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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 August 2018

From the Pastor's desk

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

The Readings for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) revolve around the themes of food and sacrifice.

- In our first reading, Elijah is told to eat in order to gather strength for his journey to Mt Horeb.
- In our second reading Paul exhorts the early Christians to put others before ourselves; and he offers ways of imitating Christ so that we are a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
- And our Gospel combines the 2 concepts: "I will give my flesh for the life of the world." The Eucharist (the memorial of Christ's salvific Death) is what we share in Christ's life and gain salvation.

We, too need the food of the Eucharist in order to reach our spiritual "Horeb", the place where we encounter God!

Furthermore, we need to be "Eucharist" (spiritual food) for others through our words and actions. And to be such involves sacrifice on our part.

Let's reflect on these powerful scriptural texts in the week ahead.

1. This Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Assumption. With Christmas, this remains the only other HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION in our liturgical calendar. There will be three masses for us: Vigil (Tuesday 7.30pm), Wednesday 9am & 7.30pm.
2. The ARV Nursing Home Mass is this Friday at 11am. All welcome.

God's blessings always
Fr John

Mass Times

Mon - Fri 9:00am
 also Wed 10:00am
 Holy Cross Primary *school term only*
 Sat 9:00am, 6:00pm (Vigil)
 Sun 7:30am, 9:00am,
 10:30am, 6:00pm (Youth)

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

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."



AUG THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon 13	9am - Liturgy of the Word 7:30pm - Christian Meditation Group
Tue 14	9am - Liturgy of the Word 7:30pm - Vigil mass of the Solemnity of the Assumption
Wed 15	<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)</i> 9am - Mass 7.30pm - Mass
Thu 16	9am - Mass
Fri 17	11am - ARV Nursing Home mass
Sat 18	9am - Mass
Sun 19	12pm - Baptism - Please pray for Brianna

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:41-51

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

**I am the living
bread that
came down
from heaven.**



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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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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



Welcome to the community of the Catholic Parish of St John XXIII Glenwood Stanhope Gardens
where the love of Christ is shining in so many ways.

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

PARISH NEWS

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

We have received development approval from Blacktown Council so it's all systems go! Construction will commence soon so we ask everyone who has paid their deposit to make their final payment.

The other good news is that the approval is for more than the two walls we planned. As the St John XXIII and St Mary MacKillop walls are nearly sold out (1 niche left – at the old price) we have decided to build two more walls. They will only go on sale once construction is completed but we will open up a waiting list soon. We will be in touch this weekend with those who have already purchased niches.

There is one niche left in the St Mary MacKillop wall at the old price of \$2000. Note, this wall is in our parish garden, not in North Sydney.

Contact: John McCartney
businessmanager@john23rd.org.au
0414 909178.

PRAGUE TO DUBROVNIK

Shrines and Cathedrals of Central Europe

**A Pilgrimage - in the September -
October School Holidays**

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
Last chance to book.

WE GIVE THANKS TO.....

Our candle stand teams who have done a wonderful job cleaning all three candle stands.

Changes to our collection

First Collection will occur after the Homily. The Second Collection will occur after the offertory. The First collection will be in the offertory procession.

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. On First Fridays when benediction is scheduled after mass, the gap between the end of mass and the commencement of benediction should be curtailed to the minimum. On a recent occasion this exceeded 15 minutes or more. If the desire is to spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, this can be done after the benediction. Is the exposure of the Blessed Sacrament really necessary for such adoration?

A. Shorter expositions of the Eucharist are to be arranged in such a way that the blessing with the Eucharist is preceded by a suitable period for readings of the word of God, songs, prayers, and sufficient time for silent prayer. Exposition which is held exclusively for the giving of benediction is prohibited.

The ordinary minister for exposition of the Eucharist is a priest or deacon. In the absence of a priest or deacon, an acolyte or special minister of communion or member of a religious community or of a lay association which is devoted to Eucharistic adoration, upon appointment by the local Ordinary (parish priest), may expose the Eucharist.

(Decree – Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship)

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.

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 Group with Very Rev. Fr. John McSweeney

Join our new Bible Study Group with Fr. John McSweeney who will continue his series on 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

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

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	Gan	Cano	
Dec	4	11	18	25	
	Paguinto S	Drummond	Richards	Paguinto M	
Jan	1	8	15	22	29
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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Christian Meditation Group held every Monday at 7.30 in the Conference Room for further enquiries call Frances Pegrem on 0417 406 715.

RCIA

⇒ RCIA Enquiry Night

If you or someone you know, would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, please come to the RCIA enquiry night on Thursday, 30th August at 7.30pm at St. John 23rd Parish Office (entry via gate to St Mark's College). It is an opportunity to introduce the RCIA program in our Parish and answer your questions.

For any queries, please email: rcia.sj23rd@gmail.com or call Parish Office (Tues - Fri) on (02) 98520580

RSVP is essential for catering purposes. Please contact via johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org or 0420 310771 on or before Friday, 17 August 2018.



Chairman	Members
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Nanette Gamboa	

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

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Vitorino Mascarenhas,
Bernice Fernando, Isidor Maciel,
Mark Fernando, Pramod Jacob,
Tony Almeida, Dave Watson,
Felisa Soriano Aquino & Marcelo
Pami, Virgilio Alarcon, Manuel
Alarcon

Deceased:

Estrella Jimenez, Rosalina Tupaz,
Angelina Pardo Adan, Victor D'Souza
Crisanta Fernando, Oswyn Fernandes
Anthony & Lily Fernandes

Anniversary:

Ron Crowley, Gregory Reynolds,
St. Anna Ornanong Muangruen,
Peter Fernandes, Aubrey Athayde,
Ernesto Ribargoso

Sick:

Leticia Carpio, Stella Cristobal,
Fe Suderio, Roland Sampy,
Genevieve Goco, Ronelle, Sonia
Sampaio, Jesse Perrone, Sonia Mikac,
Margaret Iringan, Edmond Rizon,
John Wormald, Ceasar de Jesus,
Giuseppe David LoRusso,
Angie De Lara, Ariel Ignacio,
Lolita Diaz, Liezl Sultana

Thanksgiving:

Clare Pineda,

Prayer Requests:

For rain and our Farmers affected by
drought.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Cross Primary

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160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

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Diocesan News

Save the Date - Liturgy Conference 2018 - 10 November 2018

Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams
Vicar General from the Diocese of
Parramatta. Workshops (still to be
finalised): Singing the Psalms, RCIA
ritual & symbols, Training Junior
Altar Servers and Music and Prayer in
the Classroom. Tickets: On sale soon
(we'll let you know when). To register
your interest go to:

<https://parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018/>

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 0420 310771 or

johnpaul.escarlan@parracatholic.org

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

31 August - 1 September: Creating a Safe Church

The Diocese of Parramatta is co-
hosting two days of presentations by
Fr Hans Zollner SJ addressing the
most significant issues facing the
Catholic Church today with respect to
harmful behaviour, including the
theological and spiritual implications
arising from the abuse crisis and their
impact on victims and survivors,
together with members of the Church.

Fr Hans is regarded as one of the
leading ecclesiastical experts in the
field of safeguarding of minors and on
areas concerning sexual abuse both in
the Roman Catholic Church and
beyond. More information and
registration via

parracatholic.org/safechurch

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:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

17-19 August: Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Take the time to step back from
everyday distractions and rediscover
your relationship! 17 - 19 August at
Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville,
N S W . B o o k o n l i n e
at www.wnme.org.au - alternatively
contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan on
0490 774419 or

adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Serving God Through Marriage
Christian Couple as Pastoral Team
Role of Christian Husband & Wife
Effective Communication
Healing Our Marriage
Building Our Home for God



**Saturday 15 Sep, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm &
Sunday 16 Sep, 9:00 am to 1:30pm (including
holy mass)**

St. Mark's Staff Room

Registration:

\$40 per couple to cover 2 lunches and 3 snacks

Note: We can mind your children (ages 5-12 only) if you have no available friends/relatives to look after them during this event. Cost is \$15 per child to cover food and drinks.

**For further information, please contact
0402836075 (Donna) or 0403713374 (Phoebe)**

Please RSVP by Friday 7 Sep 2018.

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)

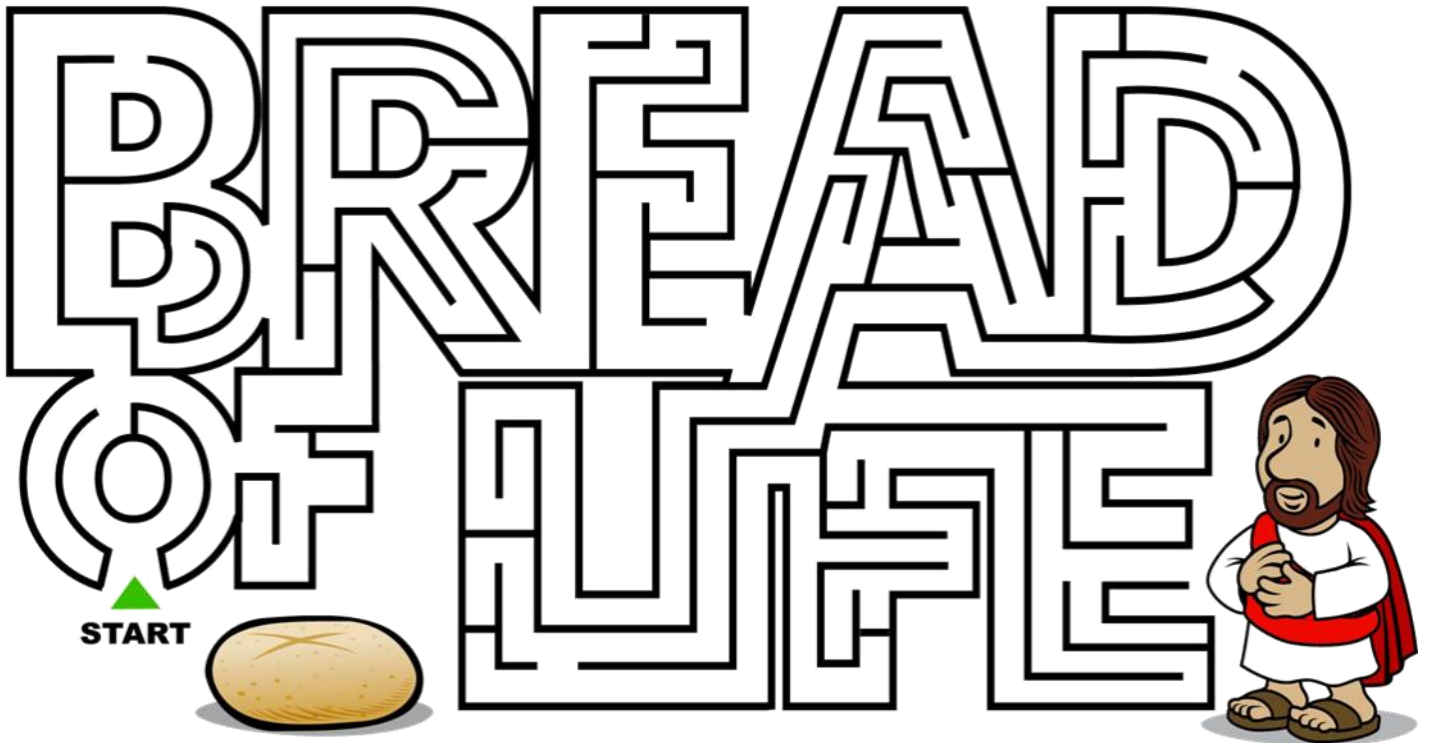
When: 3rd Sundays of the month

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.**

Kids' Corner

Can you make your way through the Bread of Life maze?



Jesus is the living bread from heaven

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