



Second Sunday of ordinary time 20 January 2019

From the Pastor's desk

Today's gospel ends: 'He let his glory be seen.' Where? In a nondescript Galilean village at a wedding feast about to become a disaster for the couple. The wine is running out. A fiasco is impending. A hero was needed to step in and save the situation. Jesus and Mary are good candidates for hero status.

But, it is the servants who are the unsung heroes. They take a huge risk. They are going to look utterly stupid if they give the steward water to ladle out. Nevertheless, they follow the stranger's directions exactly and end up serving the best of wines, saving the couple from terrible embarrassment.

The Divine Glory is not going to enter people's lives with great pyrotechnics. Rather, when we do as Jesus requires, even if it looks ridiculous to the crowd, His healing and enhancing Presence can enter and save a situation of apparent disaster.

We could pause for a moment to pray for a certain naïve trust in the Lord as we follow his directions, so that Cana may enter someone's life, so that His glory may be seen.

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10:00am

Mass Times

Mon - Fri 9:00am also Wed

Holy Cross Primary school term only 9:00am, 6:00pm (Vigil) Sat 7:30am, 9:00am, Sun 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

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

FriAfter 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."



JAN		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
Mon	21	9.00am - Mass
Tue	22	9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	23	9.00am - Mass
Thu	24	9.00am - Mass
Fri	25	9.00am - Mass
Sat	26	9.00am - Mass
Sun	27	12pm- Baptism - Please pray for Violet & Antonio

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken,' nor your land 'Abandoned,' but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel *John 2:1-11*

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now,' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him. was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



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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

www.facebook.com/john23rdparish



Welcome to the community of the Catholic Harish of St John 23rd Glenwood Stanhope Gardens

SUGGESTION BOX We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

PARISH NEWS

WE GIVE THANKS TO ...

Ethan Zammit for manning the audio/video, providing us with the music while our choir groups are on holidays.

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

Four more walls now approved

With the St John XXIII and St Mary MacKillop walls sold out, the next four walls are now available for purchase. Yes, the next FOUR walls – Sts Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. St Matthew and St Mark will be completed mid-December and St Luke and St John will be completed in February next year.

Cost for 2019 are as follow:

1st niche 2,750 2nd niche 2,200 3rd & subsequent niches 1,980

We will have a sales weekend at all masses early in the new year but, in the meantime, register your interest with your name and number of niches, via email to businessmanager@john23rd.org.au



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

"Mary joins us, she fights at our side. She supports Christians in the fight against the forces of evil. Especially through prayer, through the Rosary. Hear me out, the Rosary. ... Do you pray the Rosary each day?" Pope Francis

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.

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"

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights										
Jan	1	8	15	22	29					
	Shalini	Lozada	Thirimanne	Olan	Sebastian					
Feb	5	12	19	26						
	Manoj	Sebastian	Blasonato	Sebastian						
M	5	12	19	26						
Mar	Paguinto R	Jacob	Shalini	Reodique						
Apr	2	9	16	23	30					
	Lequin	Olan	Pangilinan E	Sebastian	Shalini					
May	7	14	21	28						
	Drummond	Viola	Shalini	Sebastian						

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).

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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Gary Lee Julienne Crasto Nidarshi Fernando

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Arnold A Cruz, Teresita Suarez, Peter Magpulong, Andres Estera Sr, Clotilde Oledan Pore, John Galea, Hope Van Lan Gen Borg, Norma Lorenzo

Deceased:

Manuel Ronaola, Lorna Ranola, Pauline Farrow, Agnes Dulay Lotilla, Jolly Kannampuzha, Victor Francis, Edilberto R Quiaoit, Nazzarene Sultana

Anniversary:

Juan Marmolejo, Leonila Marmilejo, Iluminada Ranola Alejandro, Rosario Diaz, Dominga Alano

Sick:

Names will normally only be published in the bulletin with an individual or family member's permission.

Virginia Santos

Thanksgiving:

Ric Nicodemus & family

Church Funnies



IS THERE ANY CHANCE YOU COULD TURN JUST A LITTLE BIT OF THAT WINE BACK INTO WATER?

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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Diocesan News

27 January - World Youth Day In-Sync

Catholic Youth Parramatta and the St Patrick's Cathedral Community invite families, friends and supporters of the Panama pilgrims to WYD2019 INSYNC. Sunday 27 January, 6pm Mass followed by food, music and original video footage from pilgrims in Panama. 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. RSVP by 22 January, Fr Paul Roberts connect@ifm.org.au or 9296 6369.

Position Vacant

Parish Office Manager (Part-Time) -Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. More details at: www.olap.org.au

Time is running out for Plenary Council 2020

Submissions to Plenary Council 2020 close on Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019.

YOUR voice matters! Make a personal submission now or join a small group. Our question is for everyone: "What you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" To make a submission or to find out more visit: https://parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020/

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains

We will be celebrating two special Masses early next year:

Sunday 20 January Santo Niño holy Mass and celebration according to the Filipino tradition (English language). The Mass will take place at St Canice's Church, Katoomba at 12pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Sunday 10 February Holy Mass in Spanish. The Mass will take place at St Canice's Church, Katoomba at 12pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Other News

Community of the Risen Lord

The Community of the Risen Lord is leading several evening prayers meetings and a weekend retreat in the Diocese of Parramatta in January. Details and RSVP can be found at *crlmain.org*

Walk the Camino Portugués

Walk the Camino Portugués. Catholic Mission are holding 17-day Pilgrimages: Lisbon, Fatima, Porto, Santiago de Compostela. Two pilgrimages: May 2019 and June 2019. Small group led by Sr Veronica OP, (0451 387 906). See https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/immersions/camino-portugues

NAPPA Conference 2019

The NAPPA Conference will be held on Tuesday 26 February 2019. You can register via this link:

www.nappa2019.wixsite.com/conference or contact Tanya Quinn on 02 8838 3441.

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2019: Thirsting for Justice

A wonderful opportunity for a faith formation experience for parishioners, leaders, teachers, catechists ... all people in ministry and all people who would like to enrich their faith! Join this pilgrimage group to attend the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 18-30 March 2019. Cost of pilgrimage \$4350 for 12 days with some additional expenses. Please contact Lisa Bright on 9622 1125 orlbright@mqofblacktown.org.au for an information pack.

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 0478 599241. For more information visit *www.grieftograce.org*

Pope Francis has spoken of the need to engage in the world and respond in faith. He said:

"The defining aspect of this change of epoch is that things are no longer in their place. Our previous ways of explaining the world and relationships, good and bad, no longer appears to work. The way in which we locate ourselves in history has changed. Things we thought would never happen, or that we never thought we would see, we are experiencing now, and we dare not even imagine the future. That which appeared normal to us — family, the Church, society and the world — will probably no longer seem that way. We cannot simply wait for what we are experiencing to pass, under the illusion that things will return to being how they were before."

The journey toward the Plenary Council will help us to prepare to listen to God by listening to one another. We invite all people to engage, to be a part of the listening and dialogue encounter in the next two years.

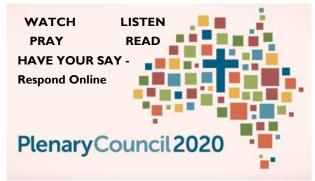
WHAT IS A PLENARY COUNCIL

A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country. Our Plenary Council 2020 is being held so that we can dialogue about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Plenary Council will be held in two sessions. The first will be held in late 2020 (possibly October) and the second session will be held in mid-2021 (possibly in May).

Plenary 2020 Discussion Meetings All meetings are in the parish kitchen unless otherwise advised Plenary 2020 Discussion Meetings

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	Monday (10.00 to 11.00am)	Thursday (7.30pm to 9.00pm)	Sunday (11.30am to 12.30pm)					
Jan	(10.00 to 11.00am)	10/1 –	13/1 –					
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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

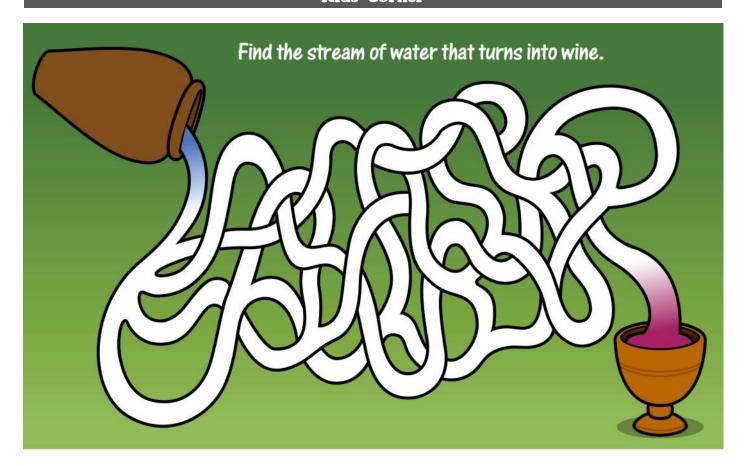
YFC (Youth for Christ)

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



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