



Fifth Sunday of ordinary time 10 February 2019

From the Pastor's desk

Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a very good catch.

Jesus wants to come into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives. Surprising things may then happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. But don't fishermen fish the fish out of the sea and kill them?

Is being caught up in the net of Christianity to be a deadening experience? Having this in mind, St Luke used a word for netting fish for an aquarium. We who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the stranding of pods of whales, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water.

We could pause a moment to thank God that we have been guided into the lifegiving waters of baptism, and for the strength to help others swim into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

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1. While Fr Thomas is away there will be a Liturgy of the Word:

Mon11, Tues 12, Wed 13

Mon 18, Tues 19

The Tuesday evening Mass and Novena will be as normal.

FEB THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

10.00am - Plenary 2020 Discussion Meetings

	7:30pm - Christian Meditation in Parish Office Conference Room								
Tue	9.00am - Liturgy of the Word 7:30pm - Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help								

9.00am - Liturgy of the Word

Wed 13 9.00am - Liturgy of the Word

9.15am - Opening School Mass Holy Cross

7.00pm - RCIA session

Thu 14 9.00am - Mass

Mon 11

7.30pm - Plenary 2020 Discussion Meetings

Fri 15 9.00am - Mass

 $6{:}30\mathrm{pm}$ - CCC Prayer Group - Parish Office Conference Room

Sat 16 9.00am - Mass

Sun 17 12pm- Baptism - Please pray for Gabriel and Charlotte

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/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 Christian Meditation Group in Parish Office Conference Room led by Frances Pegrem

(0417 406715).

Fri 6:30pm led by Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group in the Parish Office Conference Room

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."



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Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lipsand I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 137:1-5, 7-8*

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways: 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

Second Reading1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!





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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 continuity of the Catholic Parish of St John 20rd Glenwood Stanhope Gardens

SUGGESTION BOX We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

PARISH NEWS

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

WE GIVE THANKS TO ...

Emily, for all her work in the gardens while she waits for Uni to start.

We need another 4-5 people to volunteer their time.

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										
Feb	5	12	19	26						
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Mar	5	12	19	26						
	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						
Jun -	4	11	18	25						
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If you want the opportunity of having the statue of Our visit your home contact Bart Sarlabus bart.sarlabus@gmail.com or Melva Paguinto (after novena mass).

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

\Rightarrow Food Pantry

Many thanks for your great generosity during our St Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal and for your monthly contributions of tinned meat, sugar, coffee, tea and breakfast cereals. Your kind assistance to our Stanhope Gardens Conference is very much appreciated. God Bless you all.

RCIA

The RCIA session resumes on January 30, Wednesday 7pm.

We welcome Sezen, Taylor and Chris. They will join Tracey, Robyn, Danielle and Rita in the journey of knowing and understanding the aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices.

Please pray for our RCIA team and the prospective converts.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

⇒ Cake Angels Stall - 24th February

Our first cake stall for the year will be held on 24 Feb, starting from 7:30am mass until the 10:30am mass.

Proceeds will go to the Church ministry fund. Your support of this activity will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to contribute some goodies or if you're interested to join and be part of our Cake Angels, drop Madeline Huang a line on huang64@gmail.com

PASTORAL CARE

If you or any family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please contact the parish office.

DEANERY EVENTS

⇒ St Patrick's Day Picnic

The Northern Deanery is going to hold a picnic for the families and youth of our deanery, Sunday March 17th after the morning Mass at St Madeleine's Kenthurst.

This is a great opportunity for the different parishes to interact with other parishioners from parishes across the deanery. It's BYO. More information to follow or contact Gary Lee of the Parish Council.



Bart Sarlabus Dep Chairman Chris Drummond

Secretary

Nanette Gamboa

Bernadette Virwani Gary Lee Julienne Crasto Nidarshi Fernando

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Edilberto R Quiadit Sr

Deceased:

Frank Barbara, Manuel Ranalo, Lorna Ranola

Anniversary:

Aprad Labanz, Emanuel Cremona, Antonia Cremona, Victoria Cremona, Victor Cremona, Angelo Cremona, Philomina Pachala, William Keenan, Giorgio Kavo

Sick

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

Virginia Santos

Thanksgiving:

Church Funnies



OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood Principal: Marina Hardy

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Diocesan News

Position Vacant

<u>Head of Social Services Operations</u> – CatholicCare Social Services

More details at www.ccss.org.au

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

Enrolments close 4th February 2019 or until booked out. The Office For Worship is taking enrolments for the Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying, Senior Servers and Acolytes. Our Courses are offered at two locations: Institute for Mission, Blacktown and St Nicholas of Myra, Penrith. Please see your Parish office for an enrolment form or for more information contact ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org or 8838-3456.

IFM Reflective Ministry Program

Are you serving in and through Catholic communities? The Reflective Ministry program offered by the Institute for Mission is a great opportunity to learn and explore ideas of pastoral theology to benefit you and those you serve - and it's now open for registration.

Visit www.ifm.org.au/reflectiveministry for more information and to register online or call 9296 6369 to talk to our friendly team.

15-17 February - Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Parramatta is holding a "Restoring Reverence" event. From Friday 15 – Sunday 17 February at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills. Further information can be obtained on 0404 093 118 or 0425 607 227. Entry by donation, Children's Ministry available, coffee and tea provided, BYO lunch.

22 February - Ordination to the Diaconate

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Roque Dias, John Cinya, Thong Nguyen and Roderick Pirotta on Friday 22 February at 7.00pm. The ordination will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshments to follow.

Other News

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*

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

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

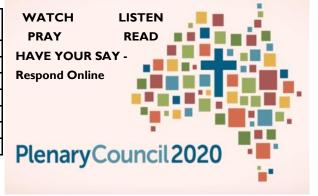
A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country. Our Plenary Council 2020 is being held so that we can dialogue about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

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

	Monday (10 to 11.00am)	Thursday (7.30pm to 9pm)	Sunday (11.30am to 12.30pm)
Feb			3/2-
	4/2 -	7/2 -	10/2 -
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Everyone is welcome to attend and share your voice

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 John 23rd Parish Council will be holding the final parish assembly session for the Plenary Council 2020 submissions on Sunday 3rd of March, 11:30am at the St Mark's Staff Room.

We would like to invite you to participate and share your thoughts to help shape the future of the Australian Catholic Church.

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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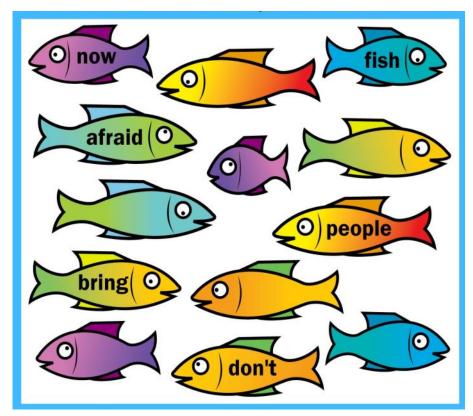
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