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**Third Sunday of  
Advent  
15 December 2019**

### Reflection on the Readings

John was languishing in prison, held captive by the local agent of the Roman Empire. Perhaps he was looking for evidence that Jesus was the One who would throw off Roman despotism. In answer to his questing, Jesus replied that John should rather look at what was happening on the ground in His healing ministry and orientation to the poor. *Those* are the signs that the reign of God has begun.

I admire John the Baptist because he was prepared to seek and accept the answer to the question which was crucial to him, even though the answer might upset his preconceptions. He was a true seeker after Truth.

All our activities as a parish in building community, forming faith, serving the poor, participating in the liturgy, should be undertaken so that a seeker after Truth might see and hear the evidence of the presence and mission of the risen Lord Jesus Christ amongst us.

We could pause for a moment to simply pray in the spirit of Advent: 'Come, Lord Jesus' to satisfy the restlessness of the questing heart.

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### 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.**

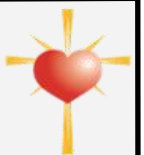
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may receive communion with a  
gluten low host. Please inform  
the acolyte before Mass.

### 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."*



DEC	THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
Mon 16	6:00am - Mass of the Rooster 9:00am - Mass 7:30pm - Christian Meditation in Parish Office Conference Room
Tue 17	6:00am - Mass of the Rooster 9:00am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary & Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed 18	6:00am - Mass of the Rooster 9:00am - Mass 10:00am - Mass at Holy Cross
Thu 19	6:00am - Mass of the Rooster 9:00am - Mass 7:30pm - Reconciliation 2nd Rite - Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville
Fri 20	6:00am - Mass of the Rooster 9:00am - Mass 7:30pm - Catholic Community Prayer Group, Parish Office Conference Room
Sat 21	6:00am - Mass of the Rooster 9:00am - Mass 5:00pm - Reconciliation 1st Rite - St John XXIII 7:30pm - Christmas Carols, St Mark's College Hub
Sun 22	7:30am - Mass/Mass of the Rooster 12:00pm - Baptism please pray for Cali, Kira & Sofia

### Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

### First Reading

*Isaiah 35:1-6. 10*

*God himself will come and save us.*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

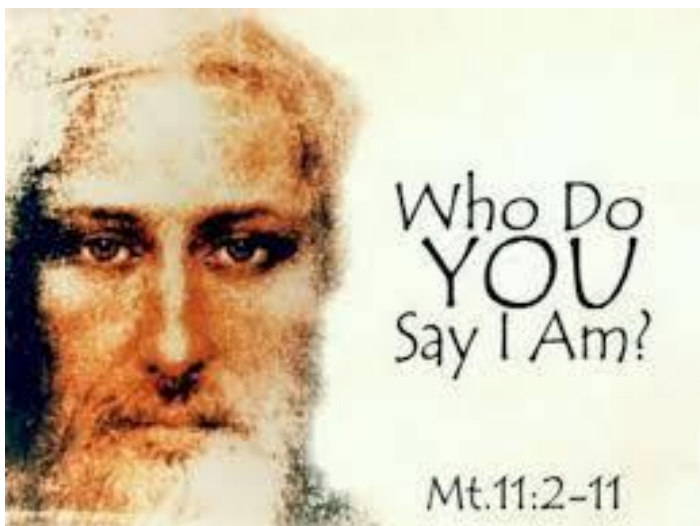
*Ps 145:6-10*

**R. Lord, come and save us.**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**



### Second Reading

*James 5:7-10*

*You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Matthew 11:2-11*

*Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

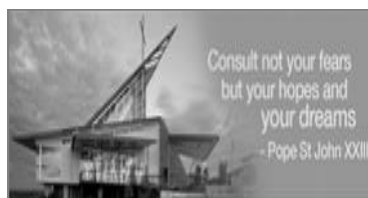
As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.



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

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(0423 160 567 AH Emergency)

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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

## 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

### Positions Vacant

\* Facilities Maintenance Officer - Diocese of Parramatta - Applications close 16 December

\* Volunteers - Mamre Creche - CatholicCare

More details at [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### Bishop's Christmas Appeal

Help vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare to connect people with support and services to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

### 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 your priests or Deanery Representatives for session dates in parishes and deaneries or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.

### 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 Woolcott on 0418 114 055 or email [deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au).

### 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 [epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://epiphanypilgrimage.org) and [facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage](https://facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage)

### St Bernadette's Lalor Park Wednesday Evening Devotions

St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette and Adoration of the Blessed Sacraments every Wednesday evening at 7pm, followed by Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more info, contact the parish office on 9672 4037 or [admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au)

### Upper Blue Mountains Adoration Chapel

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish in the Upper Blue Mountains has opened 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.

### Office for Worship Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again next year, commencing early February 2020. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org).

### 28 December: Kellyville Parish Mass of the Holy Innocents

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, is holding their annual Mass of the Holy Innocents on 28 December at 11am. Fr David Blowey OFM Conv will celebrate Mass, followed by a Rosary procession to the Shrine of the Holy Innocents. Lunch will be available and please bring a plate to share. For enquiries, please contact the parish office on (02) 9629 2595.

### Other Notices

### 17 December: Handel's Messiah at St Patrick's Cathedral

To end their inaugural year, River City Voices is proud to present an intimate performance of Handel's Messiah for Western Sydney audiences. The performance will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, 17 Dec at 7.30pm. For info and to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.classikon.com/concert/river-city-voices-parramatta-2019-december-17/>

### 28 December: Feast of the Holy Family celebration

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth invite families and young people aged 18 to 35 to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on 28 December at the Our Lady Queen of Poland Convent in Marayong. Mass will be held at 3pm, with Adoration from 4.30pm. RSVP to Sr Paula by 26 December on 0449 656406 or [vocationscfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscfn@gmail.com).

### 29 December: Divine Retreat Centre One Day Worship Pilgrimage

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is holding a one-day worship pilgrimage on Sunday 29 December from 9am to 4pm. Ministry will be available for kids, children and teenagers. For more information, please contact 0468 486 782, email [drcsydney@gmail.com](mailto:drcsydney@gmail.com) or visit [www.divineretreatcentre.org.au](http://www.divineretreatcentre.org.au)

## 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.

- 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*

#### ⇒ Prayer Group

Advent - A time to prepare for Christmas day! Come and join us on Friday evenings at 6.30pm in the Parish Conference Room. Everyone is welcome. Call Pauline 0407417039 for more information.

### 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.

### Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

	3	10	17	24	31
Dec	Paguinto S	Drummond	Pangilinan	Sebastian	Sebastian
Jan	7	14	21	28	
	Lopez	Lozada	Jacob	Tangunan	
Feb	4	11	18	25	
	Richard	Sebastian	Yunon M	Jacob	
Mar	3	10	17	24	31
	Peiris	Erasmus B	Richard	Jacob	available
Apr	7	14	21	28	
	available	Sebastian	available	Jacob	
May	5	12	19	26	
	available	available	Sebastian	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

#### ⇒ Helpers Party

A big thank you, on behalf of the Christmas party organisers, to everyone who helped during the Helpers Christmas party!

Thank you Fr John and Fr Thomas for supporting and participating in the activities, as always;


Special thanks to the master chef of SJ23 and super couple Chris and Stella Drummond;

To all that donated the lovely desserts we shared and surprise prizes for games and raffles;

Rudi who is such a Star, as always, engaging us in a exhilarating Zumba action; and

Dennis Frketic for the lovely pictures, which can be viewed in our Facebook page.

Most of all, to all our volunteer at church. Thank you so much for all your time and talent. These are big contributions in making our Parish community what it is now, an embracing parish always guided by the Holy Spirit.

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

#### 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:

Rowan McLann

### Deceased:

Teofila P. Javate, Manuel Ranola, Iluminada Ranola, Lorna Ranola

### Anniversary:

Irene Cherry, Julia Lapuz, Giovanni Puglisi

### Sick: Names published with permission.

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

### Thanksgiving:

Antonio & Linda Pelle

## 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



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.

## Church Funnies



"Wouldn't it be easier to just SMS God, rather than pray?"

## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

☎ (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

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

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

## CHRISTMAS AND RECONCILIATION TIMES

### RECONCILIATION - 1st Rite

21 December, 5.00pm - St John XXIII, Stanhope Gardens

### RECONCILIATION - 2nd Rite

19 December, 7.30pm - Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville

23 December, 7.30pm - St Michael's, Baulkham Hills

### 24 DECEMBER

7.00pm - Christmas Eve Family Vigil at St. Mark's College Hub

Midnight Mass - at midnight :)

### 25 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am; 10.30am

**no 6.00pm mass - there is 6.00pm mass at St Patrick's Cathedral**

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITY

### 16 - 24 December, 6am - Mass of the Rooster

Come and join us for a 9 day novena in preparation for the Advent season. Bring a plate to share for breakfast after mass.



### 21 December, 7:30pm - SJ23rd Christmas Carols

Come and join in the Christmas festivity for the parish with lots of singing and other performances. There will be food stalls courtesy of our Youth groups.



## Family Christmas Mass

The Family Christmas Mass will be held at 7.00pm preceded by the Nativity story at 6.30 pm on 24th December at St. Marks College Hub. We will be having a short play of the Nativity story before the mass commences as we have done in the past.

We are inviting children to take part in the Nativity play to:

- play characters from the Nativity story
- narrate the Nativity story
- Volunteers for logistics, supplies and safe-keeping of costumes;
- Greeters and Collectors

Practice sessions are scheduled on the following days:

7<sup>th</sup> December, Saturday 2:00 - 4.00 pm at Church

14<sup>th</sup> December, Sunday, Saturday 2.00 - 4.00 pm at St. Marks College Hub

24<sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday 4.30 - 6.00 pm at St. Marks College Hub

Please contact **Helen Festejo** on [mbfestejo@gmail.com](mailto:mbfestejo@gmail.com) or 0401 671 665 for more details if your child can take part or if you can assist in any way for the Nativity story at the Family Christmas Mass by 7<sup>th</sup> December or come to 1<sup>st</sup> practice session on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00 pm.



## 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

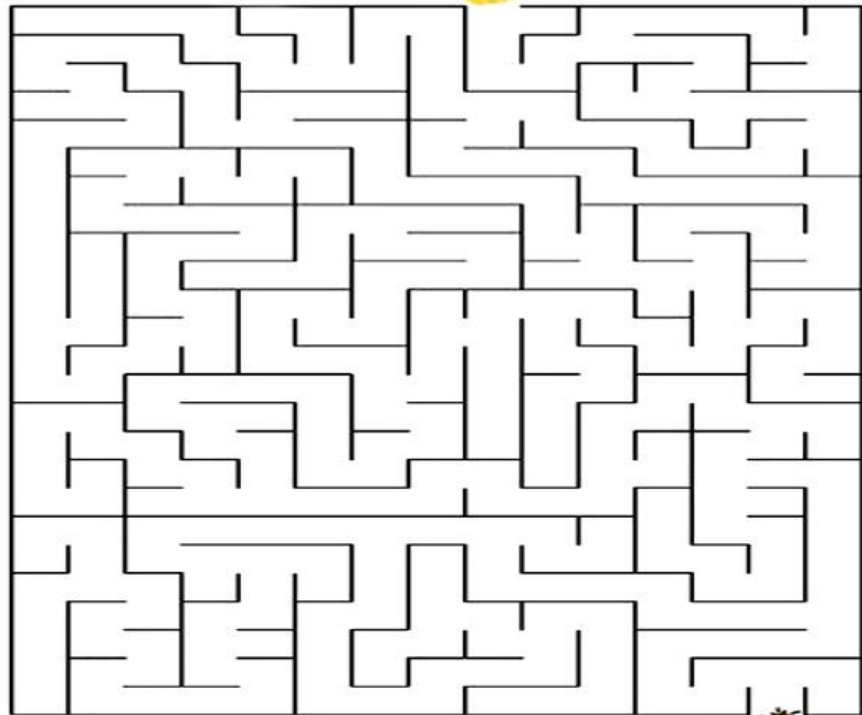
### YFC (Youth for Christ)

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

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



Help the Wise Men to follow the Star to the manger



Jesus is coming to save us

W	Z	W	O	X	U	R	O	O	P	H	G	I	Q	S	S	I	O
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