about \$20 000. For those interested in the breakdown, the hire of the two access lifts is \$7 000. The cost of the following work is \$13 000 :

- Repair of broken/missing louvre panes
- Servicing of remote louvre winders
- Tinting of some west-facing windows to reduce the afternoon glare
- Servicing of the fans
- Servicing of the high-rise smoke detectors
- Washing high-rise and all other windows – external and internal
- Cleaning and oiling the sanctuary crucifix
- Cleaning and dusting all high-rise areas
- Replacing light bulbs in front entrance chandelier

Some works totalling \$5000 are also planned for the church gardens, apart from the Columbarium:

- Upgrading watering/reticulation system
- Re-landscaping some areas
- Returfing some areas

## 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.



Consult not your fears  
but your hopes and  
dreams  
— Pope St John XXIII

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.

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

## 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 "Full of Grace"

Monday, 3rd July 2018, 7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m. or Saturday, 7th July 2018, 4:00p.m. - 5:30p.m. St. Mark's Staff Room  
All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

### PASTORAL CARE

#### ⇒ Mothers' Prayer Group

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm at Church

Calling all mothers who would like to spend an evening in prayer for their children and getting to know other mothers. We will have coffee and cake after prayer. Please bring a plate. We hope to see as many mums there as possible!

#### 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.

### EVANGILIZATION

#### ⇒ Children's Morning Retreat

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 9am-12pm at Church

We are inviting all children in Years 4-6 to join us for a morning of activities including prayer/reflection and fun activities. There will be morning tea in between and a sausage sizzle to finish. To book a spot please contact Jill at [admin@john23rd.org.au](mailto:admin@john23rd.org.au)

#### ⇒ Volunteers Wanted!

The Sacramental team is looking for volunteers who can help out at the children's morning retreat on **Tuesday 10 July** from 9am-12pm to facilitate games and activities and to help out with the sausage sizzle.

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights					
	3	10	17	24	31
Jul	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	Ramirez	Manalo
Nov	6	13	20	27	
	Pangilinan R	Cabug-os	available	available	
Dec	4	11	18	25	
	Paguinto S	Drummond	available	Paguinto M	

If you would like to help, please call Jill 9852 -0583 or email her on [admin@john23rd.org.au](mailto:admin@john23rd.org.au).

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

#### ⇒ Winter Appeal

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.

#### ⇒ Soup Night

To support the SVD Winter Appeal, we will have a Soup Night on 7th July after the Saturday Vigil Mass. Cost for a bowl of soup is \$5. We will also have our youth busking to add a bit of entertainment. So we invite you to come and join us for soup and listen to some music where you can also toss a gold coin in support of the initiative. All monies raised will go to St Vincent de Paul Winter appeal.

## 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: 13/07/2018**

[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).



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✉ 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:

Diana McCartney, Christia Yunon, Debbie Long

### Deceased:

Socorro Santos

### Anniversary:

Diane Calabria, Annalyn Tubalinal Dantes,

Jay De La Cruz, Bololoy Cobarrubias,

Susan Mirasol

### Sick:

Ronelle, Sonia Sampaio, Celine van den Bosch,

Carmel Byne, Margaret Iringan, Jesse Perrone,

Giuseppe David LoRusso, Sonia Mikac,

Liezl Sultana, Edmond Rizon, Lolita Diaz,

Cesar de Jesus, John Wormald, Angie De Lara,

Crisanta Fernando

### Thanksgiving:

Ramon Javier Zamora

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