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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**19 January 2020**

### Reflection on the Readings

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou!' It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off.

We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Francis.

We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

© Fr Michael Tate

We bid farewell to Fr Thomas and wish him luck in his new Parish. Thank you so much for your friendship and service at St John 23rd.



### 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.**

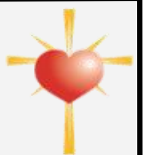
### COELIACS

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."*



JAN		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
Mon 20	9:00am - Mass	
Tue 21	<i>Saint Agnes (M)</i> 9:00am - Mass	
Wed 22	9:00am - Mass	
Thu 23	9:00am - Mass	
Fri 24	<i>Saint Francis de Sales (M)</i> 9:00am - Mass	
Sat 25	<i>Conversion of Saint Paul (F)</i> 9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass	
Sun 26	7:30, 9:00, 10:30am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass 12.00pm - Baptism please pray for Julian & Ziva	

## FAITH FORMATION

### ⇒ Our Lady of Perpetual Help

*Oh Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your powerful name, the protection of the living and the salvation of the dying. Purest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, Blessed Lady, to rescue me whenever I call on you. In my temptations, in my needs, I will never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary. What a consolation, what sweetness, what confidence fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you! I thank the Lord for having given you so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering your name. Let my love for you prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Perpetual Help. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me and grant me the favor I confidently ask of you. (Then say three Hail Marys).*



Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights					
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	Manoj
Apr	7	14	21	28	
	available	Sebastian	Shalini	Jacob	
May	5	12	19	26	
	available	De Jesus	Sebastian	Jacob	

*"A family that prays together, stays together - Fr Patrick Peyton"*

- 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

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.

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

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 [emcpi85@yahoo.com.au](mailto:emcpi85@yahoo.com.au)

*"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*



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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL		
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## LITURGY

### ⇒ Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

Would you like to serve our parish as a

- ♦ Ministers of the Word  
For Readers and Commentators formation and training on proclaiming the Word of God.
- ♦ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
For Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, serving at the altar during Mass.
- ♦ Communion to the Sick and Dying  
Training and formation on serving and ministering to the Sick and Dying in our parish communities.
- ♦ Ministers at the Altar  
Comprehensive training for ministers who wish to serve at the altar during Mass for their parish.

The Office for Worship of the Diocese of Parramatta are offering courses Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses commencing February 2020. After completing the course from the Office of Worship, you will receive further training from a Liturgy team member on specific parish procedures. Enrolment forms are available at the foyer, in our parish website and in our parish Facebook page. Course schedule, venues and other details can be found in the form. Please Note All applications need to be endorsed by Fr John. Email the completed form to [secretary@john23rd.org.au](mailto:secretary@john23rd.org.au) on or before **29 January 2020** or call Wira Peiris 0424738484 for more details.

### 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:

Cecilia Silva, Emmanuel Azzopardi, Julieta Negado Guia, Gabriel Rehaut

### Deceased:

Michael Lobo

### Anniversary:

Catherine McBride, Norma 'Baby' Lorenzo, Martha Livera, Leonor. De Leon,

### 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, Elizabeth Newnes, Zenira D'Souza, Virginia Santos, Isagani Ocampo

### Thanksgiving:

Nesty De Leon

## 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)



## Church Funnies



"Do not let the sun go down on your wrath." Letting it come up on your wrath isn't good either

## 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

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

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## 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)



### Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

### First Reading

*Isaiah 49:3, 5-6*

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10*

**R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R.**

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

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### Gospel Acclamation

*John 1:14, 12*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*John 1:29-34*

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

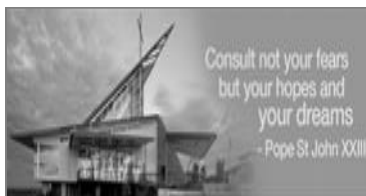
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.





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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Stanhope Gardens, 2768  
(St Mark's College Admin Office)

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### CLERGY

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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

- Volunteers - Mamre Creche - CatholicCare
- Office Manager - Tribunal of the Catholic Church (NSW and ACT), Diocese of Parramatta - Applications close 3 February

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

### Plenary Council 2020 Diocesan Delegate Expressions of Interest

Have you been a part of the Plenary Council process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment? Do you feel called to express your interest in being a delegate from our diocese? Speak with your Parish priest, school principal or agency leader today or download the Expression of Interest form and information sheet at [www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org). Expressions of Interest due by **25 January 2020**. For further information contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441 or [pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org](mailto:pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org)

### CatholicCare Blacktown Neighbour 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 114 055 or email [deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au).

### 28 January: Annual Red Mass

Bishop Vincent Long and Fr Bob Bossini warmly invite members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families to the annual Red Mass on 28 January at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served after Mass. Confirm attendance and any dietary requirements by 20 January to (02) 8839 8411 or [events@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:events@stpatscathedral.com.au)

### 8 - 9 February: Honouring the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita

Long after slavery was officially abolished, the practice not only continues but thrives, with millions of people forced to perform labour through coercion, intimidation or deceit. On the weekend of 8 and 9 February, we celebrate the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron of Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. We are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and for the people who volunteer and work for the eradication of these crimes.

### February 2020: Greystanes Parish Biblical Studies Part 2

Throughout the month of February, Fr Joseph Lam from Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, will run a series of biblical studies on Prophetic Literature in the Old Testament. Sessions will be held at the parish every Thursday in February and on 5 March from 7.30pm to 9pm. Registrations are essential by [parishoffice@olqp.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au), where you can also obtain the recommended reading list.

### 9 February 2020: Pastoral Planning Alpha Team Training Workshop

The Pastoral Planning Office is running a training day in the Alpha Catholic program at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown, Sunday 9 February, 9.30am - 4.30pm. The workshop will look at where Alpha fits in the faith formation process in a Parish. To register, and for more information, please contact Lisa in the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3497 or [lisa.bright@parracatholic.org](mailto:lisa.bright@parracatholic.org)

### 11 February 2020: World Day of the Sick Mass

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick will be celebrated in the Diocese of Parramatta on Tuesday 11 February 2020 at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, St Patrick's Church, Blacktown at 10.30am. The Mass will include the Sacramental Rite of Anointing of the Sick and Prayers for Healing. Please RSVP to Marisa VanderHout on 8838 3460 or [marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org](mailto:marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org) to assist with seating and catering.

## OTHERS

### Australian Church Bushfire Response

Australia is currently facing an unprecedented bushfire crisis in many parts of the country. The Australian Catholic Bishops have announced that special collections will be taken at Masses during the Australia Day weekend to support affected communities. They have also urged Catholics to pray constantly for those affected, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the bushfires. To access prayer resources, make a donation or for more info, visit [www.parracatholic.org/bushfires](http://www.parracatholic.org/bushfires)

### Catholic Healthcare

Government-funded Home Care Packages. Catholic Healthcare's local Care Advisors can work with you to create a customised support plan. Their in-home services include gardening, shopping, meal preparation, transport and nursing. Get a quote on 1300 734 350

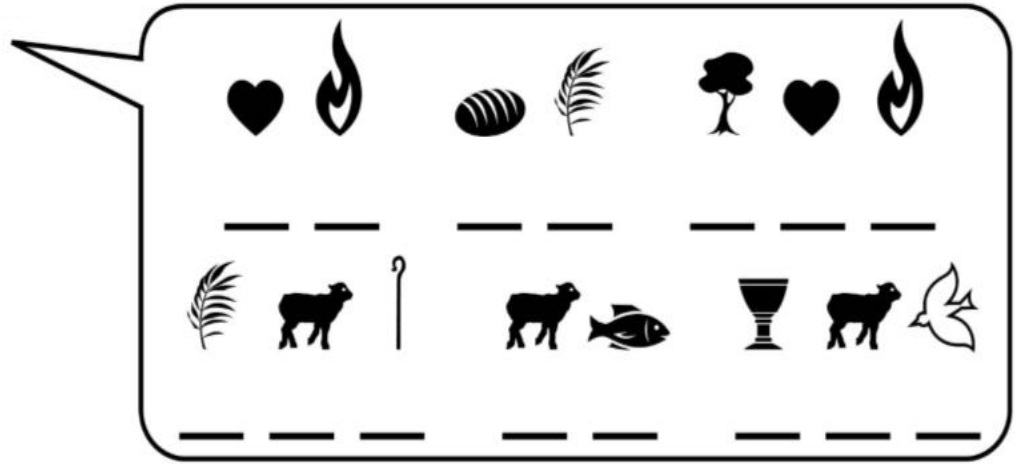
### 26 January: Divine Retreat Centre One Day Worship Pilgrimage

The Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby, NSW, is hosting a one-day worship pilgrimage on Sunday 26 January from 9am to 4pm. The pilgrimage includes Praise And Worship, Preaching The Word, Eucharistic Adoration, the Way Of The Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Holy Mass. Ministry is also available for children and teenagers. For more information and to book, please contact 0468 486782, email [drcretreatrego@gmail.com](mailto:drcretreatrego@gmail.com) or visit [www.divineretreatcentre.org.au](http://www.divineretreatcentre.org.au)

### 6 February: Holy Hour for Vocations

Youth aged 18 to 35 are invited to join the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for their Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday 6 February at 7pm at the Holy Spirit Convent, Plumpton. A meal will be served afterwards. To RSVP, please contact Sr Paula on 0449 656406 or [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com).

Use the code key to decipher what John the Baptist knew about Jesus



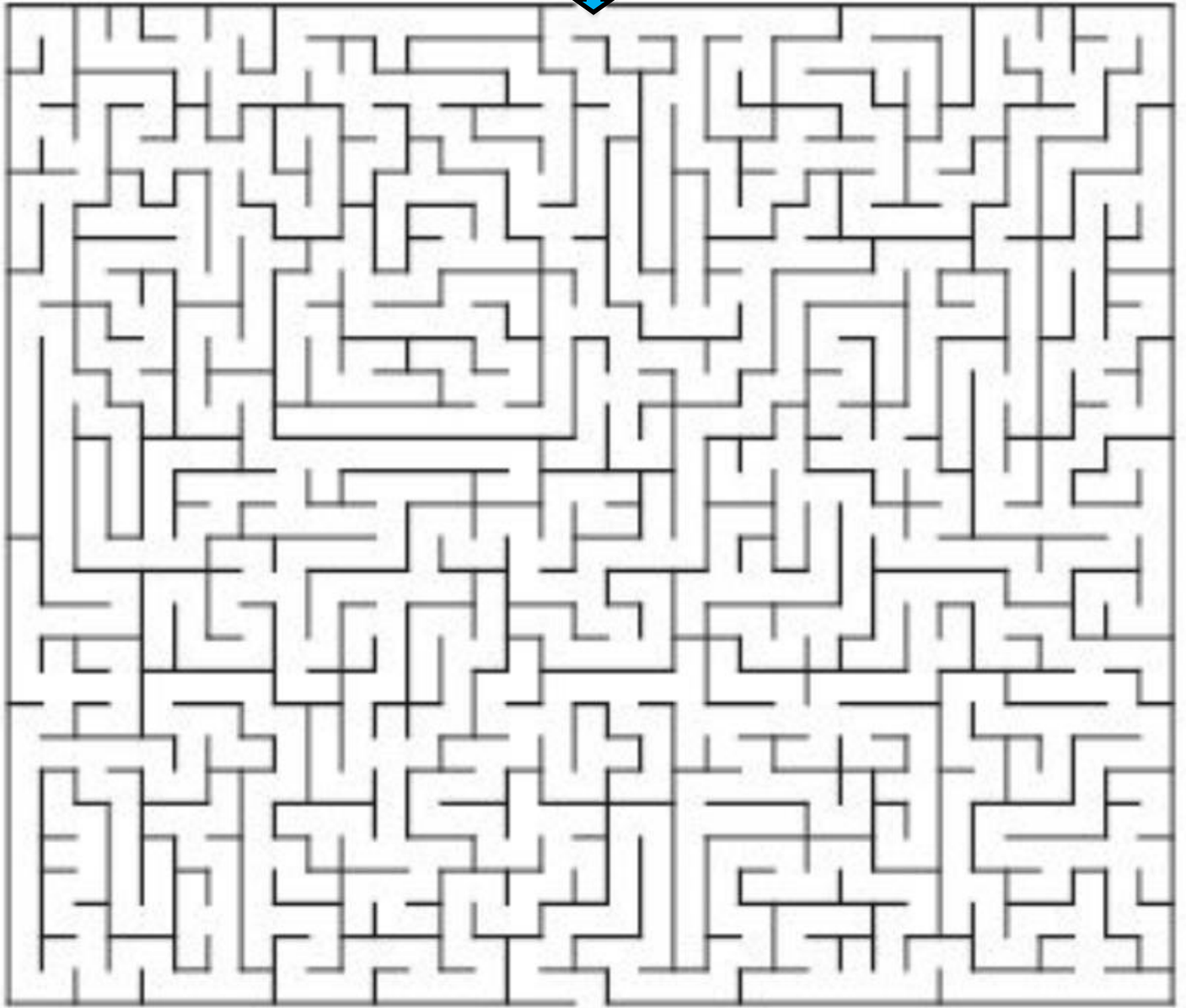
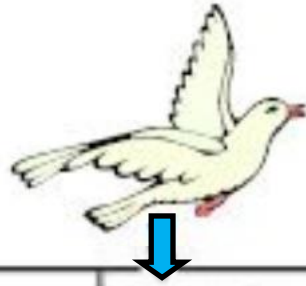
Here is the Lamb of God

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alive      baptise      dove      greater      heaven      John      Lamb  
Sin      Son      Spirit      water      world

## Baptism of Jesus

Help the dove find its way down to Jesus





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