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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 October 2018

From the Pastor's desk

Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having pilgrims throw coins onto his cloak spread out before him. But the presence of Jesus encouraged him to abandon his cloak, jump up from his ground level existence and ask to truly see the way from Jesus' perspective.

Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing the disease so that Bartimaeus could see ahead in the same way as Jesus and follow him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for Christianity).

You and I can remain with the security of a familiar existence, hoping to be tossed a few coins of consolation to satisfy our various hungers. But Jesus wants us to take courage, to jump up and to share his vision.

This takes faith, but we are in a better situation than Bartimaeus. He knew only that Jesus was on the way from Jericho to Jerusalem. We believe that, in Jerusalem, Jesus was lifted well above ground level and then had the astounding victory over the worst that death could do.

We might pause for a moment to pray for the courage to abandon whatever is keeping us grounded, so that with Bishop Richard of Chichester we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.

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- The recent rains and the approval delays by Council back in June have delayed the official blessing of our Garden of Remembrance and Columbarium by Bishop Vincent. We have postponed his visit until a time when we are sure all the walls are completed and the gardens are in a reasonable condition.
- As the blessing of the Columbarium next Friday has been postponed, there will be the 7.30pm All Souls Day mass but no blessing by Bishop Vincent. As it is All Souls Day there will be no Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus either.

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

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon 29	9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Christian Meditation Group
Tue 30	9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Mass with Benediction
Wed 31	9.00am - Mass 7:00pm - RCIA session
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Thu 1	9.00am - Mass
Fri 2	9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - All Soul's day Mass - No Novena to the Sacred Heart
Sat 3	9.00am - Mass
Sun 4	12pm - Baptism - Please pray for Zara, Ritik, Zara, Marco & Nate

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

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

I shall lead them back in mercy - both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout! 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

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

Gospel Acclamation

cf 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.



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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 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 NEWS

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

- First the **GOOD NEWS**, our Council approval is now for four walls, not two.
- 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)
- **Not so GOOD NEWS**, with the recent rains and the approval delays by Council back in June have delayed the official blessing of our Garden of Remembrance and Columbarium by Bishop Vincent. We have postponed his visit until a time when we are sure all the walls are completed and the gardens are in a reasonable condition.

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.

ATTENTION ALL WOODWORKERS

There are a number of disused pews and parts of pews available free to anyone who would like reasonably good quality timber to work with. Others may be interested in just taking a pew and refurbishing it for your home.

Please contact John McCartney, businessmanager@john23rd.org.au

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.

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 Novena

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	
Mar	5	12	19	26	
	Paguinto R	Jacob	available	available	
Apr	2	9	16	23	30
	available	available	Paguinto E	Sebastian	

RCIA

"The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions have started. 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) 9852 0580

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



Chairman

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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:

Pia Bustos

Deceased:

Nguyen Thi, Nguyen Van Rien,
Sean Morahan, Reno Camilleri,
Charlie & Carmen Camilleri,
Rafaela Yunon, Vicente Yunon,
Claire Gould

Anniversary:

Nguyen Thi

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:

Winsil Peiris, Wira,
Cobarrubias Family

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

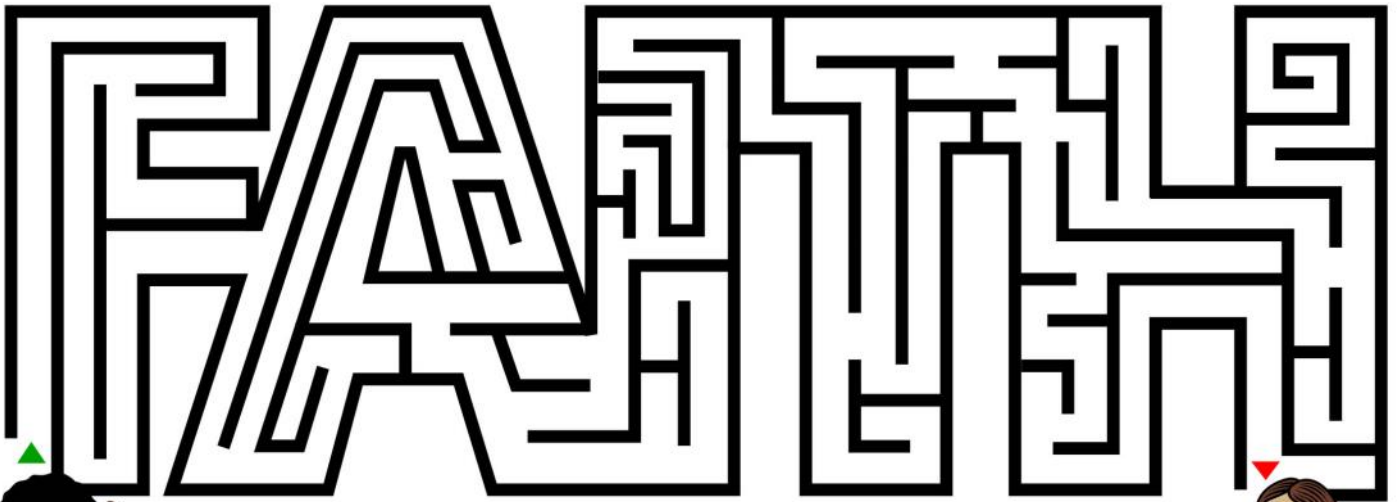
YFC (Youth for Christ)

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



Bartimaeus was a blind man who begged Jesus to help him. He had faith that Jesus could make him see. Help Bartimaeus find his way to Jesus so that he can be healed.



The Lord helps those who have faith

WORD SEARCH	D	X	Z	Z	V	E	G	E	W	S	W	F	J	Y	P	I	J
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afraid Bartimaeus beside coat David eyes
faith Jericho ran see shout stop



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