

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading Wisdom 7:7-11

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:12-17

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R**.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. **R**.

Show forth your works to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R**.

Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

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

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



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SACRAMENTS

Baptism by appointment Sun 12:00pm Reconciliation (First Rite) Sat 5:00 - 5:45pm And after any weekday masses

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NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance. Also visit our website or like our Facebook page <u>mmv.facebook.com/john23rdparish</u>



come to the community of the Catholic Parish of St John 20rd Glenwood-Stanhope Ga where the love of Christ Is shining in so many ways.

SUGGESTION BOX We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

- First the **GOOD NEWS**, our Council approval is now for four walls, not two.
- Bishop Vincent will celebrate the 7.30pm All Souls Mass on Friday 2 November and then bless and pray at the existing Memorial Wall, before proceeding to the Garden of Remembrance to bless the columbarium wall(s), cross and altar
- Official Certificates of Purchase are available at the front of the church this weekend
- The first batch of temporary ceramic plaques has been delivered. Two more batches are being manufactured
- Permanent bronze plaques are also in production for those who ordered them
- Columbarium urns have been delivered and are available free of charge for those needing them
- The construction of four granite walls has commenced overseas – each is shipped in one piece and placed directly onto the foundations

WE GIVE THANKS TO ...

- Bill Southan, who is retiring after many years of volunteer gardening in the parish
- All our regular gardeners who work tirelessly to keep our grounds looking beautiful

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.

COELIACS Those who are gluten intolerant may receive communion with a gluten low host. Please inform the acolyte before Mass.

Changes to our collection

First Collection will occur after the Homily and which will be <u>brought to the altar</u> <u>during the offertory procession</u>. The Second Collection will occur after the offertory and will be brought <u>forward during the Holy, Holy</u>.

Paying our debt together

First Collection – for the diocese. This is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

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.

• The foundations/footings for the walls will be laid as soon as the rain stops

- We have approved the altar and cross, and manufacturing has commenced
- Offers of donations for the items listed on page 6 of the bulletin are coming in
- Security lighting, CCTV cameras and sound have been or will be installed in the coming weeks
- The planting of hedges and shrubs was scheduled for this Saturday
- <u>We have one single niche left</u> in the St Mary MacKillop wall in the parish Garden of Remembrance (not North Sydney)

Now, a word of caution:

Because of the approval delays by Council in June we will not have four walls ready by 2 November. We have been assured that one (St John XXIII) will be ready and the remaining three will be completed by the end of November.

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 Christian Meditation Group

Christian Meditation Group held every Monday at 7.30 in the Conference Room for further enquiries call Frances Pegrem on 0417 406715.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

\Rightarrow Food Pantry

Vinnies Stanhope Gardens Conference is starting a "Non-perishable Food Drive" to help feed the needy in the community. When we get calls for assistance with food, we help out with a bag of groceries and a food voucher to buy fresh meat etc. At the moment, our cupboard is looking bare for some items and we are asking for help. We believe that if every family was to contribute one item of non-perishable food a month our cupboard would never go bare. At present, we need long life milk, cereal, pasta sauce, tinned vegetables, tinned meat and tinned fish. We will have a labelled plastic bin in the church foyer for your donations. We will advise you every month as to what food item is running low. Thank you very much for all the help you have given our Vinnies Conference so far. God bless you all.

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Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights										
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						
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	Shalini	Lequin	Thirimanne	Olan	Sebastian					
Feb	5	12	19	26						
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<u>RCIA</u>

"The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions have started last week. Sessions are on Wednesdays at 7.00pm during school term. If anybody is interested in getting to know more about the catholic faith, please feel free to join us.

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

We request the Parish community to pray for the enquirers and the RCIA team.

SACRAMENTAL

\Rightarrow First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation enrolment rituals will be on Sat 20th & Sun 21st October at all masses. Children can bring their enrolment forms at any of the masses to hand in. For all enquiries, please contact Jill on admin@john23rd.org.au.

PASTORAL CARE

For all Seniors: SAVE THE DATE! Christmas Afternoon Tea Dance Sunday 25th November 3pm-6pm For all enquiries, please call Jill on 9852-0583.



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:

Lourdes Walkowsky-Griffin, Esther Cabral

Deceased:

Victor Francis

Anniversary:

Barry Millson, Wenceslao Montaos, Aloysas Reckeymon, Leonardo Villafana

Sick:

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

Thanksgiving:

Anne Sebastian, Cobarrubias Family



I THINK THAT YOU HAVE SOME SERIOUS FAITH

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Cross Primary
49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood
Principal: Marina Hardy
(02) 8664 7100 *holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au*John XXIII and St Mark's College
160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens
Principal: Dr Peter Webster
(02) 9852 0500 *stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au*Catholic Early Learning Centre
160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens
(02) 9852 0585 *celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au nnw.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au*

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Diocesan News
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Save the Date – Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive

Date: 11 November 2018. Waiting for Gabriel is an information afternoon. You'll hear testimonies & learn about natural options which assist fertility. For more information contact Natural Fertility Serv, Diocese of Parramatta *catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org* 0400 427 605

Lawn and Garden Services: Help CatholicCare to Help Disabled Workers

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains (CatholicCare) is the diocesan social services organisation. Our Mamre Garden Services employed disabled people in a lawn and garden service lawns for both residential and commercial clients. The team of workers is supervised by our Garden Crew Supervisor. Each job is quoted separately and you will not be disappointed with the quality of the work. If you're interested in having your lawns and/or gardens serviced by CatholicCare or would like more information, please contact 02 8843 2500 or visit our website www.ccss.org.au

Liturgy Conference 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Tickets are now on sale. For tickets & a full list of workshops go to *parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018* Cost \$30 - includes lunch.

Other News

Positions Vacant

Aid to the Church in Need is hiring! Are you a confident public speaker? Are you looking for flexible ongoing part time work? Will you share the stories of suffering Christians? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney. For all details visit *nnw.catholicjobsonline.com.au*.

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26–31 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing *info@grieftograceaus.org.au* or phone 0478599241. For more information visit *www.grieftograce.org* 19–21 October - National Catholic Men's Conference

The menAlive and the Young Men of God Movement are uniting in 2018 to host the inaugural National Catholic Men's Conference. It will be a life changing weekend where men from all over the country will gather to share an encounter with Christ. It will be a weekend of prayer, worship, sports, and formation led by a powerful lineup of speakers including Robert Falzon, Ben Galea, Fr Ken Barker, Jonathan and Karen Doyle and many more. 19-21 October 2018 at Stanwell Tops. Details at *ymgmovement.org*, or call or text Nathan on 0422 546517

ST JOHN XXIII GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AND COLUMBARIUM

Preliminary work on the Garden of Remembrance and columbarium has commenced. We will be at all masses this weekend to receive payments from those who have reserved niches.

We are also asking anyone who has not taken up their free plant allocation from Blacktown Council to sign the form at the doors of the church. This will enable us to take up your allocation.



A. Sponsorship and promotional opportunities

There are a number of opportunities for parishioners and suppliers to contribute to the construction of our columbarium, either by way of monetary donations or provision of materials or labour. Here are a few ideas – the smallest contribution will be gratefully received

1	Sandstone altar	\$ 4 000
2	Cross	\$ 3 000
3	Wooden bench (6)	\$ 300 each
4	Lighting & CCTV	\$ 3 000
5	Plaque – St John XXIII	\$ 500
6	Plaque – St Mary MacKillop	\$ 500
7	Water feature	\$ 900
8	Paving	\$ 5 000
9	Turf	\$ 5 000
10	Landscaping	\$ 5 000
11	Lighting & CCTV	\$ 3 000

Acknowledgement incentive

Items 1 – 3

If you wish, a plaque acknowledging your contribution is included + if you wish, full colour acknowledgment in the parish bulletin for three weeks

Items 4 – 11

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B. Give of your time at a working bee

There will be a number of working bees, not just for the Garden of Remembrance, but the church gardens generally, for example planting a hedge and other shrubs and plants

C. Gardening or Housekeeping

Offer your time to look after a small garden area or to take care of the Garden of Remembrance eg general tidying up

Contact: John McCartney - businessmanager@john23rd.org.au or 0414 909 178

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

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.



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