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**Palm Sunday
14 April 2019**

From the Pastor's desk

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, Luke's Gospel recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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Don't forget Columbarium Open Day after each Mass

Columbarium Discounts apply, pg 3 for further details

Please return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes next weekend.



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."



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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon 15	9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Christian Meditation in Parish Office Conference Room
Tue 16	9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help after Liturgy of the Word
Wed 17	9.00am - Mass
Thu 18	<i>The Lord's Last Supper (Holy Thursday)</i> 7:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Last Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 12:00pm
Fri 19	<i>Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</i> 10:00am - Stations of the Cross (Holy Cross Primary School) 3:00pm - Passion of the Lord
Sat 20	7:00pm - Easter Vigil celebration
Sun 21	Easter Sunday - regular Sunday mass times

Entrance Antiphon

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Luke 23:1-49

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought Jesus to their council. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." Jesus replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" Jesus said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Then the assembly of the elders rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

Then Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so".

Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place." When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see Jesus perform some sign. Herod questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer.

The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Now Pilate was obliged to release someone for them at the festival. Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us." (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.'

But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for; the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.

A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.'"

For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

OFFICE

160 Perfection Avenue,
Stanhope Gardens, 2768
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MAILING

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism *by appointment*
Sun 12:00pm

Reconciliation (First Rite)

Sat 5:00 - 5:45pm

And after any weekday masses

CLERGY

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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 Parish of St John 23rd Glenwood Stanhope Gardens where the love of Christ is sharing in so many ways.

SUGGESTION BOX
We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

PARISH NEWS

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

⇒ Columbarium Open Day

13-14 April after all masses.

Open Day Discount - Prices for niches in the new walls have been reduced*

1st niche: \$2 400 (was \$2 750)

2nd niche: \$1 980 (was \$2 200)

3rd niche: \$1 800 (was \$1 980)

4th niche: \$1 800 (was \$1 980)

Cost of 2 niches: \$4 380 (was \$4 950)

Cost of 4 niches: \$7 980 (was \$8 910)

(*) purchase must be paid in full by 30 June 2019



⇒ 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.**

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

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.....

....Colin for producing our Good Friday banners.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETINGS

Wed 1 May, 7.30pm. Church Copies of the sacramental calendars are available in the church foyer or on our website www.john23rd.com

For all enquiries, please contact Jill on 9852-0583 or at admin@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 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.

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

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.

HOLY CROSS - Enrolling Now

Holy Cross Primary Glenwood Holy Cross is currently accepting enrolments for students starting school in 2020. If you would like to enrol your child into Holy Cross in 2020, please contact the school office on 0286647100 or visit our school website for an Enrolment Form. Please inform family and friends if they have children who are eligible to attend.

15 April - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Deanery reconciliation 7:30pm at St Michael's Church, Baulkham Hills

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 or Melva (after novena mass).

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

Week 1 Basmati Rice

Week 2 Tuna in Oil

Week 3 Cooking Oil

Week 4 Tinned Tomatoes

Week 5 Chickpeas

Week 6 Red Kidney Beans

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

RCIA

Please keep Tracey McCliffy, Robyn Perera, Rita Ly, Taylor Barron & Sezen Urbina and their sponsors in your prayers during this period of preparation.

Their names are in a bowl at both church entrances. We request you, as families or individuals take one name and pray for this catechumen as they prepare to receive the sacraments of initiation this Easter Vigil.

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

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	
	Erasmio	Thirimanne	Richards	Sebastian	
Jul	2	9	16	23	30
	Peiris R	Shalini	Chula	Jacob	Javier C
Aug	6	13	20	27	
	Lozada E	Festejo	Mira	Jacob	

"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

LITURGY

⇒ **Music Ministry**

Psalm 100 "Make joyful noise unto the Lord....come before God's presence with singing"



We need singers and instrumentalist. Share our talents.

Join any of the existing choir groups or we can help you form your own group. Call Bob Agbulos on 0422 106525 and we can discuss your talents and availability.

⇒ **Altar Servers Training 2019**

- ◆ 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, parish Facebook page and website. Call or SMS Johanna Cusack on 0478035847 for further details.

⇒ **GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Our traditional Stations of the Cross will be on Good Friday at 10am at Holy Cross Primary School, Glenwood. As this solemn re-enactment of the Way of the Cross is entering its 8th year, the costumes we have been using have become a little shabby and threadbare, we have decided to replace them this year. As you can imagine this has cost us a bit of money, half of which was raised from the collection taken at last year's Stations. We now have to make up the rest of the cost and so we are asking you to dig deep and donate generously to this worthy cause so we can continue this tradition of the living Way of the Cross in the years to come. There will be Collectors mingling with the crowd after the Stations. We wish you a blessed time in preparation for Easter.

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Felicitas Nicolas Nuguid,
Luz Balbena Gecain, Patricia Fernandez
Charlard Muangruen

Deceased:

Wilfredo Angeles, Avelina Angeles,
Charles Briffa, Charles G Borg,
Florentia Reymatias, Christia Yunon,
Rafaela Yunon, Vincente Yunon,
Stephen Kingford, Raymond Kingsford

Anniversary:

Jiame Bernardo Sr, Nanda Abeysinghe,
Rosita Africa, Francoise Bloomfield,
Ernesto Ribargoso, Arturo Cobarrubias

Sick:

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

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

Thanksgiving:

Ronaldo, Kristine, Maria, Ramon,
Vincenzo Zamora, Lolita Ribargoso

Church Funnies

Giving up chocolate for
Lent will bring me
closer to God and
enable me to fit into
my skinny jeans.



OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Cross Primary

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<https://catholicoutlook.org/>

Gospel (con't) Luke 23:1-49

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Jesus. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

Then Jesus said, "Father; forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

The soldiers also mocked Jesus, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked the first saying "Do you not fear God since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you

come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father; into your hands I commend my spirit."

Having said this, he breathed his last.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.

But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Diocesan News

Positions Vacant

- Risk Officer - Diocese of Parramatta
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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.

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.

15 April - Office of Tenebrae

The Office of Tenebrae 2019 is part of Holy Week celebrations with a reflection liturgy including Scripture, psalm chanting and motets. Tenebrae will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 7:30pm on 15 April 2019 and will be led by Bishop Vincent Long.

17 April - Chrism Mass

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will be the Principal Celebrant at this year's Chrism Mass at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The Mass will be concelebrated by the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta, assisted by the deacons. During the Mass, the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed and the Oil of Chrism consecrated. These holy oils will then be given to the parishes for use during the year. During the Mass, the priests renew their commitment to priestly service.

19 April - Bach at St Finbar's on Good Friday

The traditional candle light Good Friday service from 7.30pm at St Finbar's, Glenbrook will be a highlight of this year's Lenten Season. Featuring the music of JS Bach and sacred readings, the Blue Mountains Chorale will be joined by Sydney City Organist, Robert Ampt, who will direct the choir as well as perform several Bach works on the organ. RSVP to Judy on 4754 1780.

28 April - Divine Mercy Devotion

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions will be held at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith. Starts at 2.30pm 28 April and includes: Blessing of Divine Mercy Image; Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Stations of the Cross; Homily and Benediction; Reconciliation until 4pm; Afternoon tea 4.15pm - 5.15pm; Divine Mercy Mass at 6pm.

PASCHAL TRIDUUM SCHEDULE



Everyone is invited
to join our parish community in
Silent Adoration
on
Holy Thursday, 18th April
from 8:30pm to midnight



*My soul is very sorrowful, even to death;
remain here and watch with me. Mt 26:38*



HOLY THURSDAY

18 April 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper followed by
to 12am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY

19 April 10am Stations of the Cross (Holy Cross Primary)
3pm Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY

20 April 7:00pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

21 April Regular Sunday Masses
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

**Note: There will be NO 9.00am masses on
Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday**

YOUTH CORNER

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



All roads lead to the Cathedral

For the first time! Join youth, students, young adults and the broader Church community of the Parramatta Diocese on one of TWO overnight 'routes of reflection' from either Guildford or Blacktown, through five parishes to the Cathedral.

Purple (traditional) Route: Blacktown - Seven Hills - Toongabbie - Wentworthville - Westmead - Parramatta

Blue (new) Route: Guildford - East Granville - Granville - Merrylands - Harris Park - Parramatta

Both walks are 17-20km long, start at 10pm and will reach Parramatta by approximately 6am. It's critical that you register through the website - <https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/> and determine your route of choice as there will be a limit to the amount of participants on each - capped at 750. A \$5 cash donation will assist with the cost of extra support resources (police, first aid, security) to keep our walk safe.

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

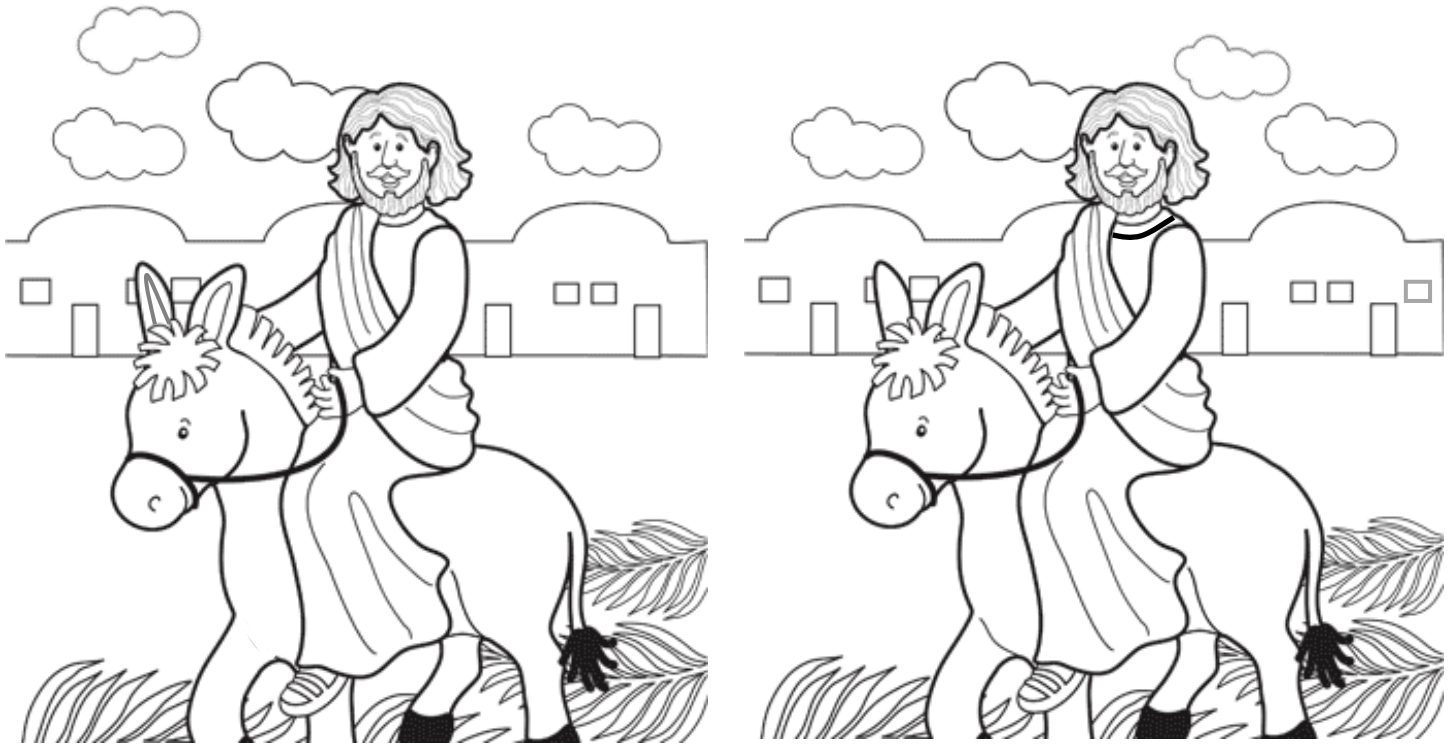
**SJXXIII Youth is looking
for volunteer youth
facilitators who are can
commit to assisting with
our BLAZE fortnightly
sessions. Any enquiries can
be sent to**

youth@john23rd.com.au

✉ For all youth ministry enquiries, email us at youth@john23rd.com

Kids' Corner

The week before Passover, Jesus entered Jerusalem and people joyously met him branches of palms.
Find the 6 differences in these photos.



The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

WORD SEARCH

G	U	M	S	J	R	W	M	D	D	M	B	P	N	D	M
Y	R	S	J	A	V	E	Q	G	N	I	I	U	J	O	C
F	E	N	M	U	B	F	P	O	C	X	M	N	E	U	O
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