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**Twenty Eighth
Sunday of
Ordinary Time
13 October 2019**

Reflection on the Readings

Like the other nine lepers, the Samaritan was cured of his skin disease. Unlike the other nine, he thanked Jesus and expressed faith in Jesus as the agent of his divine healing. Only to him did Jesus say: 'Your faith has brought you *salvation*.'

So, 'salvation' is evidently more than physical cure. Every aspect of this man's personality, bodily, socially, relationship with God, was made whole. Being brought to this 'holistic' situation we call 'salvation'.

This Gospel assures us that there is nothing which makes me 'taboo' to Jesus. Jesus is only too willing to reach out to that part of me which is dis-eased, ill-at-ease with myself, other people, creation, or God. Having faith in Him allows the full force of His love to heal me, to take effect.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might join the Samaritan walking along the road to final salvation, praising God.

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The **Columban Calendar 2020** now available at the front foyer. The cost is \$10.00. Please place the money in the suggestion box next to the calendars. If you have already taken your calendar please place the money in the suggestion box.

Please note the **Parish office has a new telephone number 8883 5981**

The **Youth Ministry of SJXXIII** which consists of a range of youth groups like Blaze, CRL, and YFC has one mission and that 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 representing the cultural diversities within our parish

We're aiming 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 and a place where a community of young people can continually grow. To achieve this, with the blessings from 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 <https://www.gofundme.com/sj23-youth-space> and help us to achieve this goal.

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."*



OCT	THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
Mon 14	9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Christian Meditation in Parish Office Conference Room
Tue 15	<i>Saint Teresa of Jesus (M)</i> 9.00am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary and Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed 16	9.00am - Mass
Thu 17	<i>Saint Ignatius of Antioch (M)</i> 9.00am - Mass
Fri 18	<i>Saint Luke (F)</i> 9.00am - Mass
Sat 19	9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Praise & Worship Night - Part 2 Catholic Mass explained
Sun 20	12:00pm - Baptism please pray for Tyler, Samantha, Mila, Jai, Madison & Zoey

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading

2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



OFFICE

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MAILING

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism *by appointment*
Sun 12:00pm

Reconciliation (First Rite)

Sat 5:00 - 5:45pm

And after any weekday masses

CLERGY

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NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance.

Also visit our website or like our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/john23rdparish



Welcome to the community of the Catholic Parish of St John 23rd Stanhope Gardens where the love of Christ is shining in so many ways.

SUGGESTION BOX

We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

Plenary Council 2020

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National Themes for Discernment. Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide "Let's Listen and Discern" at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Diocesan Forum Resources

You are invited to view the resources from the recent Diocesan Forum at www.parracatholic.org/forum2019. Read the address from Bishop Vincent Long, materials prepared for the forum, data collated from the forum and images from the day. There will be further opportunities to engage in deanery and diocesan initiatives following the Forum as we continue to go out into the deep to become the community Christ calls us to be.

CatholicCare Blacktown Neighbourhood Aid Volunteers Needed

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you feel you would like to make a positive difference to other's lives in this way, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114055 or email deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

Upper Blue Mountains Adoration Chapel

Beginning Tuesday 24 September, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish in the Upper Blue Mountains is opening an Adoration Chapel at St Canice's Church, Katoomba. If you would like further information or would like to sign up for a weekly hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, please call the parish office on 02 4782 2804.

27 October: Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

All married couples and their families are warmly invited to the Diocese of Parramatta's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on 27 October at 11am. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Mass and will join couples and their families for a light lunch in the Cathedral Hall afterwards. Please register your names, number of years married, and the numbers attending the lunch by contacting the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 8838 3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org.

8 - 10 November: Alpha Program Weekend Training

The Pastoral Planning Office is running a training course in the Alpha Catholic program at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. A sample Alpha evening will be held on Friday 8 November from 7pm to 9pm, before full-day training sessions on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November. Morning and afternoon tea and lunch will be provided. To register, and for more information, please contact Lisa in the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3497 or lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

Other Notices

Positions Vacant - Broken Bay Diocese

- Retired Priests Care Coordinator (Part-time)

- Clergy Development Officer (Part-time)

For more details, please contact Kelly Paget on 02 8379 1612 or kelly.paget@bbccatholic.org.au

- Mission Coordinator (Part-time) - Sisters of Mercy Parramatta

For more details, please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055.

15 October: Spirit of Jesus Community Healing Mass

The Spirit of Jesus Community, part of the Jesus Light of the World Communities, are hosting a Healing Mass on 15 October from 7pm at St Aidan's Church, Rooty Hill. For more information, please contact Luming on 0406 587717 or Anita on 0451 832977, email jlowcommunity@gmail.com or visit www.jlowcom.org

17 October: Spirit of Jesus Community Healing Mass

The Light of Jesus Family Sydney, part of the Jesus Light of the World Communities, are hosting a Healing Mass on 17 October from 7.30pm at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. For more information, please contact Jaime on 0410 292047 or Hydie on 0430 671918, email jlowcommunity@gmail.com or visit www.jlowcom.org

25 - 27 October: Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Rachel's Vineyard offers a confidential voicemail number 0400 092555 or email info@rachelvineyard.org.au. The retreats for 2019 will be held at Varroville, NSW on Oct 25-27. Brochures are in the church or see the website www.rachelvineyard.org.au

3 November: Youth PoWR Eastern Sydney Consultation Session

Youth PoWR (Parliament of the World's Religions) is travelling across the four corners of Sydney, calling on young people to generate The Sydney Statement - an interfaith statement that will help build bridges between different religions. The Eastern Sydney consultation session will be held on 3 November at Bondi Pavilion in Bondi. For more information, and to register, visit events.humanitix.com.au/youth-powr-2019-east

4 - 8 November: God is Love Retreat

Fr Tony Kelly CSSR will present a retreat weekend on 'God is Love: John 1:4 - Theological Implications and Spiritual Application' at the St Clemens Retreat and Conference Centre, Galong from Monday 4 to Friday 8 November. Ensuite room \$550, room with shared bathroom facilities \$450. For bookings, contact the centre on 02 6380 5222 or orinfo@stclement.com.au

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.

- 7:00pm Tuesday nights - Rosary and novena prayers at church. Join us and take part in reciting the rosary and novena prayers
- 7:30pm **2nd Tuesday each month - Novena mass** after rosary prayers with 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.

"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

⇒ **Praise & Worship**

19th October - Part 2 - "The Catholic Mass Explained" by Fr Bong Pamintuan

Join us this Saturday 19th October at 7:30 pm for a night of inspired devotion to our Lord through song and praise. We have special guest to lead us through prayers.

Everyone is welcome.

RCIA

⇒ **RCIA Enquiry**

If you, a family member or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, email rcia.sj23rd@gmail.com or call the Parish Office (Tues-Fri) on 9852 0580



Chairman

Gary Lee

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Bernadette Virwani

Secretary

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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

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.

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

	1	8	15	22	29
Oct	Wicks	Sebastian	Richards	Ramirez	Jacob
Nov	5 Javier C	12 Javelosa	19 Peiris	26 Jacob	
Dec	3 Paguinto S	10 Drummond	17 Pangilinan	24 Sebastian	31 Sebastian
Jan	7 Lopez	14 Lozada	21 Jacob	28 Tanganan	
Feb	4 available	11 Sebastian	18 available	25 Jacob	
Mar	3 available	10 available	17 available	24 Jacob	31 available

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 emcpi85@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 of school aged and have 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

SCHOOL ENROLMENT

⇒ **St Mark's Catholic College - Year 2021 Enrolment Applications Open Monday, 21st October, 2019.**

Please visit the website to download an application <http://www.clcstanhope.catholic.edu.au/en/Enrol-Now> or collect an enrolment pack from the College Office.

Applications close Friday, 15th November, 2019.

⇒ **Holy Cross Primary**

<http://www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au/Enrol/How-to-enrol>

Enrolment packages containing the Enrolment Instructions and Application Forms are also available from the school office. Contact our school by email or call 8664 7100 weekdays between 8:30am and 3:30pm

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Manuel (Sonny) Barcelon,
Dominic Phi Bui

Deceased:

Jean De Salis, Carmelita Cabana

Anniversary:

Cirila Estera, Andres Estera Sr,
Leonardo Villafana, Lincia Onglao,
Joel Ramos, Jose Ramos,
Ceferino Josol

Sick: *Names published with permission.*

Colleen McCunnie, Deidre Thomson,
Benjamin Munson Jr, Deacon Rudi,
Jim Daley, Virginia Santos, Fr John,
Gloria Buosi, Anshu Mala Nand,
Pat Doyle, Kim Greg Marcellana,
Deidre Thomson, Hazel Masher,
Praba Daniel, Florentina Elisura,
Violeta Javate, Norbert Mascarenhas,
Ramon Minosa, Elmo Joachim,
Kalayani, Dung Phan, Bernie Presto,
Lino Matteazi, Karam Matte

Thanksgiving:

Ronaldo, Kristine, Maria, Ramon,
Vincenzo Zamora, Aldo Alonso

In Memoriam

⇒ 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.

⇒ 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. The plaques cost \$250.00.

Please email for any queries to
businessmanager@john23rd.org.au



Message from Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv



Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM
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Church Funnies

The Stewardship Committee's latest idea for helping to raise the annual church budget



27 September 2019

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Despite the objections and concerns from many citizens, including Church leaders, the Abortion Law Reform Act 2019 has passed the NSW Legislature.

We, as Catholics, continue to believe that all humans are made in the image of God and that each and every person matters.

The Catholic Church maintains the vigorous defence of the dignity of the human person. As followers of Jesus Christ, this will always include the protection of life from conception to natural death.

We, as the face of Christ, must make as our priority a renewed commitment to help vulnerable women in these complex situations.

In our diocese, our CatholicCare offers comprehensive and welcoming pregnancy support for women and families that are expecting a child.

May Christ give us the courage to remain committed to care for the vulnerable and protect the precious gift of human life.

Yours in Christ,

+ Vincent Long

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen
OFM Conv Bishop of Parramatta

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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Pope establishes Sunday of the Word of God

1 October 2019

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, *Motu proprio "Aperuit illis,"* published on 30 September, establishes that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God."

The timing of the document is significant: 30 September is the Feast of Saint Jerome, the man who translated most of the Bible into Latin, and who famously said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." This year also marks 1600 years since his death.

The title of the document, "*Aperuit illis*," is equally important. They are its opening words, taken from St Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, and how "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."

A response to requests

Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis says he wrote this Apostolic Letter in response to requests from the faithful around the world to celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God.

An ecumenical value

In the *Motu proprio* (literally, "of his own initiative"), Pope Francis declares that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God." This is more than a temporal coincidence, he explains: the celebration has "ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity."

A certain solemnity

Pope Francis invites local communities to find ways to "mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity." He suggests that the sacred text be enthroned "in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God's Word." In highlighting the proclamation of the Word of the Lord, it would be appropriate "to emphasise in the homily the honour that it is due," writes the Pope.

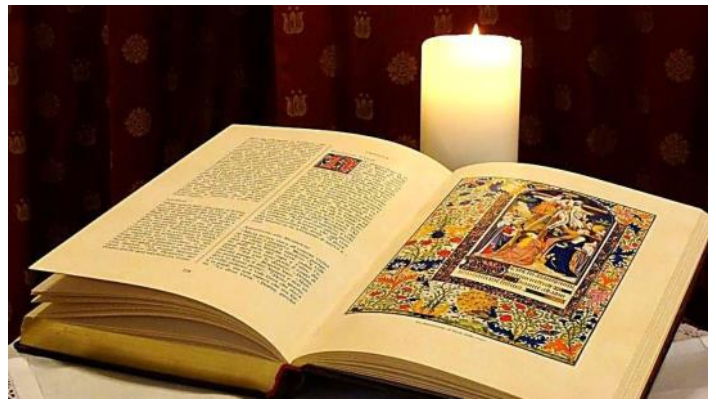
"Pastors can also find ways of giving a Bible, or one of its books, to the entire assembly as a way of showing the importance of learning how to read, appreciate and pray daily with Sacred Scripture."

The Bible is for all

The Bible is not meant for a privileged few, continues Pope Francis. It belongs "to those called to hear its message and to recognise themselves in its words." The Bible cannot be monopolised or restricted to select groups either, he writes, because it is "the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity."

The importance of the homily

"Pastors are primarily responsible for explaining Sacred Scripture and helping everyone to understand it," writes Pope Francis. Which is why the homily possesses "a quasi-sacramental character." The Pope warns against improvising or giving "long, pedantic homilies or wandering off into unrelated topics."



Rather, he suggests using simple and suitable language. For many of the faithful, he writes, "this is the only opportunity they have to grasp the beauty of God's Word and to see it applied to their daily lives."

Sacred Scripture and the Sacraments

The Pope uses the scene of the Risen Lord appearing to the disciples at Emmaus to demonstrate what he calls "the unbreakable bond between Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist." Since the Scriptures everywhere speak of Christ, he writes, "they enable us to believe that His death and resurrection are not myth but history, and are central to the faith of His disciples."

When the sacraments are introduced and illumined by God's Word, explains the Pope, "they become ever more clearly the goal of a process whereby Christ opens our minds and hearts to acknowledge His saving work."

The role of the Holy Spirit

"The role of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures is primordial," writes Pope Francis. "Without the work of the Spirit, there would always be a risk of remaining limited to the written text alone." The Pope continues: "This would open the way to a fundamentalist reading, which needs to be avoided, lest we betray the inspired, dynamic and spiritual character of the sacred text." It is the Holy Spirit who "makes Sacred Scripture the living word of God, experienced and handed down in the faith of His holy people."

Pope Francis invites us never to take God's Word for granted, "but instead to let ourselves be nourished by it, in order to acknowledge and live fully our relationship with Him and with our brothers and sisters."

Practicing mercy

The Pope concludes his Apostolic Letter by defining what he describes as "the great challenge before us in life: to listen to Sacred Scripture and then to practice mercy." God's Word, writes Pope Francis, "has the power to open our eyes and to enable us to renounce a stifling and barren individualism and instead to embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity."

The Letter closes with a reference to Our Lady, who accompanies us "on the journey of welcoming the Word of God," teaching us the joy of those who listen to that Word – and keep it.

With thanks to **Vatican News**, where this article originally appeared.

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**.

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

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

Kids' Corner

Fill in the missing letters, then match them up by number in the large boxes to reveal the message of this story.

♥ Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.

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♥ Ten lepers asked Jesus to take pity on them.

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♥ Jesus told them to show themselves to the priests.

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♥ One of the men discovered he was healed,

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and returned to Jesus, giving praise to God.

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♥ He bowed down at Jesus' feet and thanked him.

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♥ Jesus then told him, "Get up and go."

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Your faith has made you well."

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