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**Second Sunday  
of Lent  
17 March 2019**

**From the Pastor's desk**

One often hears the conventional wisdom: 'All religions are the same, with somewhat different packaging.' But, do they believe the same thing about the human person?

What if one believed that the most vital part of a person was 'the soul' which alone was destined for Heaven? This is not the Christian belief.

Today's Gospel recounts that Jesus' body was transfigured. This was no out-of-the-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was totally translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Every molecule of his materiality was reverberating in the halo of divine glory.

That is the destiny which God desires for us also. When we are really in harmony with God, when we really participate in the life of God, then that Divine Life envelops and permeates our whole person, bodysoul. That is our ultimate destiny, but can it be anticipated in the lives of those close to God?

You might care to read the story of St Seraphim of Sarov from the Russian Orthodox tradition. A follower recounts the dazzling bodily transformation of the saint with the blaze of light spilling over onto the snow-covered meadow.

We might pause for a moment to affirm our Christian hope that, with God's grace, we will be radiant with Divine Light, our bodies immersed in translucent glory, filled with infinite joy in our hearts.

© Fr Michael Tate

- The Caritas Lenten Project Compassion boxes have arrived and are available at the entrances to the church.

**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."*



AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO  
**LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE**  
PRESENTED BY JONATHAN TEBBLEN FOR THE POLICE BOOK



**WHEN  
FASTING  
AND  
ABSTINENCE**

**ABSTINENCE**

**WHO**



**CATHOLICS  
14+  
ARE OBLIGED TO  
PRACTICE ABSTINENCE**



**CATHOLICS  
18-59  
ARE OBLIGED  
TO FAST**



**THOSE OUTSIDE THE AGE LIMITS**  
and those whose state in life (e.g. pregnant women, manual laborers; those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence or acts of charity or piety.

**MAR**

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

Mon 18	<i>St Patrick (S)</i> 9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Christian Meditation in Parish Office Conference Room
Tue 19	<i>St Joseph (S)</i> 9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help after Liturgy of the Word
Wed 20	9.00am - Mass 10.00am - Liturgy of the Word led by Deacon Rudy
Thu 21	9.00am - Mass
Fri 22	9.00am - Mass followed by Benediction 6:30pm - CCC Prayer Group - Parish Office Conference Room 7:30pm - Stations of the Cross
Sat 23	9.00am - Mass
Sun 24	

### Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

### First Reading

*Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

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

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14*

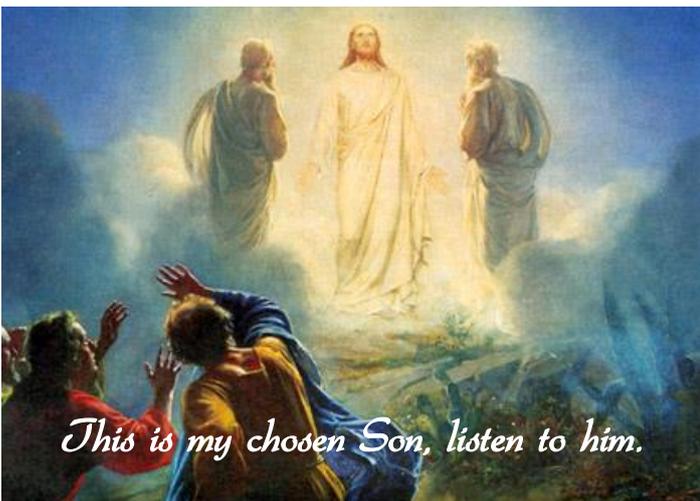
**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' **R.**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R.**



*This is my chosen Son, listen to him.*

### Second Reading

*Philippians 3:17 - 4:1*

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

*Matthew 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel

*Luke 9:28-36*

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him!'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

## 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)

**Deacon:**

Rodrigo Rupac

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

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**Office Hours**

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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

⇒ **Blessing of the Columbarium**

Our Garden of Remembrance is nearly completed. Bishop Vincent will be celebrating mass and formally blessing the Columbarium on Saturday **11 May at 9am.**



⇒ **Open Day - 13-14 April**

There will be an "Open Day" on the **13-14 April** weekend. You will be able to tour the Garden and place your orders after all masses that weekend.

We invite you to register your expression of interest for niches in the Sts Matthew, Mark, Luke and John walls before 11 May.

The cost of niches (incl GST) is:

1st niche 2,750

2nd niche 2,200

3rd & subsequent niches 1,980

There are still opportunities to sponsor items for the Garden eg plants and other landscaping costs.

Please email your Expressions of Interest, sponsorship offers or any queries to [businessmanager@john23rd.org.au](mailto:businessmanager@john23rd.org.au)

Please also tell your family and friends about the columbarium – we have opened it up to parishioners from other parishes so there is an opportunity for them to have their ashes placed in church grounds, beside a church where family and friends may conveniently visit after mass.

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

♥ To Theresa Hang Phan who provides the church with beautiful fresh flowers for the altar every week. You are most generous, thank you.

Woodcroft Florist & Art

Address: Shop 4A/3 Woodcroft Dr,  
Woodcroft NSW 2767

♥ To Brad for installing our benches for the Garden of Remembrance

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PARENTS' MEETINGS

**Confirmation Parents' Meeting**

Wed 27 March, 7.30pm. Church

**First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting**

Wed 1 May, 7.30pm. Church

Copies of the sacramental calendars are available in the church foyer or on our website [www.john23rd.com](http://www.john23rd.com)

For all enquiries, please contact Jill on 9852-0583 or at [admin@john23rd.org.au](mailto:admin@john23rd.org.au)

### FAITH EDUCATORS NEEDED!

The Sacramental team is looking for anyone who would like to help facilitate a small group of children during the First Holy Communion and Confirmation sacramental programs. Only a passion to pass on the faith to our young ones is needed. Training provided. To find out more, contact Jill On 0402 172 346 or at [admin@john23rd.org.au](mailto:admin@john23rd.org.au)

### WANT TO DO SOMETHING EXTRA FOR LENT?

Come and join us Friday evening at 6.30 pm. In staff meeting room. Opp. Church Office. We will look at and discuss Sunday Mass Gospels for Lent. Finishing with Stations of the Cross. Any age welcome. For more Info. Call Pauline. 0407417039. Or. Just turn up !!

**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.lentenprogram.com](http://www.lentenprogram.com).

Various groups have now been formed. If you're still interested to join, sign up sheets are at the church foyer. Alternatively, please contact **Vit Lim on 0411 765050** for further information on the groups.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE**

⇒ **Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Food Drive**

*Lent is a time for reflecting on the enormous sacrifice our Lord made on Good Friday. It's also a time for making sacrifices of our own. One of the purest sacrifices you can make is showing compassion to those in need.*

The JRS foodbank provides much needed fresh food and groceries to over 350 individuals and families every month. Foodbank is not your usual food donation service. At JRS we don't make hampers for our clients, but rather allow them to choose their own groceries. We stock our shelves and our fridge like a supermarket, meaning people are able to do their own 'shopping'.

We have identified six staple items that are most frequently requested. Each week parishioners are encouraged to bring in the one designated item to deposit in a box at the church foyer. Thanks for your generosity, just one item a week makes such a difference. Your contribution is helping JRS accompany, serve, and advocate for these families.

All goods received will have to be transported to JRS Arrupple Place Community Centre on Darcy Rd, Westmead (next to Catherine McAuley). If you would like to provide assistance please contact Margaret Harrison on 0413 900 226

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| <b>Week 1</b> Basmati Rice | <b>Week 4</b> Tinned Tomatoes  |
| <b>Week 2</b> Tuna in Oil  | <b>Week 5</b> Chickpeas        |
| <b>Week 3</b> Cooking Oil  | <b>Week 6</b> Red Kidney Beans |

**Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights**

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	
	Erasmus	Thirimanne	Richards	Sebastian	
Jul	2	9	16	23	30
	available	Shalini	Chula	available	Javier C

*"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*

**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 4 public primary schools and a high school in our parish that we teach in. The scripture classes are conducted during school hours for half an hour during Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For more info call Asoki 0430 020265 or Renuka 0414 795814

**LITURGY**

⇒ **Altar Servers Training 2019 - 26 May & 2 June**

- ◆ Are you 10 years old and over?
- ◆ Have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Holy Communion?
- ◆ You want to assist the clergy and acolytes at mass times?

If so, we invite you to join our Junior Altar Server ministry. Training sessions will be held on 26th May and 2nd June with commissioning on 9th June. Application forms are available in the church, from our parish office and parish Facebook page and website.

Call or SMS Johanna Cusack on 0478035847 for further details.

⇒ **Paschal Triduum Events**

**Holy Thursday—Washing of the Feet**

The Liturgy Team wish to invite parishioners who would like to take part as one of the 12 Apostles for Washing of the Feet during the Holy Thursday Mass.



This is a sacred and solemn event in our church's history which is well known as the last supper.

There will be a clip board at the back of the church for those who are interested to be involved where you write your name, email and mobile number. Please note, that we are looking for parishioners from a range of ages and ethnicities to best celebrate and highlight our multicultural community.

If you need further information please contact Frank 0459504625.

**Recently Deceased:**

Christine McPortland,  
Nalini Ranasinghe

**Deceased:**

Paul Prveen D'Souza, Tony Del Rio,  
Mrs Leonila Marmolejo

**Anniversary:**

Sergio Anticono, Mr Juan Marmolejo,  
Felipe Villalba

**Sick:**

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

Virginia Santos, Fr John, Pat Doyle,  
Miss Anshu Mala Nand

**Thanksgiving:**

Nancy Cabral, Sonny Olaes,  
Bernadette Virwani

**Church Funnies**



**OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

**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**

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

✉ [stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au)

**Catholic Early Learning Centre**

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

✉ [celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au)

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

**Communion to the Sick, Blacktown Hospital**

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)

**Join St Patrick's Cathedral Choir**

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta is recruiting singers! This is an exciting opportunity to join a group of highly talented musicians. Choral scholarships are also available to singers who demonstrate advanced vocal skills and musical leadership qualities. For further info visit <http://www.stpatscathedral.com.au/musicministry/index.htm> or contact the Music Director, Bernard Kirkpatrick on 0430 431884.

**Volunteers Urgently Needed for Visiting Residents of Aged Care Facility**

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@ccs.org.au](mailto:deb.woolacott@ccs.org.au)

**Bishop's Lenten Appeal**

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).

**Other News**

**21 March - 2019 Bishop Manning Lecture**

"The Catholic Community in the 21st Century" - Where have we been? Where are we now? Where are we going? Who's going with us? Listen to priest, academic, author and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn, Father Anthony Percy speak on this topic of critical importance to the future of our Church. 21 March 2019 from 6pm at the Kirribilli Club, Lavender Bay. Cost is free registrations via [ccercatholic.org.au/register](http://ccercatholic.org.au/register)

**22 - 24 March - Mt Schoenstatt**

Mind, Body & Soul Retreat at Mt Schoenstatt for Mature Catholic Women who feel on the Fringe of the Church.

Facilitator: Andrea Dean.

Where: Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

Time: 5pm 22nd March to 2pm 24 March.

Cost: \$230 includes two nights private ensuite accommodation and all meals. For more information or to book

[manager@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:manager@schoenstatt.org.au) or phone Ann-Maree: 02 4773 8338

**29 - 30 March - Mt Schoenstatt**

24 hours of Adoration for the Lord, 2019 at Mt Schoenstatt.

Where: Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

Time: Begins with Holy Mass at 6pm on Friday 29 March, finishing with Holy Mass at 5pm on Saturday 30 March.

Each hour will have reflection and music presented by different groups and individuals. Every half hour the Shrine will be silent for prayer and reflection. Come for 1 hour or 24, no obligation for a particular time period. Enquires for groups or individuals [manager@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:manager@schoenstatt.org.au) or phone Ann-Maree 02 4773 8338.

For more news check out

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

<https://catholicoutlook.org/>

# 10 THINGS TO DO WHEN YOUR LENT PLAN FAILS

 <p><b>ACCEPT IT</b> ACCEPT IF AND HOW YOUR PLAN HAS FAILED</p>	 <p><b>GO TO CONFESSION</b> MAKE AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE AND START OVER</p>	 <p><b>GET BACK UP</b> REMEMBER YOUR LENTEN RESOLUTIONS AND BEGIN AGAIN</p>	 <p><b>WHAT WENT WRONG?</b> PONDER ON THE SERIES OF EVENTS THAT LED YOU HERE</p>	 <p><b>PRAY</b> PRAYER HELPS YOU REVIVE YOUR SOUL. LISTEN TO GOD'S VOICE</p>
 <p><b>FAST</b> FASTING ENABLES US TO DOMINATE OUR DESIRES</p>	 <p><b>GIVE ALMS</b> WHEN WE GIVE ALMS, WE DO OURSELVES AND OTHERS A GREAT THING</p>	 <p><b>LISTEN</b> FOLLOW THE ADVICE FROM THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE</p>	 <p><b>FOCUS</b> FOCUS ON ACCOMPLISHING WHAT YOU SET OUT TO DO</p>	 <p><b>ASK FOR HELP</b> LEAN ON YOUR FRIENDS, PRIEST, MENTORS, AND FAMILY</p>

SOURCE: CATHOLICEXCHANGE.COM



## Holy Cross - 40-day Lent challenge

For many the Easter holidays are a vibrant time of happiness and joy, spent celebrating with cherished loved ones. However, for those less fortunate, this period can be a time of hardship. That is why Holy Cross COSHC Glenwood is actively campaigning a 40-day Lent challenge – the objective being to provide the St John XXIII Catholic Parish Stanhope Gardens/Glenwood with a bountiful clothing donation. Holy Cross COSHC challenges the wider community to hop on board and donate any new or used (in good condition) clothes to this wonderful cause.

Yours in faith,  
The Holy Cross COSHC Team

## YOUTH CORNER

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13*

### A SJXXIII Youth Fundraising Event

All parishioners of SJXXIII parish are invited to join the youth of the parish to celebrate and grow our community. Come along and support the young people of our parish to raise funds to build a common youth space under our church. Our first event is a Trivia Night on the **30/03/2019!**

Bring your thinking caps and wealth of knowledge for a night of fun!

Price: \$15 per person

Teams: 8 ppl

Location: St Marks School Hall

**\*\*Tickets will be sold at mass on the weekends leading up to Trivia night\*\***



### 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)



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