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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 22 July 2018

From the Pastor's desk

In the Temple precinct in Jerusalem there was a stone barrier separating the inner area into which only Jewish people could enter. A non-Jew would cross the barrier under pain of death. This is the 'dividing wall of enmity' to which St Paul refers, and which has been torn down by Jesus Christ in whom a new humanity is being created where discrimination or segregation is to have no place.

It is to the great shame of the Catholic Church that it collaborated in putting the Jewish people behind dividing walls of enmity in the ghettoes of Europe. It is to the great credit of St John Paul II that much of this enmity was overcome, symbolised when he pressed a prayer into a cleft between stones of the Wailing Wall of the Old Temple.

Every week we come to Mass in response to Our Lord's invitation in today's gospel: 'Come away and rest a while.' Our Lord is saying 'Come away by yourselves so that I can nourish you with Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink which is my Holy Communion with you.'

Yes, we do that as a moment celebrating our distinctive identity, but always as a prelude to the great task. We are to go out and break down the various 'dividing walls of enmity': racism, caste and class, historical grievances, sexist subjugation.

We could take a moment to pray that we imitate St John Paul II in pressing our prayers and actions into whatever opportunities present themselves so as to break down dividing walls of enmity within our families, local communities and even around the world.

© Fr Michael Tate

- We wish Fr Thomas all the best as he heads back to Vietnam on holidays. He will return in a month's time.
- Parent Evening for Confirmation this Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Church.
- I will offer 4 nights on Luke/Acts on 4 Wednesday evenings in August.

God bless you all!

Fr John

JULY

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon	23	9am - Mass 7:30pm - Bible Study about the Virgin Mary, St Mark's Staff Room
Tue	24	9am - Liturgy of the Word 7:30pm - Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, benediction to follow
Wed	25	9am - Mass 10am - Mass at Holy Cross 7.30pm - Parents Evening for Confirmation
Thu	26	9am - Mass
Fri	27	9am - Mass (Adoration & Benediction)
Sat	28	9am - Mass 4pm - Bible Study about the Virgin Mary, St Mark's Staff Room
Sun	29	7:30am - Cake Angels' stall after morning masses 12pm - Baptism - Please pray for Luca, Lillianna, Christopher, Goergia, Luna

Devotions & Prayers

Novena Masses Тие 7:30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help 1st Fri 7:30pm Sacred Heart of Jesus Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 7:30pm novena Тие 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

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."



Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks!

'See the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. and this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R**.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R**.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**.

Second Reading Ephesians 2:13-18

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

"Come away BY YOURSELVES to a deserted place & rest awhile."

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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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SUGGESTION BOX We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

Public submissions to the DA closed this week. We would hope to have a decision soon.

The St John XXIII wall is sold out and there are only six niches left on St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The revised costs for our columbarium are as follow: 1st niche \$2500 (currently \$2000) 2nd niche \$2200 (\$1800) 3rd and subsequent niches \$2100 (\$1500) 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 Last chance to book.

WE GIVE THANKS TO

Sophia, Stella and Anh who did a great job buying, sewing and installing the Blessed Sacrament Chapel curtains.

CHRISTIANMEDITATION

GROUP will be held in the Conference Room of the Parish Office, re-commencing on Monday 30th July at 7.30pm. Enquiries Frances Pegrem on 0417 406715.

Suggestion Box responses

Our suggestion box in the foyer gathers a number of comments and suggestions from parishioners. As most are anonymous we aren't able to respond directly, so in this new column we will endeavour to address many of those contributions.

Q. A suggestion for fund raising could be that parishioners advertise and offer their services to the community with some or all of the proceeds going to the parish.

A. A good suggestion, which some parishes have implemented in the past. Sadly, in these times of increasing litigation, the parish could be liable for any loss or damage by people providing their services.

Q. Can the elevated windows (through which the sun streams in during summer evenings directly on the altar) be tinted to ward off the glare and contribute towards temperature control?

A. Last week's major cleaning and renovation project included the tinting of the lower (sloping) windows on the western side. This should reduce most of the glare. There will still be some glare for a few minutes through the upper windows but it would be financially impossible to tint the entire western side.

Q. Could we have a 7.00pm or 7.30pm mass on a Thursday. This is the only day when there is no evening mass in any local church.

A. St John XXIII already celebrates 8 weekday masses - more than any other parish in the Deanery.

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 NEWS



Parish Pastoral Corner

FAITH FORMATION

\Rightarrow 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"

\Rightarrow Bible Study

The Bible and the Virgin Mary - "The Assumption" Monday, 23rd July 2018, 7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m. or Saturday, 28th July 2018, 4:00p.m. - 5:30p.m. St. Mark's Staff Room All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

⇒ New Bible Study Group with Very Rev. Fr. John McSweeney

Join our new Bible Study Group with Fr. John McSweeney who will expound on the continuation to his last series (Luke's Gospel) and delve into the Acts of the Apostles.

When: Every Wednesday evening in August (except 15 Aug) commencing on 01 August from 7:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.

Where: Either St. John XXIII Parish Church or St. Mark's Staff Room (to be finalised next week)

Light refreshments will be served. Sign up sheets are available at the church foyer

LITURGY

\Rightarrow Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

Would you like to serve our parish as a Minister of the Word, Eucharistic Minister, and Eucharistic Minister for the Sick? The Office for Worship of the Diocese of Parramatta are offering free courses in August and September. After completing the course, you will receive further training from a Liturgy team member on specific parish procedures.

Enrolment forms are available at the foyer, in our parish website and in our parish Facebook page. Course schedule, venues and other details can be found in the form. Note endorsement from Fr John is required.

For more details contact Bob Agbulos on 0422 106525 Email completed form to *bragbulos@gmail.com*.

Pastoral Corner												
Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights												
Jul	3	10	17	24	31							
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Aug	7	14	21	28								
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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	Gan	Cano								
Dec	4	11	18	25								
	Paguinto S	Drummond	Richards	Paguinto M								

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

\Rightarrow Winter Appeal

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, Stanhope Gardens Conference, would like to thank our very generous parishioners who contributed to our Winter Appeal. We have collected \$3,585 from the envelope and bucket collections as well as \$603.55 from the Winter Soup Night. This will go a long way in providing for the disadvantaged families we serve in our community. We also thank you for the many blankets, towels, socks, beanies, etc. that have been donated. All these will help keep the homeless and the needy warm these cold winter nights.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

\Rightarrow Cake Angels

The Cake Angels will be holding a food stall on 22nd & 29th July 2018 starting from the 7:30am mass. Try out the variety of sweets and savouries. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to our Church. We look forward to your continued support.





Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Valerie Jordan, Girland Herft, Aida Manalo Dizon, Carmel Byrne

Deceased:

Magdalena Ramirez

Anniversary:

Stephanie Salazer, Ma Ligaya Todas, Franciso Enriquez

Sick:

Roland Sampy, Genevieve Goco, Crisanta Fernando, Ronelle, Sonia Sampaio, Carmel Byne, Celine van den Bosch, Jesse Perrone, Margaret Iringan, Crisanta Fernando, Giuseppe David LoRusso, Sonia Mikac, Edmond Rizon, Ceasar de Jesus, Liezl Sultana, Angie De Lara, Lolita Diaz, John Wormald, Ariel Ignacio

Thanksgiving:

Antonio Luigi, Stefan Reyes

Church Funnies



If you or any family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please contact the parish office.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Cross Primary
49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood
Principal: Marina Hardy

(02) 8664 7100 *holycross@parra.catholic.edn.an*John XXIII and St Mark's College
160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens
Principal: Dr Peter Webster

(02) 9852 0500 *stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.an*Catholic Early Learning Centre
160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens
(02) 9852 0585 *celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.an*

Diocesan News

We're hiring!

If you're studying or recently graduated from accounting and looking to get your foot in the door in finance, the Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Development Fund is looking for a casual Trainee Assistant Accountant with an immediate start. For more info contact *ddffinance@parraddf.org.an*

3 Aug: Faith in Marriage Seminar

All are welcome to attend the 2018 'Faith in Marriage' Seminar address is entitled 'Marriage & Men in Contemporary Society' and will be given by Robert Falzon co-founder of menALIVE. All parishioners are warmly welcome to attend this free event on Friday 3August, 7.30pm at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Please RSVP tolmf@parracatholic.org or phone 02 8838 3460.

11 Aug: St Philomena Association on Holy Masses

St John Vianney was very devoted to St Philomena. Pope Gregory XVI called her "the great wonder worker". Mass at midday with Confession from 11.30am: St John Vianney's Church, 17 Cameron St, Doonside. A short walk north from Doonside station, the one past Blacktown. Please bring a snack to share. Call or text Elizabeth on 0423 154463, epeoples9 @gmail.com Facebook: Libby Peoples (events)

17 Aug: Concert at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

Sydney Philharmonia - Chamber Singers: TALBOT Path of Miracles - Tickets via *www.sydneyphilharmonia.com.au* - More details at: *www.stpatscathedral.com.au*

19 Aug: Holy Spirit Seminary Open Day

"Come and See Day" at Holy Spirit Seminary, Harris Park on 19 August 2018 is a whole-day event, inspired by Our Lord's invitation to the two disciples of John the Baptist to "Come and see", found in the Gospel of John. Open Day provides single men open to a priestly vocation with the opportunity to experience seminary life, beginning with Holy Mass at St Oliver's Parish Church at 10am, followed by talks, a tour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and dinner with Bishop Vincent. RSVP essential. Contact Fr John Paul Escarlan via *johnpanl.escarlan@parracatholic.org* or 0420 310771. 20-26 August: Migrant and Refugee Week

Pope Francis has chosen as the theme for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 'Welcoming, protecting, promoting, and integrating migrants and refugees'. We are challenged by the message of the Holy Father to consider how we can welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees in our own Australian context. For more info please visit: parracatholic.org/ socialjustice

Other News

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: mmm.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

The Catenian Charity Inc. Scholarship

The Catenians are offering a \$5,000 scholarship to advance the interests of Australian Catholic students, aged between 15-25, who are in necessitous circumstances, enrolled at an Australian tertiary institution or tertiary residential college. For more details contact *info@bryantchurch.com.au* or *john_mo nkhouse@iprimus.com.au*. Applications close 4 August 2018.

2 Aug: Holy Hour for Vocations

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (age 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 2 August at 7pm. Join us also for pizza at 8pm, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP Sr Paula via *ocationscsfn@gmail.com* or 0449 656406.

5 Aug: Catalyst for Renewal

Catalyst for Renewal – Q&A at the Crypt, St Patrick's Church, Grosvenor Street, The Rocks, will be held on Sunday 5 August between 1.30 - 3pm with Kathleen McCormack AM. Topic: "What are the Implications for the People of God arising from the Royal Commission". This follows on from our earlier Q&A with Robert Fitzgerald AM on the 27 May. Entry: \$10 per head or donation. No need to book. Email: catalystfor-renewal@tpg.com.au or website catalystforrenewal.org.au.



Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change

This 14th National eConference will focus on engaging communities around Australia in a landmark discussion around the future vision and direction for the Catholic Church in Australia.

Speakers at this year's eConference will focus on: - Models of leadership in the contemporary Church

- Draw fresh insights from Pope Francis' vision of synodality,

- Examine how the upcoming Plenary Council may help promote a more inclusive, dialogical Church. This year the IFM will be a host venue for the BBI eConference. All are welcome to participate and lunch will be provided! (When) 8 August, 2018 10am-2:45pm (Where) Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown Seating is limited for 40 guests!

To register for this eConference: Email connect@ifm.org.au or Call 02 9296 6369

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 teem. 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: tba

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

When: 2nd & 4th Saturdays Praise & Worship
Time: after 6:00pm vigil mass
<u>YFC (Youth for Christ)</u>
When: 3rd Sundays of the month

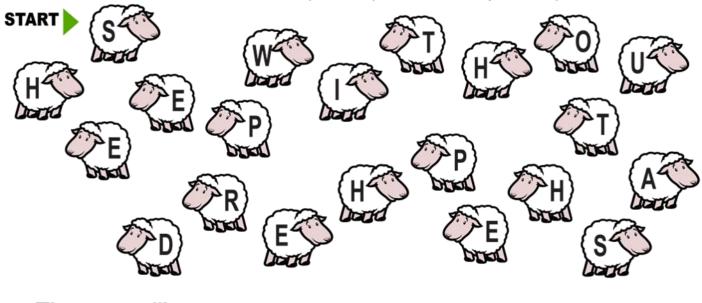
Youth Ministry

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

Kids' Corner

Why did Jesus feel sorry for the crowd? Join up the sheep in the correct sequence to spell out the answer.



They were like _____

	Jesus the shepherd taught the sheep of his flock																
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