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**Thirtieth Third  
Sunday of  
Ordinary Time  
17 November 2019**

### Reflection on the Readings

Our prayer can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have – holding a parking spot for us, or stopping rain on the second day of the Australian Open. But, if you were in Syria, your prayerful image of God would be as a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from Crimes against Humanity, of a Strengthener in time of torture and impending death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his persecuted followers of every age, 'Your endurance will win your lives'. As Malachi prophesied: 'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'.

It is our faith that, out of the darkness of the tomb, the Son of righteousness did rise with healing in His rays, bathing the world with that light which makes the world habitable for human beings.

We could take a moment to pray for contemporary persecuted Christians that their faithful endurance will win their lives.

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We are in urgent need for volunteers to assist in our Parish's different ministries

#### ⇒ Children's liturgy facilitators

We have only a few facilitators able to take these Sunday sessions. If you are interested and able to assist in facilitating these 15-20mins sessions during the 10.30am mass, please contact Helen Zammit on 8883 5981.

#### ⇒ Sacrament of Baptism facilitators

We require assistance at the children's baptismal rites during Sundays 12pm. For interested parties please contact Krizzia Samonte on [krizzia.samonte@gmail.com](mailto:krizzia.samonte@gmail.com) or the Parish Office.

#### ⇒ SRE Teachers

If you could spare an hour during weekdays to spread God's word teaching scriptures to children, **we need you**. We currently have 4 public primary schools and a high school in our parish where we hold scripture classes during school hours for 30 minutes during Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information call Asoki 0430 020265 or Renuka 0414 795814. Training and resources will be provided.

### 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

### SUGGESTION BOX

**We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.**

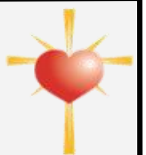
### COELIACS

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

### 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."



NOV	THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
Mon 18	9.00am - Mass 7:30pm - Christian Meditation in Parish Office Conference Room
Tue 19	9.00am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary & Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed 20	9.00am - Mass 10:00am - Mass at Holy Cross
Thu 21	<i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)</i> 9.00am - Mass
Fri 22	<i>Saint Cecilia (M)</i> 9.00am - Mass
Sat 23	9.00am - Mass
Sun 24	Cake Angels' Stall all morning masses 12:00pm - Baptism please pray for Estelle and Piper

### Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

### First Reading

*Malachi 3:19-20*

*The sun of righteousness will shine on you.*

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 97:5-9*

**R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the people with fairness. **R.**

### Second Reading

*2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*

*Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.*

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Luke 21:38*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Luke 21:5-19*

*Your endurance will win you your life.*

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.





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

## PARISH OFFICE

### Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

### Office Contacts

(02) 8883 5981  
(0423 160 567 AH Emergency)  
160 Perfection Avenue,  
Stanhope Gardens, 2768  
(St Mark's College Admin Office)

### MAILING

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NSW 2768

### CLERGY

#### Parish Priest:

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✉ [FrThomas@john23rd.org.au](mailto:FrThomas@john23rd.org.au)

#### Deacon:

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### SACRAMENTS

#### Baptism by appointment

Sun 12:00pm

#### Reconciliation (First Rite)

Sat 5:00 - 5:45pm

And after any weekday masses

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish)

## Diocesan News

### Catholic Outlook is back!

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back from Sunday 1 December 2019. The revised Catholic Outlook will be published quarterly as an A4 magazine with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta. Look out for copies in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from Sunday 1 December.

### Plenary Council 2020

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020. There are many opportunities to engage in the "Listening and Discernment" phase by participating in small group sessions within the Diocese. Ask you priests or Deanery Representatives for session dates in parishes and deaneries or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.

### The Epiphany Pilgrimage

The Epiphany Pilgrimage, through the Blue Mountains, is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way. Registration and details at [epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://epiphanypilgrimage.org) and [facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage](https://facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage)

### Chime in for the Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral

The Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral Appeal offers a rare opportunity to create history and donate a bell that commemorates a loved one, or honours your family name, organisation or community group. As a Benefactor, you'll also have the privilege of naming your bell in honour of a revered Catholic Saint and helping make the dream of a peal of bells for St Patrick's Cathedral become a reality. For further info visit [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal)

### 20 November: Plenary Council 2020 Diocesan Session 6

You are invited to the sixth session in the Diocese of Parramatta to gather and discern the Plenary Council 2020 National Themes for Discernment. This session on 'Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform' will be held on 20 November from 6.30pm to 9pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org) or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.

### 23 November: Reflection Day for Women

Preparing our hearts for Advent – Reflection Day for Women. Saturday 23 November 9.30am – 3.00 pm. Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd Mulgoa. Facilitator: Sr Mary Louise. Cost \$25 BYO own lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Take some time out for prayer and reflection! To register or for more information [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au) or phone: (02) 4773 8338.

## Other Notices

### Positions Vacant

- Parish Renewal Team Leader (Full-time) - Archdiocese of Sydney
- Student Life and Alumni Relations Officer - Campion College Australia

For more details, please visit [catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://catholicjobsonline.com.au)

- Assistant Principal Religious Education/RE Coordinator - Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School – Santa Teresa, Alice Springs, NT

For more details, please visit <https://www.ceont.catholic.edu.au/employment/current-vacancies/>

### 24 November: Walk with Christ

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King on Sunday 24 November at 2.30pm. Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city. Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on November 24. More details through the Archdiocese of Sydney.

### 29 November – 6 December: Wisdom of the Desert Retreat

Carmel Moore rsj and Jan Wylie will lead participants at the "Wisdom of the Desert" retreat at St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre, Galong, NSW, from 29 November to 6 December. Attend for either the weekend or for six days. There will be several periods of meditation, daily talks and quietness and prayer. For enquiries and booking, please contact [info@stclement.com.au](mailto:info@stclement.com.au) or phone 02 6380 5222.

### 30 November: Bach Akademie Australia Concert

Bach Akademie Australia will present its Cantatas for Christmas – Comfort and Joy, including Part 2 of the Christmas Oratorio and BWV 191 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo' at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on 30 November at 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased through the Box Office on 1300 785 377 or <https://cantatasforchristmas.floktu.com/>

**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*

⇒ **Ministers' Advent Retreat**

For all Liturgical ministers and Music Ministry, the Advent season is at hand and in order to prepare for this season, it is important that all Liturgical members attend this retreat. This will give us the opportunity to refresh, revitalise and rekindle our deep relationship with God and service to our parish community.

Saturday, 3th November at St Mark's staff room. This will commence at 9am mass till 2:30pm. Morning tea will be provided and bring a plate to share for lunch. RSVP to Wira Peiris or Vittorio Lim.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

The St Vincent De Paul Conference wish to draw on your generosity once more asking for your assistance in providing items of food, toiletries, and small gifts for our Christmas hampers in order to help those in our Parish who are in need of our support.

A list of acceptable items can be found below:

Canned meat (ham, corned beef, sausages, etc), rice, pasta, pasta sauce, one litre oil, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, Christmas cake, pudding, mince pies, fruit juice, biscuits, custard, coffee, tea, milk, and all toiletries.

Whether you wish to donate a complete hamper for a family or individual items, please ensure that enviro bags are used as determined by OHNS.

Donations of enviro bags will be very much appreciated. It has been decided that the cut off date for all donations will be the 30th November. The delivery of hampers will take place between the 15th and 20th of December.

Thank you for your continuous generosity and great support, we are constantly blessed with, in order to continue our mission. Many blessings to you all.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL		
	<b><u>Chairman</u></b>	<b><u>Members</u></b>
	Gary Lee	Bing Catabas
	<b><u>Dep Chairman</u></b>	Chris Drummond
	Bernadette Virwani	Nanette Gamboa
	<b><u>Secretary</u></b>	Margaret Harrison
	Julienne Crasto	

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights					
Nov	5	12	19	26	
	Javier C	Javelosa	Peiris	Jacob	
Dec	3	10	17	24	31
	Paguinto S	<b>Drummond</b>	Pangilinan	Sebastian	Sebastian
Jan	7	14	21	28	
	Lopez	<b>Lozada</b>	Jacob	Tanganan	
Feb	4	11	18	25	
	Richard	<b>Sebastian</b>	available	Jacob	
Mar	3	10	17	24	31
	available	available	Richard	Jacob	available
Apr	7	14	21	28	
	available	<b>Sebastian</b>	available	Jacob	

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

**COMMUNITY BUILDING**

⇒ **Cake Angels**

Save the date, 24th November, for another Sunday of sweet treats during the morning masses.

Any contributions of goodies would be most welcome. Or if you're interested to help out and be part of this wonderful group drop Madeline Huang a line on [huang64@gmail.com](mailto:huang64@gmail.com).



⇒ **Helper's Party**

For all parishioners who help out in the parish with their time and talent i.e. different ministry members, gardeners, choir groups, cleaners, collectors etc, save the date 7th December 2019, 7pm after the 6pm Vigil.

Invitations will be sent out shortly. RSVP to Techie Sarlabus via email [techiesarlabus@gmail.com](mailto:techiesarlabus@gmail.com) or SMS 0438 201 436.

**LITURGY**

⇒ **Altar Servers Training 2019**

If you are 10 years of age and over and have completed the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion and would like to serve at the altar, this is for you. If interested, call or SMS Joanne Cusack on 0478 035 047, alternatively, forms are available at the church foyer or our website or please call the parish office.



**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.

**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.



## Special intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Marguerite Antoun Ghattas, Rita Ponce, Eugene De Silva,

### Deceased:

Teofila P Javate, Leonila Marmolejo, Andres Marmolejo, Sergio Anticona, Father Jose Maria, Esther Espejo, Riolenne & Aeldred Weber

### Anniversary:

Norma Lorenzo

### Sick: Names published with permission.

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

### Thanksgiving:

McFarlane, Lavkin & Webster Families, Ronaldo, Kristine, Maria, Ramon, Vincenzo Zamora

## 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](mailto:businessmanager@john23rd.org.au)



## Parish Notice

### NOVEMBER BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The November Book of Remembrance has again been placed in the sanctuary to enable you to write the names of your departed family and friends. Please place your mass offering envelope in the Special Needs mailbox at the back of the church (at the sacristy door) – do not leave envelopes with money on the Book of Remembrance table. There is no need to repeat the names on the envelope.

### WE GIVE THANKS TO ...

our tireless gardeners and cleaners. Their total commitment to the upkeep of our parish church and grounds.

We are still looking for people to join any of this groups and help once a month, as the saying goes - many hands make light work.

If you're interested can help please contact [businessmanager@john23rd.org.au](mailto:businessmanager@john23rd.org.au)

## Church Funnies



## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Holy Cross Primary

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Principal: Marina Hardy

☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ [holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto:stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au)

### Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

✉ [celstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:celstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au)

[www.celstanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://www.celstanhope.catholic.edu.au)



**INSTITUTE FOR MISSION**

# ALL WELCOME

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION NIGHT

WITH DR MICHELE CONNOLLY RSJ

### GOSPELS FOR THE SUNDAY OF ADVENT




**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19**  
**6.45PM FOR 7PM START**  
**1-5 MARION ST, BLACKTOWN**  
**(OFF FLUSHCOMBE RD)**  
**RSVP 02 9296 6369**  
**connect@ifm.org.au**



**St John 23rd**  
**Glenwood - Stanhope**  
**Gardens Parish**  
**invites you to its**

**Carols By**  
**Candlelight Night**

**To be held at St Marks**  
**College Ground**  
**on 21 December 2019**  
**at 7.30 PM**



## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at [www.catholic.org.au/drought](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)



### Prayer

Eternal God,

In wisdom and love  
you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.  
We turn to you now in faith, hope and love,  
asking you to look with favour  
on our drought-stricken land,  
on our starving animals,  
on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers  
and to all who are affected by drought;  
be with those who support them.  
In your loving providence,  
send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion,  
hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son,  
in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and  
through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord the giver of life:  
Renew your faithful people;  
Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,  
Mary, help of Christians – Pray for us.  
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Pray for us.

SUPPORT FOR THOSE AFFECTED

Diocese of Bathurst Drought Appeal  
Vinnies NSW Drought Appeal

## YOUTH CORNER

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

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.

### **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](mailto:youth@john23rd.com.au).**

### **CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)**

**When:** 3rd Sunday  
Praise & Worship

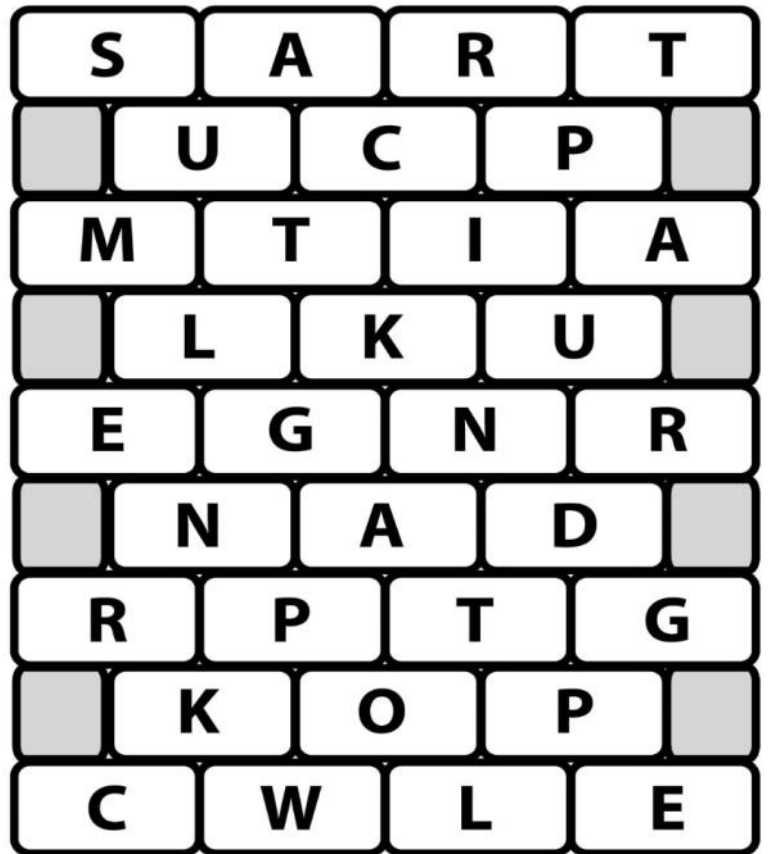
**Time:** 4.00pm to 5.30pm

### **YFC (Youth for Christ)**

**When:** 3rd Sundays of the month

✉ For all youth ministry enquiries, email us at [youth@john23rd.com](mailto:youth@john23rd.com)

Cross out all letters that appear more than once.  
Unscramble the remaining letters to reveal what  
Jesus gives to us so that we know what to say when  
we defend ourselves.



You will be saved by being faithful

W	Q	T	H	S	A	A	Y	L	X	O	G	T	P	E	D	N	X
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D	M	A	O	R	E	U	R	I	S	D	U	I	Z	P	D	G	T
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