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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 July 2018

From the Pastor's desk

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

Our Readings this weekend remind us that God is very present in the life of the weak person, because that person is not proud (puffed up with pride), but dependent on God's grace.

Furthermore, we are reminded that God works through the ordinary events of life and through the uniqueness of each and every person created in God's image.

As a result, we must...

1. throw away our pride and surrender ultimate control of our lives to the Loving Father, and
2. never categorise people, but see God's presence in their uniqueness.

In doing this we will find ourselves following in the footsteps of St Paul, and all those other holy women and men throughout the centuries who have seen Jesus present in the guest, the neighbour, the sick person, the stranger... even the one who sits next to us in Church!

We are called to be true followers of that simple carpenter from Nazareth, who was rejected by his friends and neighbours - who couldn't see beyond the external - but who was raised high and exalted by God; we are called to be disciples of that same man, Jesus, who is our Lord and the Saviour of all the world!

This weekend we will be having a **Leaving Collection for Peter's Pence**: the support of our Holy Father's universal ministry. Please give generously.

- It is with much sadness that we say 'farewell' to Mila Llamas, our Bookkeeper, who has been with the parish for 9 years. Mila is retiring from this role with us...
We thank her for her ministry among us, and wish her all the best for the future.
- We welcome Renuka Soosaipillai to this role. Renuka is a member of our parish and already offers her time as co-coordinator of SRE in our Parish.
I'm sure you will make Renuka feel at home in this new role.

God bless you all.

Fr John

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Readings/Gospel

Ezekiel 2:2-5

Corinthians 12:7-10

Mark 5:21-43

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation

cf Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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 9	9am - Mass 7:30pm - Bible Study about the Virgin Mary, St Mark's Staff Room
Tue 10	9am - Mass 9am - Children's retreat 7:30pm - Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, benediction to follow
Wed 11	9am - Mass 7:30pm - Mothers' Prayer Group
Thu 12	9am - Mass 7:30pm - RCIA team meeting
Fri 13	9am - Mass and Benediction
Sat 14	4pm - Bible Study about the Virgin Mary, St Mark's Staff Room
Sun 15	12pm - Baptism - Please pray for Kyan and Redeemz

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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✉ FrThomas@john23rd.org.au

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Rodrigo Rupac

✉ DeaconRudy@john23rd.org.au

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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. The revised costs for our columbarium are as follow:

1st niche \$2 500 (currently \$2 000)

2nd niche \$2 200 (\$1 800)

3rd 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 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 who supported our Vinnies Soup night. To the youths who provided music and to all those who provided the delicious soup. Thank you all for your continued support in our church activities.

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.

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
your dreams
- Pope St John XXIII

Welcome to the community of the Catholic Parish of St John 23rd Glenwood 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 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 - "Full of Grace"

Monday, 9th July 2018, 7:30p.m. - 9:00p.m. or Saturday, 14th July 2018, 4:00p.m. - 5:30p.m. St. Mark's Staff Room
All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

PASTORAL CARE

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.

ARV Home Visit July - Our next visit to the ARV Nursing home in Stanhope Gardens is on **Sat 21 July, 10.30am**. We welcome anyone who would like to give 1 hour of their time to visit the elderly residents and bring some sunshine into their day. For any enquiries, contact Jill on 0402 172 346.

EVANGILIZATION

⇒ Children's Morning Retreat

Tuesday 10th 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

⇒ 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.

If you would like to help, please call Jill 9852 -0583 or email her on admin@john23rd.org.au.

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

	3	10	17	24	31
Jul	<i>Houghton</i>	Sivapathnam	Thirimanne	D'Souza	Macrohon
Aug	Gan	Sebastian	Pangilinan E	Jacinta	
Sep	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	<i>available</i>	Paguinto M	

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.

LITURGY

⇒ 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.

Email completed form to Bob Agbulos on bragbulos@gmail.com or call 0422106525 for more details.

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: tba

[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.



Chairman
Bart Sarlabus

Dep Chairman **Secretary**
Chris Drummond Nanette Gamboa

Members
Bernadette Virwani
Gary Lee
Julienne Crasto
Nidarshi Fernando

✉ 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:

Diana McCartney, Debbie Long

Deceased:

Regalado Faro, Fausta Marinas

Anniversary:

Neil Kiddle, Domenic Surdich, Vilma Van Langenberg, Elie Naim

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, Ariel Ignacio

Thanksgiving:

Ana Marie Cobarrubias, Christopher Pereira

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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Catholic Early Learning Centre

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