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## Third Sunday of Easter 5 May 2019

### From the Pastor's desk

You and I, like Peter, are enabled by grace to repent of our betrayals of Our Lord, some major, most minor, and to claim: 'Lord, you know that I love you.'

But, this claim has to be evidenced by concrete action. In the case of Peter it was to feed and shepherd 'my lambs, my sheep'. What will manifest our professed love? In the words of Father Richard Rohr, it is to love what God loves.

Of course, we have to love our fellow human beings, but leaving it there would be inadequate. 'For God so loved the cosmos as to give the Son.' (In 3:16,17) So what must we do?

Recall, Our Lord says elsewhere, 'You are the Salt of the Earth.' You must preserve the Earth so that it does not decay and so that it is a suitable habitation for all the creatures, including us, for whom the Earth is a common home.

He went on: 'You are the Light of the Cosmos.' You are the enlightened mind and the enflamed heart of the whole cosmos, enabling it to understand its existence and to love God for it.

We could pause for a moment to reflect on the words of Pope Francis: 'We, the women and men of the Church, we are in the middle of a love story and each of us is a link in this chain of love. And if we do not understand this, we have understood © Fr Michael Tate nothing of what the Church is.'

The Diocese of Parramatta is making several resources to help inform your conscience as a Catholic for the 2019 Australian federal election. See Bishop Vincent's Pastoral Statement on the 2019 Australian federal election on page 6

Other resources can be found here: <u>parracatholic.org/election2019</u>

The resources include:

Statement by the Catholic Bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election

Statement from Catholic Social Services Australia for the 2019 federal election

Pastoral Letter for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker from the Office for Social Justice, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

Prayer for the federal election from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

## **Mass Times**

Mon - Fri 9:00am also Wed 10:00am

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

10:30am, 6:00pm (Youth)

## **Devotions & Prayers**

#### Novena Masses

Tue 7:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

1st Fri 7:30pm

Sacred Heart of Jesus

## **Exposition of the Blessed** Sacrament & 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 Mon7:30pm 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."



MAY		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH								
Mon	6	9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Christian Meditation in Parish Office Conference Room								
Tue	7	9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help after Liturgy of the Word								
Wed	8	9.00am - Mass								
Thu	9	9.00am - Mass								
Fri	10	9.00am - Mass								
Sat	11	9.00am - Mass - Blessing of the Columbarium								
Sun	12	Mother's Day								

## **Entrance Antiphon**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

## **First Reading** *Acts* 5:27-32. 40-41

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

## R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R.** 

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R**.

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.** 

## **Second Reading**

Revelation 5:11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

Rom 6:9

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

## **Gospel** *John 21:1-19*

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Jesus showed himself again to his disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No,' he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him,

'Feed my sheep. 'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt around you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Communion Antiphon**

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

## **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:

Fr John McSweeney Fr John @john 23rd.org.au

## **Asst. Priest:**

Fr Thomas Bui

⊠ FrThomas@john23rd.org.au

## Deacon:

Rodrigo Rupac

☑ DeaconRudy@john23rd.org.au

### **PARISH OFFICE**

#### Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

### Office Contacts

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(0423 160 567 AH Emergency)

### **STAFF**

## Secretary

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John McCartney (pro bono)

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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 Sohn 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**

Our Open Day weekend was a great success and many people took advantage of the discounts on the weekend.

The current prices are:

1st niche: \$2 750 2nd niche: \$2 200 3rd niche: \$1 980 4th niche: \$1 980

## ⇒ Blessing of the Columbarium

Bishop Vincent will be celebrating mass and formally blessing the Columbarium on Saturday 11 May at 9am.

## Please contact John McCartney if attending, for catering purposes.

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 <a href="mailto:businessmanager@john23rd.org.au">businessmanager@john23rd.org.au</a>

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.

## EOFY JUNE COLUMBARIUM OFFER

Any niche purchased from 1 - 30 June 2019 and fully paid for by 30 June 2019 will go into a draw.

One niche drawn will earn the lucky purchaser a full refund of that niche purchase price. The more niches you purchase, the more entries you will have in the draw.

The draw will take place after the 10.30am mass on Sunday 14 July.

#### Procedure

 Visit the Garden of Remembrance and select your niches.

Email your wall selection and the column and row (eg St Mark, G6 and G7) to businessmanager@john23rd.org.au

Your selection will be confirmed – an Application Form and payment details will be emailed to you.

Full payment must be made by 30 June to be eligible for the draw.

One niche will be drawn and the winner will receive a full refund for the purchase price of that niche (eg purchase price of four walls is \$8 910 = \$2 227.50 each. That would be the refund amount)



## WE GIVE THANKS TO.....

... to all parishioners for their continued service to the church.

## HOLY CROSS PRIMARY, GLENWOOD - Enrolling Now

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.

**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

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).

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PARISH CÓUNCIL	
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Chairman	Members
Bart Sarlabus	Bernadette Virwani
Dep Chairman	Gary Lee
Chris Drummond	Julienne Crasto
Secretary	Nidarshi Fernando

Nanette Gamboa

	Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights												
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"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**

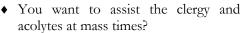
## ⇒ Music Ministry

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?



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.

## **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

## **SACRAMENTAL**

## ⇒ 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 172346 or at admin@john23rd.org.au

## Special intentions

## Recently Deceased:

Elsa De Souza, Fernando Fernades, Raida Duarte

## Deceased:

Christia Yunon, Rafaela Yunon, Vicente Yunon, Stephen Kingsford, Raymond Kingsford

## Anniversary:

Pacita Delgado Jones, Victor Grech, Joseph Vella, Sebastian Canicula Jr, Milagros A Villena, Randolph Smith

#### Sick:

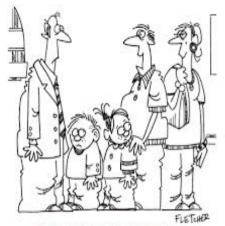
Names will normally only be published in the bulletin with an individual or family member's termission.

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

## Thanksgiving:

Ronaldo, Kristine, Maria, Ramon,

## **Church Funnies**



"We're teaching our children the importance of regular church attendance . . . what time should we pick them up?"

## **OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

## Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood Principal: Marina Hardy

**2** (02) 8664 7100

Molycross@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

## **Catholic Early Learning Centre** 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

**(**02) 9852 0585

celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au

For more news check out https://parracatholic.org/#LATESTNE WSEVENTS https://catholicoutlook.org/

## Diocesan News

## 7 May - Solo Parent Services Seminar

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains' Solo Parent Services and the Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal Office are holding a seminar on 'Understanding the Process of Annulment of Marriage within the Catholic Church.'

Many separated and divorced people and their families wonder about their status within the Catholic Church, and begin to ask such questions as:

- What is the basis for an annulment?
- How does an annulment differ from a divorce?
- How long does it take?
- Are children of a marriage declared null considered illegitimate?

At this Seminar you will have the opportunity to have these and other questions clearly answered.

Tuesday 7 May 2019 from 7pm to 9pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

The seminar is free but donations are welcomed. Registration is essential. To register please contact Rita on (02) 8843 2575 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au.

## 7 May - Raising Lazarus Retreat Day

The Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat and the IFM present a retreat day on 7 May with Dr Bonnie Thurston on Raising Lazarus: Contemplative Living & Our Inner Journey from Death to New Life. Held at the IFM Blacktown from 10am to 2pm. BYO Lunch. To register, please contact mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

## 10 May - Interfaith Relations after Christchurch

CCD invites all parishioners and friends to attend "Christian-Muslim Relationships after Christchurch - Our Responsibility" presented by Rev Dr Patrick McInerney, Director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations on Friday 10 May at the IFM Blacktown. Please register with Maree on 02 8838 3486.

## 11 May - Permanent Diaconate Information Session

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at the IFM Blacktown on 11 May 2019 from 10am to 12pm. For further information visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or contact Deacon Willy Limjap 0428 332619 or Deacon George Bryan 0408 440769.

## 12 May - Good Shepherd Sunday

Today is the World Day of Vocations and Good Shepherd Sunday which is being celebrated in Catholic parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The Catholic Church invites you to pray for those you might know whom God may be calling to a priestly vocation and would benefit from your prayers. To learn more about priestly vocations, the priesthood

and seminary life in the Diocese of Parramatta, visit www.parracatholic.org/voc ations

## 24 May - Exploring Laudato Si

CCD invites all parishioners and friends to attend a presentation by Sr Valda Dickenson RSM that explores aspects of Pope Francis' Letter on Our Common Home – *Laudato Si*. Held on Friday 24 May at the IFM Blacktown from 10am to 2pm. Please register with Maree on 02 8838 3486 and BYO lunch.

### **Other Notices**

### 11 May - Reflection Day for Women

Sr Mary-Louise Walsh presents a Reflection Day for Women on Mary – Mother and Educator at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd Mulgoa, on 11 May from 9.30am to 3pm. \$25 entry, BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided. To register or for more information, email <code>info@schoenstatt.org.au</code> or call 02 4773 8338

## 17-19 May - Mary in my life Retreat

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are running a retreat for women aged 18 to 35 who want to deepen their relationship with Jesus and Mary at the Holy Spirit Convent, Plumpton, from 17 May at 6pm to 19 May at 1.30pm. This retreat is meant to help participants slow down, collect and centre themselves, and explore the peace available in each and every moment. RSVP to Sr Paula – vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

## 18 May - Rod Dreher talk

Campion College Australia will host bestselling author of The Benedict Option Rod Dreher in Australia for the first time. He will speak about his revolutionary book and the issues facing Christianity in today's world at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall in Parramatta on 18 May from 6pm to 8.30pm. RSVP by 10 May to foundation@campion.edu.au

## 19 May - Christian Meditation

Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, Arcadia. Presentations, Introduction to Meditation for newcomers and Meditation for on-going meditators. After the lunch break for BYO picnic lunch we will have Mass. This is a free event and accommodation may be available at the monastery guest house. For enquires please c o n t a c t A n n B e r g m a n on anniebergman@botmail.com or Ann Lomas on atlomas@bigpond.com or 9653 2637.

## Pastoral statement on the 2019 Australian federal election

Dear friends,

The 2019 Australian federal election will be held on Saturday 18 May 2019 to elect members to the Parliament of Australia.



Voting is a privilege, a right and a responsibility of all Australians who wish to contribute to the ongoing health and prosperity of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Voting allows us to exercise "a primary and fundamental response to desire, seek and protect the good of others" as outlined by Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium.

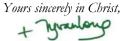
As followers of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we are encouraged to ensure that our consciences are informed on all the issues that impact on our lives and the communities in which we live.

When informing their consciences, Catholics in the Diocese of Parramatta are encouraged to keep in mind Catholic teachings and principles which include:

- Care for the poor and the marginalised which is at the centre of Catholic social policy. This includes a taxation for justice so that the burdens of the community are shared and relief is given to those in greatest need;
- Vigorous defence of the dignity of the human person. This includes the protection of life from conception to natural death. The Church maintains all have an inviolable right to life and we give witness to the inestimable worth of each human person;
- Providing compassion, care and justice to the most marginalised and vulnerable groups in our society. This includes the Indigenous Australians, the aged, children, and those with disability. We are also called to support all those who have been hurt, damaged or alienated, be they abuse victims, survivors, divorcees, gays, lesbians or disaffected members;
- A deep commitment to safeguarding creation and the natural environment, especially as outlined in the encyclical Laudato Si by Pope Francis. This includes a greater commitment to renewable and cost-effective energy;
- A willingness to accept the gifts and care of immigrants, refugees and those seeking asylum, especially those who have escaped distressing, traumatising and difficult situations like war, famine and political hostilities. This includes ending indefinite mandatory detention of asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island;
- A commitment to the family as the central building block of the common good and society;
- Just and equitable funding for Catholic education which contributes so much to our Australian society;
- The development of a sustainable economy that recognises the right to work and the necessity of a just economy as outlined in the ACBC 2017-2018 statement Everyone's Business - Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy;
- Active engagement and promotion of peace within and between societies. The use of non-violence as an essential mechanism to solve disputes and as the agent of social change.
- Ensuring that no one is discriminated on the basis of race, gender, religion and that proper freedoms are legislated to guarantee that people are free to speak, teach and act according to their own religious beliefs, in line with the encyclicals of Pope Saint John XXIII Pacem in terris and Mater et magistra and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 18);
- A commitment to supporting the disadvantaged, the dispossessed, the oppressed beyond our borders, especially those in our region. This includes increasing overseas aid and helping West Papuan refugees.

I encourage all Catholics across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to contribute to the common good by exercising their rights as citizens of Australia and engaging in the democratic process by voting in this election.

May the Holy Spirit guide us as we all work towards building a loving society where the poor and the suffering are our first priority.



Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv Bishop of Parramatta Given at Parramatta on 29 April 2019, Memorial of St Catherine of Siena

## 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: 3rd Sunday

Praise & Worship

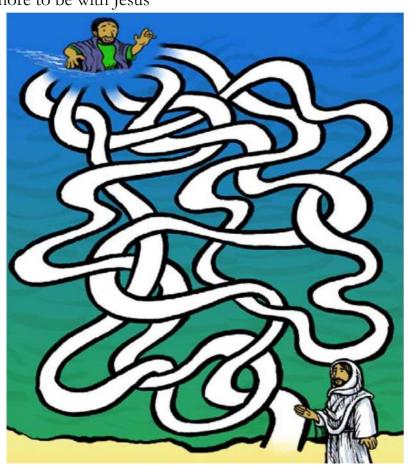
**Time:** 4.00pm to 5.30pm

**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.

Help Peter swim to shore to be with Jesus



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