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**Seventh Sunday  
of ordinary time  
24 February 2019**

### From the Pastor's desk

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

As many of you are aware, I suffered a stroke in January 2014 while I was Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral. After some rehabilitation and rest I was (happily) transferred to this parish after the untimely death of Fr Dave Hume. And so, since July 1st, 2014, I have been blessed to be Parish Priest of St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens.

Since arriving I have had a number of health issues that have been resolved to a certain extent. However, there is another result of my stroke that needs attention. And so, as a result, the Bishop has agreed that I have 4-6 weeks Sick Leave from Sunday 24th February to deal with these further physical and emotional issues.

Accordingly, Fr Thomas will be 'in charge' in my absence - similar to when I'm on Annual Leave. Supply priests will cover the Sunday morning masses during this period and I thank Fathers Robert Anderson and Michael O'Callaghan in advance for their generosity.

Later in the year I will be on Sabbatical - from mid-August until the first week of December. During that period the Bishop will appoint an Administrator to our Parish. I have been blessed with approval to attend the Tantur Institute in Jerusalem for the 13-week Biblical and Spiritual Sabbatical Programme. It will be good to receive some input once again, it's been nearly 30 years since I completed my post-Graduate Studies.

So, as it turns out, I will have a number of absences from you this coming year: but all with the express aim of rest, rehabilitation and renewal so that I can serve you to the best of my ability in the years ahead.

Please keep me in your prayers, as I keep you in mine.

God's Blessings always!

Fr. John

There will be a 9am Mass on Thursday as usual, but during Fr John's absence, Tuesday evening will be a Liturgy of the Word.

### 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 & Benediction

Tue after the 7:30pm Liturgy of the Word after the 7.30pm Mass

1st Fri after the 7.30pm Mass

#### Sacrament of the Sick

1st Sat 9:00am Mass or upon request

#### Divine Office

Sun 8:15am after 7.30am Mass

#### 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."*



FEB		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
Mon	25	9.00am - Mass 10.00am - Plenary 2020 Discussion Meetings 7.30pm - Christian Meditation in Parish Office Conference Room
Tue	26	9.00am - Mass 7.30pm - Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help after Liturgy of the Word
Wed	27	9.00am - Liturgy of the Word 10.00am - Mass (Holy Cross) 7.00pm - RCIA session
Thu	28	9.00am - Mass 7.30pm - Plenary 2020 Discussion Meetings
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Fri	1	9.00am - Mass 6.30pm - CCC Prayer Group - Parish Office Conference Room
Sat	2	Working Bee (7-12) 9.00am - Mass
Sun	3	12pm - Baptism - Please pray for Finn, Savannah & Jonathon

### Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

### First Reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

#### R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repays us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**



### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

### Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

## OFFICE

160 Perfection Avenue,  
Stanhope Gardens, 2768  
(next to St Mark's College Admin Office)

## MAILING

PO Box 23, Stanhope Gardens,  
NSW 2768

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism** *by appointment*

Sun 12:00pm

**Reconciliation (First Rite)**

Sat 5:00 - 5:45pm

*And after any weekday masses*

## CLERGY

**Parish Priest:**

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✉ [FrThomas@john23rd.org.au](mailto:FrThomas@john23rd.org.au)

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Rodrigo Rupac

✉ [DeaconRudy@john23rd.org.au](mailto:DeaconRudy@john23rd.org.au)

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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](http://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

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](mailto:businessmanager@john23rd.org.au)

### WORKING BEE

Our Garden of Remembrance is nearing completion and we are hoping to have Bishop Vincent celebrate mass and bless the columbarium in March. In preparation for that we have a gardening working bee on Saturday 2 March – great preparation for Ash Wednesday and Lent! We would welcome any time you can give us that morning from 7am – 12pm. Please bring gloves, hat, gardening gear, water. If you are able to help please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the church foyer.

### How can I help?

By using your time and talents

We have three jobs in this new column:

1. A suitably qualified handyman to clean and re-seal the wooden deck. Consumables eg sealant will be reimbursed.
2. Someone with a welding machine to do a small angle-grinding and spot-welding job.
3. We need 3-4 people to look after our garden beds.

Please contact John McCartney  
[businessmanager@john23rd.org.au](mailto:businessmanager@john23rd.org.au)

### PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please bring palms you have from last Palm Sunday to be processed for ashes for Ash Wednesday – 6 March. We will need your palms by Sunday 3 March. Please leave them in the box in the front foyer.

### WE GIVE THANKS TO.....

Bob Agbulos and Rose Franco for their past service, dedication and leadership as Coordinators for the Liturgy and Faith Formation Ministries, respectively.

Wira Peiris will be taking over as the Liturgical Ministry and Vittorio Lim for Faith Formation. Let us welcome them and support them in their new roles as leaders of these ministries.

We would like to thank all parishioners who continually support our Vinnie's Food Pantry drive. God bless you all.



**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.



## 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. 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"*

If you want the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home contact Bart Sarlabus [bart.sarlabus@gmail.com](mailto:bart.sarlabus@gmail.com) or Melva (after novena mass).

### ⇒ 2019 Lenten Program

Dear parishioners, are you looking for a way to prepare yourselves for our Lord's Passion? Pray, share and live each Sunday's Gospel in Lent by joining a group or forming your own Lenten Discussion Groups. Discussions will be guided by a participant's book plus DVD and CDs entitled **Compassion - Reflecting, Sharing and Living the Good News** which will be provided. Information on the elements of the program can be found online [www.lentprogram.com](http://www.lentprogram.com).

Groups will meet once a **week** starting the week of Ash Wednesday (6th March) and run for the 6 weeks of Lent. **One group will meet every Friday morning at 10.00am at the church kitchen commencing 8th March, 2019.** Sign-up sheets for this group or any other group you may wish to form/join are available at the church foyer.

For further info, please contact **Vit Lim on 0411 765050.**

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This week's session is about the 2 Sacraments of Healing; Penance (also known as Reconciliation) and Anointing of the Sick. Please pray for our RCIA team and the prospective converts.

## EVANGELIZATION

### ⇒ SRE TEACHERS NEEDED

*The harvest is great but the workers are few (Matthew 9:37)*

If you have the desire to spread God's word to children and could spare an hour during weekdays, please consider this ministry. Training and resources will be provided.

We currently have four public primary schools and one high school in our parish that we teach in. The scripture classes are conducted during school hours for half an hour. The days available are Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

If you want further information please call Asoki (0430 020265) or Renuka (0414 795814)

## PASTORAL CARE

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

## Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

Feb	5	12	19	26	
	Manoj	Sebastian	Blasonato	Sebastian	
Mar	5	12	19	26	
	Paguanto 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	
	Erasmo	Thirimanne	available	Sebastian	

*"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*

### ⇒ Weekday Pastoral Morning Tea

The Pastoral Care ministry is holding a morning tea next **Wednesday 27 Feb** after the 9am weekday mass. All are welcome for a cuppa!



### ⇒ Seniors' Mini-Retreat: From Invisible to Invincible. Embracing God's gift of years

Led by Sr Grace from the IFM (Institute for Mission), this mini-retreat will focus on the following:

- \* Sharing life stories
- \* Finding and re-defining our Baptismal call
- \* Learning tools for the journey through centering prayer
- \* Prayers of surrender, abandonment and trust

**When** SAT 16 MARCH, 9.45am-1pm

**Where** St Mark's Staff Room

Come join us for spiritual rejuvenation through prayer and reflection whilst meeting others along the way.

Light lunch will be provided. This is a free event and there are only **25 spaces** available.

### ⇒ SAVE THE DATE! Seniors' Afternoon Tea Dance

Put on your dancing shoes! The Pastoral Care Ministry is hosting its 4<sup>th</sup> social event for seniors with an Afternoon Tea Dance. We hope to see you there!

**When** SAT 18 MAY, 3-5pm

**Where** ST. MARK'S SCHOOL HALL



### ⇒ Communion to the Sick Ministry

If you or anyone you know are homebound due to illness and would like to receive communion, please contact Jill below. Thank you very much Angel, Mary Jo, Isabel, Myrna, Smita, Rose, Shalini, Remy, Helen, Bernadette, Chris, Janice and Gary for your commitment and time in bringing Jesus to those in need. We, the ministry and the parish, appreciate it very much. We also warmly welcome Rosa and Renuka to the team. Welcome!



### ⇒ Anglican Retirement Village (ARV) Dudley Foord House Visits

Our monthly visit dates are to be confirmed.

**FOR ALL ENQUIRIES OR BOOKINGS, PLEASE CONTACT JILL ON 0402 172 346 or at [admin@john23rd.org.au](mailto:admin@john23rd.org.au)**

**Recently Deceased:**  
Amparo Fernandez, Mill Newton,  
Dominador Domayas,  
Kristoffer Santos

**Deceased:**  
Herman De Silva, Vences Fernnado,  
Gertrude Silva, Gerard Silva

**Anniversary:**  
Sixta Gutierrez, David Kisnorbo,  
Max Cerdor, Jenny Calabria

**Sick:**  
*Names will normally only be published in the bulletin  
with an individual or family member's permission.*  
Virginia Santos

**Thanksgiving:**  
Shane Fernando, Xavier, Grana Selcar  
& Fly, Kristine Zamora

**Holy Cross Primary**  
49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood  
Principal: Marina Hardy  
☎ (02) 8664 7100  
✉ [holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au)

**John XXIII and St Mark's College**  
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**Catholic Early Learning Centre**  
160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens  
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[www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au)

The Ephpheta Centre, supported by the Parramatta Catholic Foundation, gives hope, compassion, connectivity and care to the deaf and hard of hearing. Your kind-hearted support will provide chaplaincy and pastoral care for the vulnerable and isolated, in homes, hospitals, prison and aged-care facilities. Please be a channel of hope and give generously via the Appeal envelopes or online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal).

We urgently require people to take Holy Communion to patients in Blacktown Hospital on Sundays. Volunteers are currently rostered on every second month (6 times annually). Distribution of Communion takes about 2 to 3 hours. Security checks required and carpark access available. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who can help with this important ministry please contact Deacon George Bryan at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown either via the parish office or via at [George.Bryan@parracatholic.org](mailto:George.Bryan@parracatholic.org)

Are you interested in visiting an elderly person in a nursing home who has no or very few visitors? This service is organised through CatholicCare. You would visit on average once every two weeks with CatholicCare providing training and other support. After talking with you about your interests, we will match you with a resident in a nursing home within approximately 10km of your home. The visit is entirely within the nursing home – you do not take the person on outings or shopping etc. For more info, contact Deb Woolacott on 0418 114055 or [deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au)

A way of keeping the spirit of ecumenism alive in our area, Wesley Church 32-34 Showground Road Castle Hill commencing at 7.30pm 1st March. It will be followed by light refreshments and everyone is welcomed.

You're invited on Thursday, March 14 6pm, nine days before the next NSW election, to join 2000 leaders and citizens at Sydney Town Hall to stand together for the common good. Together we will be seeking clear, concrete commitments on affordable housing, household energy and rental reform from both state and federal politicians.

Parramatta Diocese Social Justice Office, Vinnies NSW Sydney Alliance and the Everybody's Home Campaign are jointly hosting the Assembly. Register now to be part of making a difference for the Common Good at [www.commongood.assembly.org.au](http://www.commongood.assembly.org.au)

<https://register.eventarc.com/41575/march-2019-assembly>

Parishes of the Northern Deanery will hold a picnic for St Patrick's Day, on Sunday 17 March from midday-4pm, at St Madeleine's Primary School, 28 Annangrove Rd, Kenthurst. Bring your own picnic and enjoy entertainment and children's activities provided by the youth ministries of the deanery. Enquiries to Wendy on 0427 863149 or [deanerypc@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au](mailto:deanerypc@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au)

## Position Vacant

Director Mission Integration - St John  
of God Health Care

More details at: [www.sjog.org.au](http://www.sjog.org.au)

## Catholic Institute of Sydney

The Catholic Institute of Sydney (CIS) promotes study with a focus on theology and ministry. Courses are open to lay people, religious and seminarians. Award, non-award and audit students are welcome to study at introductory, undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Courses are offered in a variety of modes of study including weekly face to face teaching, intensive (5 consecutive days), extensive (5 days during the semester) and independent guided study. What's on in Semester 1 2019 information is available at [www.cis.catholic.edu.au](http://www.cis.catholic.edu.au)

For more news check out

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

<https://catholicoutlook.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	11/2 -	14/2	17/2
	18/2	21/2 -	24/2
	25/2	28/2	
Mar			3/3
	4/3		

WATCH  
PRAY

LISTEN  
READ



Plenary Council 2020

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 teen.

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](mailto:youth@john23rd.com.au).

✉ For all youth ministry enquiries, email us at [youth@john23rd.com](mailto:youth@john23rd.com)



## Parish News

### John XXIII Catholic Primary School

Seeking Enrolment into Kindergarten in 2020?

You are warmly invited to our Primary Open Day

Tuesday, 5th March 2019

9.15 am - 10.30 am

Enrolment Packages available on-line

[www.clcstanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://www.clcstanhope.catholic.edu.au)

### St Mark's Catholic College

Seeking Enrolment into Year 7 in 2020?

You are warmly invited to our Secondary Open Day

Monday, 4th March 2019

4.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Enrolment Packages available on-line



**OPEN DAYS**  
Sunday 3 March 2019  
11am - 12:30pm  
Tuesday 5 March 2019  
9:30 - 10:30am &  
4:30 - 5:30 pm

**ENROL NOW**  
Open the door to the future

**Holy Cross Primary Glenwood**

Holy Cross Primary is a high-quality Catholic school, supporting your child to become the best learner they can be.

We offer:

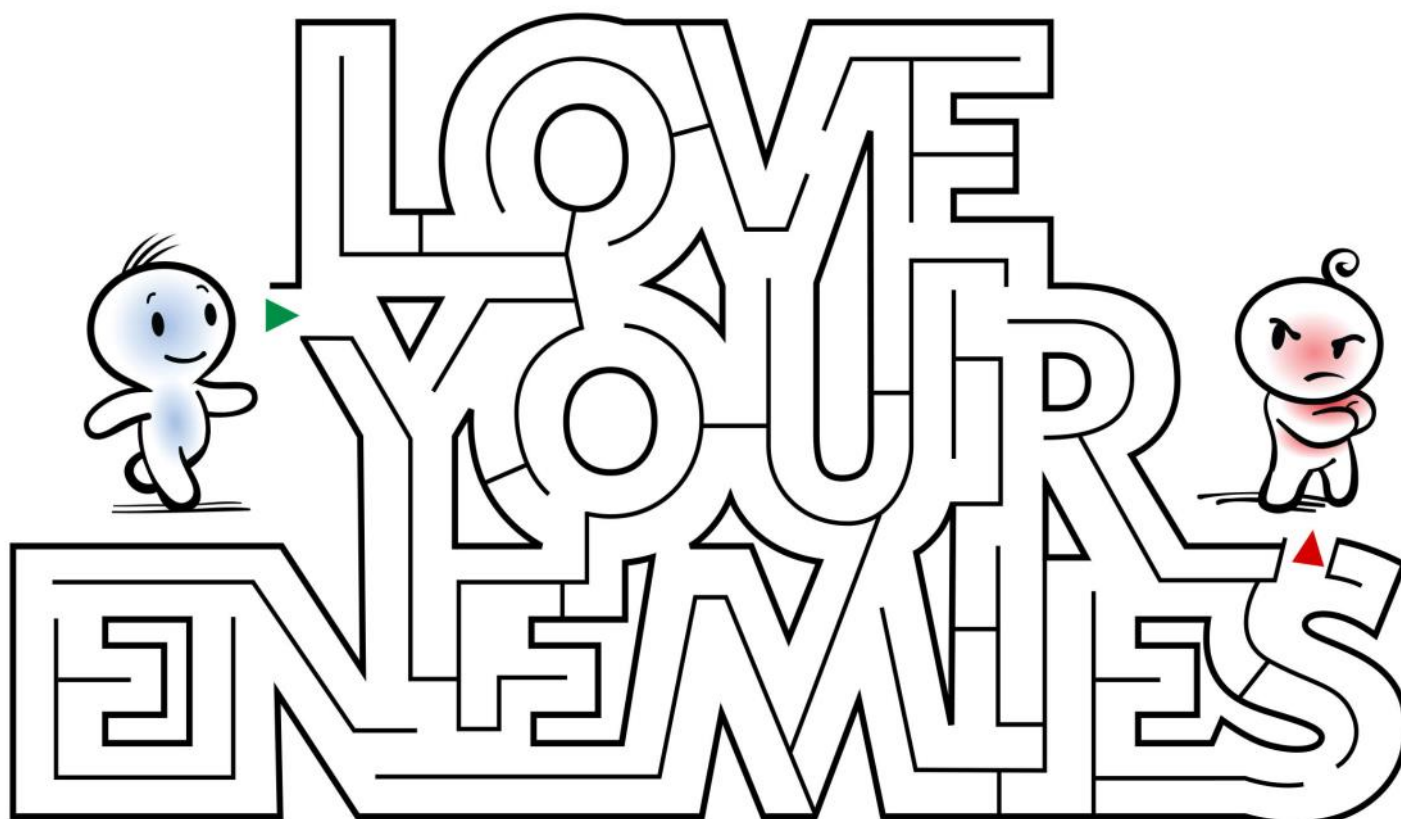
- caring, skilled and dedicated teachers
- an education that focuses on the whole child
- relevant, interesting and enjoyable learning
- specialist music and art programs
- modern, air conditioned learning spaces that are resourced with the latest technology
- spacious grounds with large, grassed playing areas and shade covered paved areas
- Before and After School and Vacation Care with Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC)

**JOIN OUR COMMUNITY TODAY TO OPEN THE DOOR TO THE FUTURE!**

**Holy Cross Primary**  
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[www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au)

## Kids' Corner

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