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The Most Holy Trinity Sunday 16 June 2019

From the Pastor's desk

The Feast of the Trinity of God comes about because Jesus painted a picture of the most intimate communion of Divine Life between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship and yet the most perfect unity.

God is Divine pulsating, shimmering light dancing in threefold exchange of love. In fact, the best name for God is 'Being-in-Love'. What does this mean for us?

How often have you heard: 'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? If God is threefold Being-in-Love, then you and I are made to live in relationship – not in solitary. We are totally on the wrong track if we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient. It will turn out to be a Hellish choice. When we live as much self-giving as is possible, we are closest to Divine Life. In fact, we are Divine Life pulsating into a particular time and place through us.

Each time we bless ourselves, a bit of a Catholic routine, we are invoking the threefold exchange of love and calling its power into our life. Be careful, there will be consequence! You could become more God-like!

We could pause for a moment, slowly make the Sign of the Cross which recalls our baptism: 'In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit', and promise to image that Name in our lives.

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Please collect your new batch of Planned Giving envelopes from the foyer of the church. Please also consider switching to the direct debit system. If you have already switched but still getting the envelope, please contact the parish office.

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 with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

2nd Tue 7:30pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
1st Fri 7:30pm
Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Fridays after the 9am Mass

Rosary & Novena prayer

Tues 7:00pm except for 2nd Tues as this will be a novena mass

Sacrament of the Sick

1st Sat 9:00am Mass or upon request

Divine Office

Sun 8:15am after 7.30am Mass

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

St Vincent de Paul meet on the second and fourth Thursday in the Church kitchen at 7pm. All welcome.

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."



JUN		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
Mon 17	9.00am - Mass 7.30pm - Christian Meditation in Parish Office Conference Room	
Tue 18	9.00am - Mass 7.30pm - Rosary and Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	
Wed 19	9.00am - Mass 10.00am - Liturgy of the Word at Holy Cross Primary School	
Thu 20	9.00am - Mass 7.00pm - SVDP Stanhope Gardens Conference meeting 7.30pm - Baptism Information evening	
Fri 21	<i>Saint Aloysius Gonzaga (M)</i> 9.00am - Mass 11.00am - Mass at ARV, The Ponds	
Sat 22	<i>Saints John Fisher and Thomas More</i> 9.00am - Mass 6.00pm - First Holy Communion mass 7.00pm - SVDP Soup Night	
Sun 23	<i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i> 12.00pm - Baptisms Please pray for Lacey 3.00pm - First Holy Communion Mass 6.00pm - First Holy Communion Mass	

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading

Proverbs 8:22-31

Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries - and the waters will not invade the shore - when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 8:4-9

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him? **R.**

Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hand, put all things under his feet. **R.**

All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through the waters. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

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

Gospel Acclamation

cf Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 16:12-15

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.



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of TRUTH**

OFFICE

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

MAILING

PO Box 23, Stanhope Gardens,
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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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✉ FrJohn@john23rd.org.au

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✉ FrThomas@john23rd.org.au

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Rodrigo Rupac

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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 Stanhope Gardens where the love of Christ is shining in so many ways.

SUGGESTION BOX

We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

Parish News

Badminton Socials

Come join us for a social games of BADMINTON at The Ponds High School every Monday & Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30pm. Contact Bob on 0422 106525 for more details



SVDP Soup Night

Come and join us for the SVDP annual Soup Night



Have supper with us and enjoy delicious soups. There'll be handmade rugs on sale courtesy of the Society. All proceeds to go to SVDP

Diocesan News

Bishop's Good Shepherds Appeal

When God calls, will you help them answer? The Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is training 15 young men to be true shepherds of Christ's flock and future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation will support our seminarians to prepare for the priesthood and a life of community service. Please give generously via the Bishop's Good Shepherds Appeal envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

July 5-7 - CYP LIFTED Retreat 2019

CYP invites young adults aged 18 - 35 to attend the annual LIFTED Retreat from July 5-7 at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. You can expect great guest speakers, stimulating discussions, adoration, daily Mass, Reconciliation, soul-stirring music and delicious food. The theme is inspired by Pope Francis - *'Dare to be Different'* Register now <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat/>

6 - 21 July - Light Up St Pat's 2019

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta are once again hosting *the Light Up St Pat's* projections, in conjunction with *Parramatta Council's Winterlight Festival*. St Pat's warmly invites you to visit the Cathedral in this time to view these projections which centre on the theme of Hope. The opening night will be after the 6pm Mass on July 6 at 7.15pm. If you would like to volunteer as part of the Evangelization Team please contact Mindy at credo@stpatscathedral.com.au or call the parish office 8839 8411. A mandatory induction night will be held in the St Patrick's Cathedral Hall on June 25th at 7pm.

20 August - IFM Reflective Ministry Program

The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program - Component 2 starts on Tues 20 Aug. This is a great opportunity to enrich and enthuse those involved in the ministries of the Catholic communities. Go to ifm.org.au for more information and registration, or contact the IFM team on 02 9296 6369.

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**

"A family that prays together, stays together - Fr Patrick Peyton"

We continue to ask for host families to pray the rosary at home and request our Blessed Mother's intercessions. Pick up the statue and pass on to the next family after a week during the 7pm novena prayers at church. Join us in saying rosary and novena prayers and get to meet other families during that night.

- 7:00pm Tuesday nights - Rosary and novena prayers at church
- 7:00pm 2nd Tuesday each month - Rosary prayers, followed by mass celebration together with novena prayers, exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

If you want the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home contact Bart Sarlabus bart.sarlabus@gmail.com or Melva Paguinto emcipi85@yahoo.com.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The members of the St Vincent De Paul Society wish to thank our Parishioners for their ongoing support in the donations collected every week to be distributed to those in need in our community.

- Our pantry is running low on sugar, tea, milk, coffee, milo, spaghetti sauce, tinned meat and cereals. Any donations of these items is very much appreciated.
- Our "Soup and Roll" night this year is to be held on Saturday, 22nd June, after the 6 pm Mass. There will also be available hand made rugs for sale, with all proceeds to go to Our Society.
- Our annual Blanket Drive is now underway and will run till the end of June. Any donations of clean blankets may be left in the foyer of the Church for distribution to the homeless and those who need them.

Many blessings to all for your great generosity.

⇒ **St Vincent de Paul Stanhope Gardens Conference**

Meets second and fourth Thursdays Church kitchen 7pm – all welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Elections for the next Parish Pastoral Council will be held in early July. The parish will be accepting nominations for 4 parishioners to be elected into the Council and join 3 parishioners appointed by Father John. Elections will take place at all masses on the weekends of 13-14 July and 20-21 July. The new Council will commence on 24 July 2019 for a period of two years.

Would you like to contribute some of your time and expertise to YOUR parish? Take a nomination form, available at the foyer of the Church, and discuss it with your family. The nomination process is detailed on the form.

Nominations close on Sunday 30 June 2019 at 8.00pm.

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

	4	11	18	25	
Jun	Erasmus	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	
Sep	3	10	17	24	
	Lozada J	Tanganan	Jacob	Paguinto E	
Oct	1	8	15	22	29
	Wicks	available	available	Ramirez	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

Reminder to the families on the roster, please remember your roster. If unable to pick up please don't hesitate to contact Bart or Melva.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's liturgy facilitators required

We are fortunate in our parish to have children's liturgy available to children who are school aged and not yet made the sacrament of First communion.

However, we have only a few facilitators able to take these Sunday sessions.

If you are able to assist in facilitating these 15-20mins sessions during the 10.30am mass, please contact Helen Zammit on 9852 0583. Thank you



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

Recently Deceased:

Lorna Kelso

Deceased:

Jean De Salis, Primitivo Marinas,
Patricia Cruz, Lilia Banaag, Maria Cruz,
Antonio Teledo

Anniversary:

Father Dave Hume, Giorgio Kavo,
Diane Calabria, Alberto Cabug-os,
Trevor Cherry, Joseph Vella,
Riolene & Aeldred Weber

Sick: *Names published with permission.*

Benjamin Munson Jr, Jim Daley,
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Deidre Thomson, Hazel Masher,
Gloria Buosi

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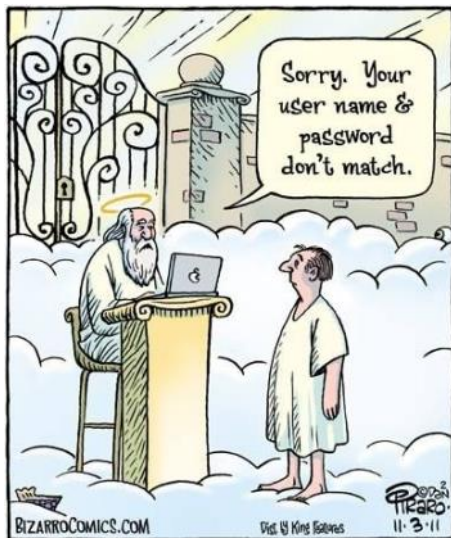
Priscilla Houghton

Columbarium Memorial:

*We remember our departed family and friends who
have been inurned in our Columbarium recently*

Jean De Salis

Church Funnies



OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Marina Hardy

☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au

John XXIII and St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

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www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au

Dec 7–11 2019 - Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Perth

ACYF19 is a biennial national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Bishops of Australia. The event involves three days of exciting, large scale Plenary's, tens of workshops, concerts, prayer experiences, fun, expos and concludes with an outdoor mass with the City of Perth. Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta will be leading an expected 200 participants. Free twin-share hotel accommodation is being offered now. For more information and to register visit www.catholicyouthparramatta.org

Other Notices

Plenary Council 2020

After 10 months of Listening and Dialogue and a period of analysis and prayerful discernment, the National Themes for Discernment for the Plenary Council 2020 are being announced at Pentecost – this weekend. More information on each of the National Themes for Discernment will be available in the coming weeks. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

4 - 7 July - Women in Leadership

The Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo invites women of any age and any experience in formal leadership positions, and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes, anywhere to the Women in Leadership workshop. The aim is to support women to explore their unique gifts – as people, as women and as leaders. 4-7 July. For more information call 02 4236 0533 or cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

5 – 7 July - Australian Catholic Students Association Conference

This year's Australian Catholic Students Association Conference – “Be Not Afraid” - will be held at St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill from 5-7 July. All current and deferred tertiary students, alumni aged 35 years and under, as well as campus and youth group chaplains are invited to this gathering from across the country! To register visit <https://bit.ly/2YZDdbw> or on Facebook: <https://bit.ly/2OXfYda>

26 – 27 July - Renaissance of Marriage 2019

Renaissance of Marriage 2019 – Building a Catholic Marriage Culture – will be held on 26 and 27 July at the University of Notre Dame Sydney. Keynote Speakers include Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and Kevin Donnelly. Registrations open at www.ROM.org.au

5 – 7 August - ACMRO National Conference

The 6th National Conference on Missionary Clergy and Religious in Australia: Challenges and Opportunities will be held at Rydges South Bank, Brisbane, from 5 – 7 August. The conference will provide an opportunity for our missionary priests and religious to provide and obtain mutual support through sharing experiences with each other. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/>

21 September - OLMC Parramatta 50 Year Reunion

Did you commence Year 7 at OLMC in 1964, or attend any year thereafter, such that you did your HSC in 1969, or your SC in 1967? It's OK if you left before your exams, you're still welcome at our 50th Reunion! Contact Jennifer Newton: email fiftyyearsonolmc64-69@hotmail.com or Facebook page OLMC Parramatta 1964-1969 50th Reunion (September 2019)

THE PROJECT CONTINUES

The project is not yet over. Please 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.

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



OUR JUNE EOFY SPECIAL

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 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 niches is \$8 910 = \$2 227.50 each. That would be the refund amount)

Plaques cost \$250.00 and usually take around six weeks to manufacture

MEMORIAL WALL

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With all the Columbarium activity, our parish Memorial Wall has been a little bit neglected. The wall in front of the church is devoted to the memory of our deceased family and friends especially if they are overseas.

If you would like a plaque installed please contact businessmanager@john23rd.org.au



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: 3rd Sunday
Praise & Worship

Time: 4.00pm to 5.30pm

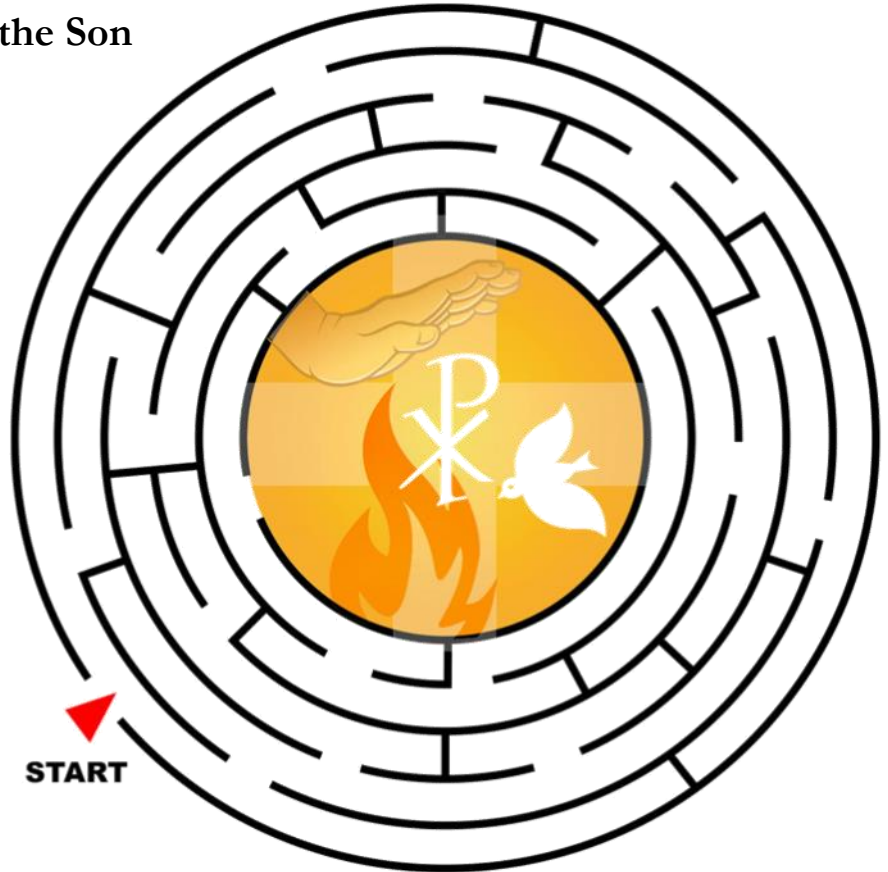
YFC (Youth for Christ)

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.

Find your way to the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit



The Spirit brings glory to Christ and the Father

WORD SEARCH	N	H	I	N	I	L	I	F	C	G	G	E	L	M	C	P
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