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**Twenty Ninth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
21 October 2018**

From the Pastor's desk

The sons of Zebedee expected Jesus to lead a Messianic revolt to throw off the yoke of imperial Rome. But they wanted to be part of a similar sort of power structure. They had not grasped that Jesus had come to turn that sort of society upside down.

However, over the centuries, the Church took on much of the trappings of power of imperial Rome. The popes governed much of Italy. Giuseppe Garibaldi was one of those generals who defeated the forces defending the Papal States, and in doing so actually liberated the papacy from its role as feudal overlord of much of Italy.

In the course of the campaign, when despondent, Garibaldi often reflected on the delightful time he spent on Three Hummock Island just off the coast of Tasmania. So we may say that the liberation of the papacy, enabling it to respond more clearly to today's Gospel, began in Tasmania!

Pope Francis embodies the spirit of today's Gospel. He rails against a Church exhibiting 'the leprosy of a feudal court'. Rather, he has said: 'I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds.' And in his actions he has shown himself as a true 'Servant of the servants of God' as Jesus commands in today's Gospel.

We may pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis that he may have the strength and time to persevere in his responding to today's Gospel so that the papacy may be truly liberated to as to practise a radically different way of exercising leadership in the Church and for the world.

© Fr Michael Tate

- Welcome back to our Pilgrims and Thank you to Father John for leading this spiritual journey.
- Our normal weekly mass schedule returns this week.

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."



OCT THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon 22	9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Christian Meditation Group
Tue 23	9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Mass with Benediction
Wed 24	9.00am - Mass 7:00pm - RCIA session
Thu 25	9.00am - Mass
Fri 26	9.00am - Mass
Sat 27	9.00am - Mass
Sun 28	12pm - Baptism - Please pray for Jonathon, Ethan, Laura, Michael, Harper, Ethan

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading

Isaiah 53:10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



OFFICE

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MAILING

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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 visit our website or like our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/john23rdparish



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

- 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
- 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

- 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
- We have one single niche left 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.

NOVEMBER BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The November Book of Remembrance has again been placed in the sanctuary to enable you to write the names of your departed family and friends. This is more personal than the previous envelope system as you will be able to personally inscribe the names. Please place the envelope with your November mass offering in the Special Needs mailbox at the back of the church (at the sacristy door) – do not leave envelopes with money on the Book of Remembrance table.

WE GIVE THANKS TO ...

- The eight volunteers who gave up their time last Saturday for the gardening working bee. A huge amount of weeding and planting was done.

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. Our weekly 1st and 2nd collections are not reported in the bulletin any more.

A. The details were published in the bulletin but after the cash and other thefts we thought it prudent not to publicise the weekly collections. A summary of our annual financial statements is published, once approved by the Parish Finance Committee.

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 brought to the altar during the offertory procession. The **Second Collection** will occur after the offertory and will be brought forward during the Holy, Holy.

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.

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"

⇒ **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

⇒ **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.

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

	2	9	16	23	30
Oct	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
	Shalini	Lequin	Thirimanne	Olan	Sebastian
Feb	5	12	19	26	
	Manoj	Sebastian	Blasonato	available	

RCIA

"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

⇒ **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.



Chairman

Bart Sarlabus

Dep Chairman

Chris Drummond

Secretary

Nanette Gamboa

Members

Bernadette Virwani

Gary Lee

Julienne Crasto

Nidarshi Fernando

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:

Cirila Estera, Aproniano Estoque,
Orlando Ong

Deceased:

Ebenezer De Souza, Frank Stivala,
Marguerite Van Cuylenburg,
Rafaela Yunon, Vicente Yunon,
Phyllis Carpenter, Harry Castelino,
Marian D'Souza, Elias D'Souza,
Aproniano Estoque

Anniversary:

Amador Becares, Charles Briffa,
Leonila & Andres Marmolejo,
Sergio Anticona, Father Jose Maria

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:

Ronaldo Zamora,
Monica Cobarrubias

Church Funnies



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Diocesan News

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 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 www.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@griegtograces.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griegtograces.org

For more news check out

<https://parracatholic.org/#LATESTNEWSEVENTS>

<https://catholicoutlook.org/>

ST JOHN XXIII GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AND COLUMBARIUM

Official Certificates of Purchase are available at the front of the church this weekend.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

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

If you wish, full colour acknowledgment/ad in the parish bulletin for three weeks

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 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.

✉ For all youth ministry enquiries, email us at youth@john23rd.com

COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"If you want to be great you must be the servant of all the others."



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To be good people we must serve others

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Angry baptism cup decide drink first left
Rescue servant slave teacher Zebedee



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