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**Eighteenth Sunday
of Ordinary Time
4 August 2019**

From the Pastor's desk

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know of recent changes in the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee.

PPC

I wish to congratulate those who offered themselves for election to the Council, and who were elected 'unopposed' - as they were the only four nominated:

Bing Catabas, Margaret Harrison, Gary Lee and Bernadette Virwani.

I also thank the following for accepting the role as my nominees:

Julienne Crasto, Chris Drummond and Nanette Gamboa.

At the recent transitional Meeting of the new PPC, the following were elected by the members as the Executive:

Chair: Gary Lee Deputy Chair: Bernadette Virwani

Secretary: Julienne Crasto.

Furthermore, I wish to thank the outgoing members of the previous PPC for their great generosity over the past 3 years: Nidarshi Fernando and Bart Sarlabus.

In particular, I thank Bart for almost 10 years of service to the Parish in his role as Chair of the PPC. He has agreed to remain a non-voting member of the PPC Executive in the capacity of past-Chair.

PFC

I also wish to thank the continuing members of the Parish Finance Committee who have been reappointed for 2 years.

In particular, I thank Neville Zammit for his 6 years as Chair of the PFC. He has been an energetic Chair during this time.

And I welcome Chris Browne to the role of Chair from 1st July 2019. Thanks Chris!

To all who offer service to the Parish in so many ways, may I take this opportunity on behalf of Fr Thomas, Deacon Rudy and the Parish Team to say a big "thank you" for your generosity.

May God richly bless you all.

God bless Fr John

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."*



AUG		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
Mon	5	9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Christian Meditation in Parish Office Conference Room
Tue	6	<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord (F)</i> 9.00am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary and Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	7	9.00am - Liturgy of the Word 10.00am - Mass at Holy Cross
Thu	8	<i>Saint Mary of the Cross (S)</i> 9.00am - Mass
Fri	9	9.00am - Mass
Sat	10	<i>Saint Lawrence (F)</i> 9.00am - Mass
Sun	11	12.00pm - Baptisms Please pray for Devina, Aleyna, Charlie, Leia

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

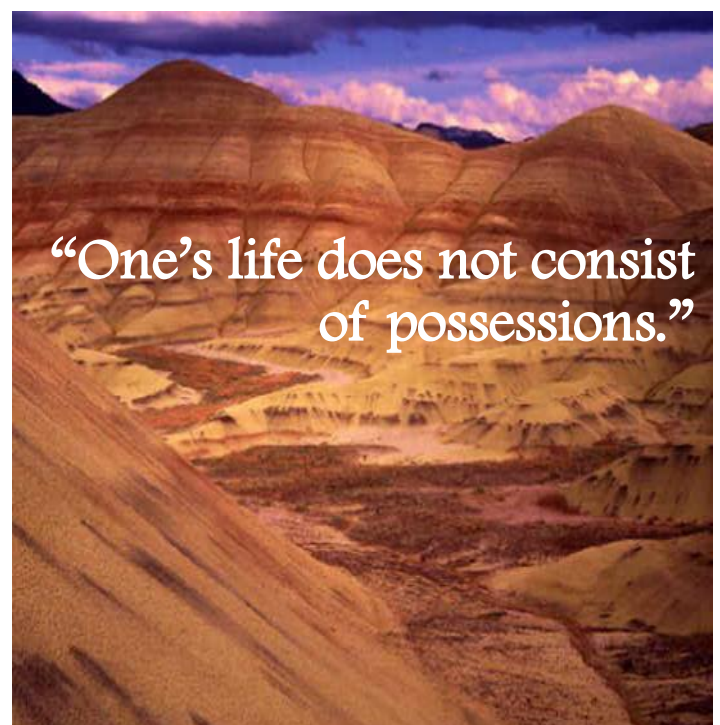
Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to, do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.' But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



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160 Perfection Avenue,
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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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Fr John McSweeney

✉ FrJohn@john23rd.org.au

Asst. Priest:

Fr Thomas Bui

✉ FrThomas@john23rd.org.au

Deacon:

Rodrigo Rupac

✉ DeaconRudy@john23rd.org.au

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NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish
community!

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Facebook page

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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.

Diocesan News

8 August – 19 September: CatholicCare Bereavement Support Program

CatholicCare Solo Parent Services is starting a bereavement support program for those whose spouse has died. The programme will be held weekly on Thursdays from 10am to 12midday from 8 August to 19 September at Mackillop Hall, Granville. For more info, call Rita at Solo Parent Services on 8843 2575.

10 August: St Philomena Mass and Devotions

Mass and Devotions for St Philomena will be held on Saturday 10 August at St John Vianney Parish, Doonside. Mass will be held at 12Midday. Please bring a snack to share. For further information, contact Libby Peoples 0423 154463 or epeoples9@gmail.com

10 – 11 August: Fr Ray Sanchez CP

The Diocese of Parramatta presents Fr Ray Sanchez CP as he explores the relevance of Passionist Family Groups in the changing era of our Church today. **Fr Ray will speak at the 6pm Mass at Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens on 10 August**, and at the 8am and 10am Mass at St Michael's and St Patrick's Church, Blacktown on 11 August. For more information, please contact Elizabeth and Dennis Farrar on 0425 209 840.

15 August: Feast of the Assumption Pilgrim Walk

The Annual Pilgrim Walk from the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will be held on the Feast of the Assumption Thursday 15 August. Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate Mass at 12Noon before the pilgrimage begins. Anyone is welcome to begin walking from any point of the 14km walk. For more info, contact the parish office on 9629 2595.

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 9296 6369.

20 August: Natural Fertility Services Information Evening

Are you looking for a healthy, natural and effective method to manage your fertility? Learn how to identify the best time to achieve or postpone pregnancy. You are warmly invited to this event on Tuesday 20 August at the Diocesan Ministry Centre, 51-

59 Allawah St, Blacktown from 7pm. For more information and to register please contact Catherine on 8838 3460, 0400 427605 or catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org

30 August: 2019 Faith in Marriage Seminar

American Catholic Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers is the guest speaker at The Life, Family and Marriage Office's 2019 Faith in Marriage Seminar on Friday 30 August at St Paul's Catholic College Hall, Greystanes from 7.30pm. Free entry and a light supper will be served afterwards. Donations are welcome. Please register your attendance to 8838 3460 or lmf@parracatholic.org

1 September: Bishop's Annual Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests

There will be a special collection for the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese – on Father's Day. Your donation helps them cover healthcare costs and expenses associated with everyday living, supplementing the pension that some receive. Please give generously this Father's Day Appeal. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Donations can be made here parracatholic.org/csf

10 September: Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation for 2019 will be held on Tuesday 10 September at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 7.30pm. A Catechesis Day for Adult Confirmation will be held of Saturday 31 August from 9.30am to 2pm. Any adult over 16 years wanting to be confirmed please see your Parish Office for information or contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or mary-louise.walsh@parracatholic.org

Other Notices

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>

8 – 10 August: Divine Renovation Workshop

The Divine Renovation 3day workshop, titled 'Leading your Parish from Maintenance to Mission', is taking place from 8 to 10 August at the Chevalier Centre, Roma Ave,

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

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

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

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	Sebastian	Richards	Ramirez	Jacob
Nov	5	12	19	26	
	Javier C	Javelosa	available	Jacob	
Dec	3	10	17	24	31
	Paguinto	available	available	available	available

“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.

PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome our new Parish Council of St John XXIII



Chairman

Gary Lee

Dep Chairman

Bernadette Virwani

Secretary

Julienne Crasto

Members

Bing Catabas

Chris Drummond

Nanette Gamboa

Margaret Harrison

COELIACS Those who are gluten intolerant may receive communion with a gluten low host. Please inform the acolyte before Mass.

Collection process for collectors:

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

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Francesco Anastasio

Deceased:

Heather Hurrell

Anniversary:

Gregory Reynolds, Peter Fernandes,
Edmond Mally, Alfredo Cruz

Sick: Names published with permission.

Benjamin Munson Jr, Jim Daley,
Virginia Santos, Fr John, Pat Doyle,
Anshu Mala Nand, Joel Ocampo,
Deidre Thomson, Hazel Masher,
Praba Daniel, Kim Dung Phan,
Gloria Buosi, Violeta Javate,
Bernie Presto, Greg Marcellana,
Kalayani, Florentina Elisura

Thanksgiving:

Xavier & Fly Family

Church Funnies



SCHOOL BOY CHUMS BOB AND EARL CATCH UP ON WHERE EACH OF THEM HAS BEEN THE LAST 50 YEARS.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Marina Hardy

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✉ bhycross@parra.catholic.edu.au

John XXIII and St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

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For more events please go

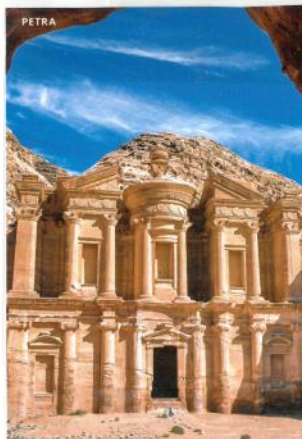
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DIOCESAN NEWS (cont'd)

Kensington, NSW. This is an opportunity for those interested in supporting the movement of parishes going from maintenance to mission, to gather and actively learn from others already active in the process. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/divine-renovation-workshop-tickets-63363671447>

10 August: Young Women Day Retreat

A retreat day for young women aged 18 and over is being held at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa on Saturday 10 August from 10am to 3.30pm. The theme is "Discerning Where God is Leading Me in the Here and Now." Discover how to deepen your relationship to Jesus in your everyday life. RSVP by Monday 5 August to Sr M Luka Junemann on 0439 537 843 or srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au

10 – 11 August: 'Called to Holiness' Weekend Retreat for Men

Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa, is hosting a weekend retreat for men on the theme 'Called to Holiness'. 10 to 11 August from 9am. \$165 all-inclusive or \$55 day rate. RSVP by 1 August. For further enquiries, contact mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au or 0432 487927. To book, contact info@schoenstatt.org.au or 02 4773 8338.

10 – 11 August: Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship at the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Enrichment Weekend from 10 to 11 August at St John Bosco Parish, Engadine. Book online at www.wmme.org.au. For further enquiries, contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774419, adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

COLUMBARIUM NEWS

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

Congratulations to Thomas and Patricia Ong, who were the lucky winners of our promotion. They received a refund of one of their niche purchases.

MEMORIAL WALL



MEMORIAL WALL

The wall in front of the church is devoted to the memory of our deceased family and friends especially if they are overseas.

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

As part of our youth leadership team and our supportive priest, Fr John and Fr Thomas, we have decided to make a change in our church to better our younger generation of brothers and sisters in Christ. We have a vision to renovate our parish basement to create a space for our youth in order for them to grow in faith and experience a personal relationship with Jesus. The Go Fund Me page is now live so please help us achieve our goal. From our whole young parish, we want to really ask you to be generous and help us change the current and future generations of the Catholic Church in our community.

To read more about Savio's journey, and to donate online please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/sj23-youth-space>

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.

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



Earthly wealth does not last

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