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# Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time 15 September 2019

#### **Reflection on the Readings**

Rule-obsessed Pharisees complained that Jesus 'welcomes sinners and eats with them'. So, who are 'sinners'? The word commonly used in the Gospels for sin is 'hamartia' which refers to an arrow falling short of the target.

Our target is sharing in the life of God, but we often miss the mark, falling short through laziness and negligence, sometimes by deliberately shooting the arrow of our life in the wrong direction. We need the forgiveness of God, expressed in the hospitality of Jesus Christ, to encourage us to aim better.

At every Mass, we are invited to share in the re-enactment of Jesus' expert drawing of the bow, letting fly and perfectly hitting the mark in his life, death, resurrection and ascension to heavenly glory.

We could pause for a moment to pray that Jesus may encourage and empower us to be the archers we are meant to be.

© Fr Michael Tate

Dears sisters and brothers, please keep me in your prayers this Wednesday as I have stomach surgery; I have been told it will take a month to recuperate.

God Bless Fr John

• There is still time to order your plaque for the memorial wall and have it ready for All Souls Day on 2 November. But we do need your order with wording by Friday 20 September at the latest. See Page 5.

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Mon	16	Saints Cornelius and Cyprian (M) 9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Christian Meditation in Parish Office Conference Room	3
Tue	17	9.00am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary and Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	_
Wed	18	9.00am - Mass 10.00am - Mass Holy Cross	
Thu	19	9.00am - Mass	Ι
Fri	20	Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasan and companions (M) 9.00am - Mass 11.00am - Nursing Home at ARV the Ponds	e e
Sat	21	Saint Matthew (F) 9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Praise & Worship Night (The Mass Explained - Fr Bong)	
Sun	22	12:00pm - Baptism please pray for Sebastian, Nathan, Ashleigh, Alyssa, Aleyah & Andrea	

#### **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

#### Praise & Worship

3rd Sat 7:30pm SJ23rd Prayer Group

#### 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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#### **Entrance Antiphon**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

#### **First Reading** Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" The Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# Responsorial Psalm

### R. I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.** 

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.** 

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice, a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R.** 

# Second Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

# **Gospel** *Luke 15:1-32*

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say, "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous people who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Communion Antiphon**

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



#### **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**

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Fr John McSweeney Fr John@john23rd.org.au

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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!

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 Harish of St John 2 Ind Glenwood-Stantiope Gardens where the love of Christ is shiring in so many ways.

# SUGGESTION BOX We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

#### Plenary Council 2020

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published Listen to what the Spirit is saying, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process. Access the report at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

#### 12 – 13 October: Our Lady of Lourdes Baulkham Hills South Golden Jubilee

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Baulkham Hills South is celebrating its Golden Jubilee (1969-2019). Celebrations will commence with Mass at 6pm on 12 October, followed by a social gathering at 7pm. Bishop Vincent will celebrate the Golden Jubilee Mass at 9.30am on 13 October with a luncheon to follow. For more information, or to assist, contact Louise in the OLOL office on louise@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au or Bernie on bryall@joeys.org or 049 925 404.

### 7 – 11 December 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

#### 27 - 29 September: Discernment Retreat

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are offering a discernment retreat "The Compass of the Discernment" for women (aged 18-35) to reflect on that most important of questions: "Lord, what are you asking of me? How are you calling me to give?" It is a great opportunity to meet and spend time with the sisters. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP Sr Paula vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

# 16–23 September: Listen with the soul Retreat

Fr Kevin Dance and Sr Jill Dance will lead participants into an experience of inner prayer at the St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong, NSW from 16 to 23 September. The retreat provides an opportunity for group sharing, also times for deep silence, healing and reconciliation. \$650 single ensuite room or \$550 for shared facilities. For enquiries and bookings, please contact <code>info@stclement.com.au</code>

# 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).

#### Go out into the Deep - Becoming the Community Christ Calls Us to Be

"Do not be afraid to convey the Gospel in new ways and launch into the deep." That was one of the messages Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, shared at the inaugural Diocesan Forum on Saturday 13 July. The forum called diocesan representatives to respond to the signs of the times as we listen to what the Spirit is saying through our own communities and through the Plenary Council process.

View the address from Bishop Vincent Long, materials prepared for the forum, reports from the forum data and images from the day here: www.parracatholic.org/forum2019.

Further opportunities will invite us all to engage in deanery and diocesan initiatives coming out of the forum as we continue to go out into the deep to become the community Christ calls us to be.

## 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/Ministry Corner

#### **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

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

#### ⇒ Praise & Worship

**21 September** - "The Catholic Mass Explained" by Fr Bong Pamintuan

Starts at 7:30 pm after the vigil mass at the St John 23rd Parish Church Stanhope Gardens.

SJ23rd Prayer Group hold its monthly Prayer Meeting every 3rd Saturday of the month. Please come and join us for another night of praising and worshiping the Lord.

### Everyone is welcome.

#### **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

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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

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

#### RCIA

#### ⇒ RCIA Enquiry Night

If you, a family member or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, please email *rcia.sj23rd@gmail.com* or call Parish Office (Tues - Fri) on (02) 98520580

#### **COMMUNITY BUILDING**

#### $\Rightarrow$ Cake Angels

We would like to thank everyone who contributed, assisted and supported the Cake Angels Stall. The sumptuous array of goodies were really very enticing. We

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St John 23rd Angels

raised \$1,790.05 for the church. Welcome to new members of the Cake Angels and look forward to more parishioners joining in.



Chairman

Gary Lee

<u>Dep Chairman</u> 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:

Gabriel Rehaut, Francis Haldar, Nuel Velosa

#### Deceased:

Joel Ocampo, Benny Quintos, Diana Chan, Carlito Songco

#### **Anniversary:**

Maligaya Morales, Felicitas Gaon, Irene Aquino, Melonia Guerrero, Demetria Cruz, Cornelio Abellana, Amada Abellana, Bernardo Abellana, Ricky Abellana, Gloria Abellana Gaitszch

**Sick:** Names published with permission. Collen McCunnie, Deidre Thomson, Benjamin Munson Jr, Jim Daley, Virginia Santos, Fr John, Pat Doyle, Deacon Rudi, Anshu Mala Nand, Gloria Buosi, Deidre Thomson, Hazel Masher, Praba Daniel, Kim Greg Marcellana, Violeta Javate, Florentina Elsisura, Bernie Presto, Dung Phan, Ramon Minosa, Kalayani, Elmo Joachim

#### Thanksgiving:

Richard Prgasam, Abigail Pragasam

#### **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

Maria holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au

### John XXIII and St Mark's College 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster **(**02) 9852 0500

⊠ stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au

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

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

#### In Memoriam

#### $\Rightarrow$ **COLUMBARIUM**

We have opened this 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



#### MEMORIAL WALL PLAQUES

The wall in front of the church is devoted to the memory of our deceased family and friends, especially if they are overseas. There is still time to order your plaque for the memorial wall and have it ready for All Souls Day on 2 November. But we do need your order with wording by Friday 20 September at the latest. The plaques cost \$250.00. Please contact businessmanager@john23rd.org.au



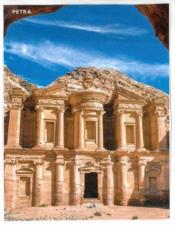
#### What Will Be Your Legacy of Faith, Hope and Charity?

As God's stewards, we're entrusted to use the gifts we are given wisely for the greater good of our family, our faith community and God's kingdom. A gift in your Will is an enduring way to give thanks to God and share your blessing beyond your lifetime. Include A Charity Week, we invite you - after providing for your loved ones - to consider a gift in your Will to our Parish, Parramatta Catholic Foundation or a Catholic ministry. Even the most modest gift will significantly advance our of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills



### Pilgrimage

Brochure and application form at the church fover.



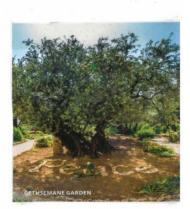
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#### **YOUTH CORNER**

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

As members of the parish of SJXXIII our mission is to facilitate the understanding and growth of the faith of teens and young adults by means of music, games, discussion, prayer and reflection while exploring the catholic perspective on social issues.

The Youth Ministry of SJXXIII currently consists of a range of youth groups representing the cultural diversities within our parish including; Blaze, CRL, and YFC. Our goal is to have a central hub for the young people of our parish. A place where the various youth groups can run their youth nights out of, and a place where a community of young people can continually grow. To achieve this goal, with the blessings of Fr John McSweeney and the parish council, we have begun raising funds to renovate the space below our church to create a youth hub.

Please check out this link <u>https://www.gofundme.com/sj23-youth-space</u> and help us to achieve this goal.

#### **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.

#### 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.

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



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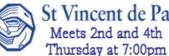
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