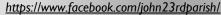
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 25 November 2018

From the Pastor's desk

What are we to make of the famous reply of Jesus to Pilate: 'My kingdom is not of this world? Left there, it sounds as though Jesus is talking about a realm which is far removed from terrestrial concerns. Perhaps our task as his followers is to meditate into a blissful nothingness, to live other-worldy lives.

It is a poor translation, and it should read: 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would have fought to stop my being handed over.' Of all the ways in which our Lord could have contrasted his realm with all the other ways in which societies are ruled, he chose a contrast about the use of force. Rather, his reign springs from his Father's will that humanity should live together in a realm of non-violence.

We can easily criticise ISIL's blasphemous use of barbaric violence in the supposed service of religion. It is the most extreme opposite of Our Lord's teaching which He embodied in his practice. But, even for us, the challenge is there to restrain too-ready resort to armed violence and to humanely moderate its exercise where it is used to protect the innocent.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the coming of the Kingdom, not as an 'out of this world' experience, but in the words of the Our Father: 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.'

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NOV		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
Mon	26	9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Christian Meditation Group
Tue	27	9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Mass with Benediction
Wed	28	9.00am - Mass 7:00pm - RCIA session
Thu	29	9.00am - Mass
Fri	30	St Andrew the Apostle (F) 9.00am - Mass
DEC		
Sat	1	9.00am - Mass 10:00am - Advent Retreat 7:00pm - Helper's Party
Sun	2	12pm - Baptism - Please pray for Sharee, Samuel, Huxley & Siana

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

after the 7:30pm novena Tue

mass

1st Fri 6:30pm followed by 7:15pm Benediction 8:00 - 9:00am (Vocations) Sat

Sacrament of the Sick

1st Sat 9:00am Mass or upon

request

Divine Office

Fri After 9:00am Mass and

Benediction

8:15am Sun

Praise & Worship/Prayer Group

2nd Sat 7:30pm led by CRL

(Community of the Risen Lord)

3rd Sat 7:30pm led by SJ23rd Prayer

Group

Mon 7:30pm led by Frances Pegrem on 0417 406715. Christian

Meditation Group

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."



Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading

Daniel 7:13-14

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 92:1-2. 5*

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. R.

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. R.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 18:33-37

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading

Revelation 1:5-8

The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



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Baptism by appointment Sun 12:00pm

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Sat 5:00 - 5:45pm And after any weekday masses

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Rodrigo Rupac

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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 conveniety of the Catholic Harish of St John 22rd Glenwood Stanhope Gardens

SUGGESTION BOX We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

PARISH NEWS

ATTENTION 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

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

The latest edition of Australian Catholics has arrived and is available free in the fover of the Church.

ENROLMENT OPPORTUNITIES for 2019

Limited positions are available in Years 4, 9. 10 & 11 at John XXIII and St Mark's College. Please contact our Enrolment Officer, Ph: 9852 0500.

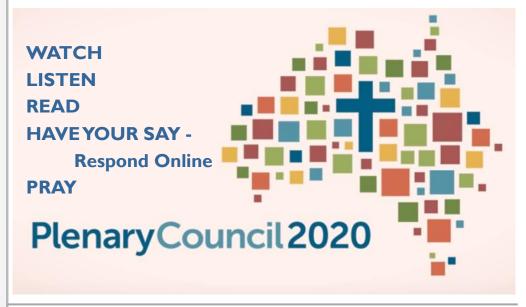
WE GIVE THANKS TO ...

The organizers for the Praise Jam. It was indeed a very uplifting night having all our Praise & Worship group praising & raising their voices in prayer, together.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2019 Columban Mission Calendar celebrates the work of the Missionary Society of St Columban. Founded, 1918, Columban priests and lay ministers work in 17 countries helping the poor and marginalized people of the world.

Calendars are now available on sale for \$10, at the church foyer.



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

Parish Pastoral Corner

FAITH FORMATION

⇒ Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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"

⇒ Advent Retreat 2018



Sign up sheet at the entrance of the church fover

COMMUNITY BUILDING

\Rightarrow Cake Angels

Save this date, Sunday 25th November.

Our Cake Angels would like to thank all our parishioners who have supported their cake stalls throughout the year. As a sign of gratitude, they will be treating parishioners to some sumptuous mini cakes on 25th November after the morning masses.

PASTORAL CARE

The Seniors' Afternoon High Tea dance scheduled for Sunday 25th November has been postponed until next year due to unforeseen circumstances. We hope to hold it sometime early next year and apologise for any inconvenience caused. Thank you.

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights						
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	Mira		
Mar	5	12	19	26		
	Paguinto R	Jacob	Shalini	Reodique		
Apr	2	9	16	23	30	
	available	Olan	Pangilinan E	Sebastian	Shalini	

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.

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

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.



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Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Deceased:

All in our November Book of Remembrance!

Anniversary:

Mrs Soja Anthony

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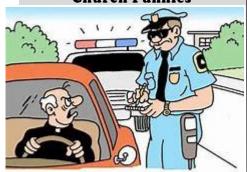
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Jaxon Touneur, Ceasar de Jesus,
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Jaroslava Knotek, Roland Sampy,
Ronelle, Giuseppe David LoRusso,
Sonia Sampaio, John Wormald,
Jesse Perrone, Edmond Rizon,
Fe Suderio, Ariel Ignacio, Lolita Diaz,
Liezl Sultana, Patricia Maldonado,
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Clare Pineda, Inneke Halim,
Madz Aguas, Sole Espiritu,
Sonia Mikac

Thanksgiving:

Xavier & Rathanam & Fly Family, Ronald, Kristine, Maria, Vincenzo Zamora, Jose Mari Samson

Church Funnies



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Diocesan News

20 NOV - Memorial Mass for those bereaved by suicide

CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains together with the Diocese of Parramatta invite those bereaved by suicide to a Mass to honour loved ones who have taken their lives. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Chris de Souza VG PP. St Oliver Plunkett Church, 35 Wigram Street, Harris Park, 6:45pm for 7pm start. RSVP 16 Nov Ph: 02 8843 2530 or rita.chater@ccss.org.au

30 NOV 7:30pm - Ordination to the Priesthood

Diocese of Parramatta deacons Jessie Balorio, Jack Green, Chris del Rosario and Galbert Albino will be ordained to the priesthood by Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. All are welcome, however, due to the anticipated size of the celebration, an outside broadcast with seating will be provided in the Cathedral cloister for those wishing to attend. Parking options may be available in the carpark next to Western Sydney (Parramatta) Stadium, O'Connell Street and streets surrounding the Cathedral.

Details of each ordinand's Mass of Thanksgiving ('First Masses') are as follows:

Galbert - Saturday 1st December at 5.30pm at St Anthony's, Toongabbie Jessie – Sunday 2nd December 10:30 at St Aidan's, Rooty Hill, Saturday 8 December at 5:30pm at Holy Family, Luddenham

Chris - Saturday 1st December at 10.00am at Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill

Jack – Saturday 1st December, 12pm at St John Vianney's, Doonside

7 DEC - Thanksgiving and Farewell Mass

Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, a thanksgiving Mass for the service of Fr Peter Confeggi as he moves into retirement, Fr Luis Herrera as he returns to Columbia and for the service of all those in ministry at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. Fellowship after Mass. 7.30pm

St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown.

For catering purposes, RSVP to 9622 1125 or admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Other News

6 DEC - Holy Hour for Vocations

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth cordially invite YOUTH (ages 18-35) to join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, 1 November at 7:00 pm. Join us also for pizza at 8:00pm, Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula on vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

8 DEC - Australian Catholic Historical Society Lecture

Annual Mass and Christmas Lunch at midday. Mackillop Centre, Mount Street, North Sydney. Visit the ACHS website www.australiancatholichistoricalsociet y.com.au for more information.

HELPERS PARTY

To all parishioners who volunteer their time and effort to make our parish what it is today, we thank you. Thank you so much for your enthusiasm and dedication in assisting in everything be it as working bees, event helpers, collectors etc.

As a sign of gratitude, we are going to have a Helpers' Christmas Party on the 1st Dec after the vigil mass.

Email invitations have been sent out and if you were missed please let us know. It is imperative to **RSVP 25th NOV 2018**, for catering purposes. Further details will be communicated via email. Contacts as follow:

Techie - 0438 201 436

techies@bigpond.com

Nanette - 0404 465 600



For more news check out https://catholicoutlook.org/

ST JOHN XXIII

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AND COLUMBARIUM

UPDATE

- The first two walls (St John XXIII and St Mary MacKillop), the altar and the cross are up.
- The next two walls (St Matthew and St Mark) will be completed by the end of November.

With the first two walls sold out, we now invite expressions of interest in the St Matthew and St Mark walls.

The cost of niches (incl GST) is:

\$2 500 for the 1st niche

\$2 000 for a 2nd niche

\$1 800 for 3rd and subsequent niches

\$1 500 for 5 niches or more

Please email your interest, with your name and the number of niches to businessmanager@john23rd.org.au. This is not a commitment, merely an expression of interest. We will hold a formal sales weekend at all masses in the near future.

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.

Thank you to all our generous individuals and families who have sponsored items in the Garden of Remembrance We will formally acknowledge your contributions soon.

Here are a few ideas left, the smallest contribution will be gratefully

1	Sandstone altar	\$ 4 000
2	Cross	\$ 3 000
3	Lighting & CCTV	\$ 3 000
4	Plaque – St Mark	\$ 500
5	Paving	\$ 5 000
6	Turf	\$ 5 000
7	Landscaping	\$ 5 000

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Items 1-2

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

Items 3 - 7

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B. Give of your time as 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.**

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

Kids' Corner

TRUE OR FALSE

Which of these questions are true? Write down the correct answer

Jesus wore a crown of gold

Jesus' kingdom is forever

Jesus cured the sick

Jesus was mean to his enemies

Jesus had a fortune in gold and jewels

Jesus loved everyone

Jesus was a Christian

Jesus died for our sins

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