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**First Sunday
of Lent
1 March 2020**

Reflection on the Readings

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
Today's Word for the First Sunday of Lent encourages us to renew our commitment to walk in the footsteps of the Lord.
We do this through our TRUST in God's unshakeable care and concern for us; through our OBEDIENCE to God's Law of Love; and through our FAITHFULNESS to God's will for us and for all humanity.
In Lent, Let's imitate Jesus, who fought all temptation, and won the victory!

- Please note the times for school masses this week.
- 1st Friday Novena Mass at 7.30pm
- 1st Saturday Mass 9am (anointing during mass)
- Thanks to all who supported last week's fundraiser; let's support the Cake Angel this week. We note that on Sundays we are exempted from our Lenten fast!!

God bless you all.

Fr John

TO ALL PARISHONERS - HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF THE FEET!

Once again, the Parish SJ23rd Liturgy Team wish to invite parishioners who would like to take part as one of the 12 Apostles for the washing of the feet during Holy Thursday Mass. This is a Sacred & Solemn event in our church's history which is well known as the Last Supper.

There will be a sign up sheet at the foyer. For those who are interested to be involved, PLEASE write down your name, email address and mobile number and we will get in touch with you. (Please one member from each family) Closing date to register will be on the 31st March. The Final 12 will be selected after consultation with Father John.

PLEASE NOTE: We are looking for parishioners from a range of ages and ethnicities to best Celebrate and highlight our Multicultural Community.

MAR		THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
Mon	2	9:00am - Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tue	3	9:00am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	4	9:00am - Mass 9.15am - Holy Cross (Stage 2)
Thu	5	9:00am - Mass 11.45am - (Church) John XXIII Stage 3
Fri	6	9:00am - Mass 7.30pm - First Friday Novena Mass
Sat	7	9:00am - Mass (Anointing during Mass) 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	8	7:30, 9:00, 10:30am - Mass 12.00pm - Baptism please pray for Willow and Mila 6:00pm - Mass

Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 6:00pm
Sun 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

Weekday Mass Times

Mon 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tues-Fri 9am Mass
+ Wed 10am (Holy Cross School during School Term)
+Thurs: 11.15am (Church, during school Term)
(+ School Masses please see "This Week in our Parish.")

Masses for Special Occasions

1st Fri 7.30pm Novena Mass (Sacred Heart)
2nd Tues 7.30pm Novena Mass (Our Lady of Perpetual Help)
3rd Fri 11.00am Nursing Home Mass (ARV, The Ponds)

Exposition + Benediction

Fri after 9am Mass
1st Sat after 9am Mass
after the Novena Masses

Reconciliation

Sat: 5.00-5.45pm or upon request

Sacrament of the Sick

1st Sat 9.00am Mass
3rd Fri 11am (ARV Mass)

Devotions & Prayers

Sun 8.15am Divine Office in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Mon 7.30pm Christian Meditation Meeting (in Parish Meeting Room) Frances Pegram 0417 406715
Tues 7pm Rosary and Novena Prayer in church except 2nd Tues
Fri 6.30pm Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group (in Parish Meeting room) Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039

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."



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).



"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 after Mass.

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.

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

	3	10	17	24	31
Mar	Peiris	Erasmus B	Richard	Jacob	Manoj
Apr	Thirimanne	Sebastian	Shalini	Jacob	
May	Thirimanne	De Jesus	Sebastian	Jacob	
Jun	2	9	16	23	30
	available	Shalini	Richards	available	Jacob
Jul	7	14	21	28	
	available	available	available	Jacob	

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 or Melva Paguinto emcipi85@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 the following ministries in our Parish:

⇒ 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 or the Parish Office.

⇒ SRE Teachers

If you could spare an hour during weekdays to spread God's word teaching the 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.

⇒ Prayer Group 6:30pm Fridays

LENT begins with Ash Wednesday. So NOW is a good time to put aside some time and come and join us Friday evenings at 6.30 pm in the Church staff meeting room. Let us read and reflect on the Beautiful Gospels during Lent. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME !!** Call PAULINE 0407417039. Or just turn up !!

RCIA

This year we have Evan Jones who is preparing to be received in Our Catholic Community. We request the parish community to pray for Evan and support him through his final weeks of preparation.

Thank You RCIA Team

COMMUNITY BUILDING



To make way for our Liturgy Team's BBQ fundraiser, our first Cake Angel's stall for the year will now be on, **1st March during the morning masses**. Come and enjoy delicious treats and help raise funds for our parish.

Any contributions and assistance is always welcome. If you're interested to join the group please contact Mady Huang cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

⇒ VINNIES VAN

The Vinnies Van provides food, friendship, compassion and dignity to those experiencing homelessness and social isolation in the Mount Drutt and Parramatta areas. To become a volunteer of Vinnies Van you must be 16 years of age and over and available to attend induction training upon commencement.

For more information on joining the St John 23rd Vinnies Van team, please contact Naomi Reynolds naomi1.rey@gmail.com

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



Chairman

Gary Lee

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Bernadette Virwani

Secretary

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Bing Catabas

Chris Drummond

Nanette Gamboa

Margaret Harrison

Paying our debt together

First Collection – for the diocese. This is used for the support of priests and deacons 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; it is also needed to pay off our church mortgage.

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. Instead of envelopes, the Parish Finance Committee encourages all parishioners to register for direct debit or credit card deductions. This will be very helpful for Budgeting.

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Barbara Slegers, Cameron Gray,
Natividad Perez, Mae Ann Salvo

Deceased:

Gabriel Rehaut

Anniversary:

Ivo Colakovic, David Kisorbo, Max
Cerdor

Sick: Names published with permission.

Clarence Duncan, Brian McCunnie,
Colleen McCunnie, Deidre Thomson,
Benjamin Munson Jr, Greg Marcellana,
Jim Daley, Kim Anika, Virginia Santos,
Anshu Mala Nand, Elizabeth Candame,
Gloria Buosi, Hazel Masher, Pat Doyle,
Raymond Lanzona, Florentina Elsisura,
Norbert Mascarenhas, Perla Magculang,
Kalayani, Bernie Presto, Dung Phan,
Elizabeth Newnes, Christina Properzi,
Elmo Joachim, Zenira D'Souza,
Isagani Ocampo, Sophie Deleon,
Karam Matte, Karam Sarsam,
Praba Daniel, Virginia Santos

Thanksgiving:

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 e.g. 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 buried overseas. The plaques cost \$250.00.

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



Parish Notices

⇒ TAP n GO

You don't have cash? You now have a new way of contributing to the upkeep of our parish – Tap n Go.

The terminal installed in the front foyer has been set at \$5.00. Proceeds will go towards special projects. The terminal near Our Lady's statue is currently set at \$2.00. Proceeds from this terminal will enable us to purchase more candles. Thank you for your generosity.

Our special project at the moment is to support our Liturgy Team's fundraising for the upgrade of our sound system. If you wish to contribute more then tap more than once.

⇒ 2020 Lenten Program

Are you looking for a way to prepare yourselves for our Lord's Passion? This Lent pray, share and live each Sunday's Gospel by joining or forming your own Lenten Discussion Groups. Discussions will be guided by a participant's book plus DVD and CDs entitled *Be Opened – A journey to new life* which will be provided. Information on the elements of the program can be found online www.lentprogram.com.

Sign-up sheets for groups you may wish to form/join are available at the church foyer.

For further info, please contact **Vit Lim** on 0411 765050.

⇒ OPEN DAY

Is your child starting school in 2021? John XXIII Catholic Primary School is holding an OPEN DAY on Tuesday, 3rd March, 2020, 9.30-10.30am. Take this opportunity to meet our College Leadership Team and visit our learning spaces.

Applications for Kindergarten 2021 are to be submitted, in person, to the College Office during the enrolment period, Monday, 17th February to Friday, 13th March. Visit www.celstanhope.catholic.edu.au to download an enrolment pack."

⇒ YOUNG ADULTS (OVER 18)

Have you just entered the workforce? Prayerfully consider making regular contributions to the parish (and home). Even small contributions each week, through the Tap n Go or in the weekly collections, will help your parish. As fulltime working adults we need you to do your part. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Church Funnies



COELIACS

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

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au

John XXIII and St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

✉ stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au

Catholic Early Learning Centre

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www.celstanhope.catholic.edu.au

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Our Liturgy Team take this opportunity to convey our sincere Thanks for your generosity and Support given to raise funds with the Sausage Sizzle on last Sunday (23/2/20).

You would be happy to know that it was a tremendous success and we managed to raise \$1,247.20 (cash only) towards replacing our Church Sound System.

This became possible with your participation, generous contribution and donations.

Thanking you all once again and May God Bless you all who supported us in numerous ways and for your thoughtfulness !!!!

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. see v.3

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R**

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

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise **R**



Second Reading

Roman 5:12-19

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that they do not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



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.

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism by appointment

Sun 12:00pm

Reconciliation (First Rite)

Sat 5:00 - 5:45pm

And after any weekday masses upon request

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

SUGGESTION BOX

We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

Diocesan News

Catholic Outlook Magazine March Edition

Look out for copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from early March. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly 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.

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.

Starting March 2: Institute for Mission Themes of Faith

The Themes of Faith program invites participants to share conversation and reflection in small groups. Each group is accompanied by a mentor with a focus on different key life/faith theme each time. Sessions, arranged in two blocks of 5 Monday evenings, start on 2 March. To register, visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/tof> and for more information, contact Donnie or Fr Paul on (02) 9296 6369 or donnie.velasco@ifm.org.au or paul.roberts@ifm.org.au

4 March: St Patrick's Cathedral Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux Visit

As part of a four month pilgrimage in Australia, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, will visit St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta for overnight veneration from 9.30pm on Wednesday March 4. The relics are expected to leave the Cathedral the following day for the Diocese of Broken Bay at 6.15am. Books and various items will be available for purchase.

Starting March 10: Institute for Mission Reflective Ministry Program

If you are serving in any ministry or hoping to get involved, this program gatherings will nurture your relationship with God and further equip your purpose and serving! Sessions start on Tuesday 10 March and will run every Tuesday night for twelve weeks. To register, please visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or for more information, contact Sr Grace on (02) 9296 6369 or grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au

12-14 March: National Biennial Liturgy Conference

The Diocese of Parramatta is hosting the National Biennial Liturgy Conference, an Australian gathering of liturgy representatives, pastoral ministers, catechists, musicians, educators and all who are interested in liturgy. The Conference, to be held at Novotel Sydney Parramatta from 12 to 14 March, will include an excellent variety of workshops whilst focusing on fostering and forming the people of God at prayer. For more information, contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456.

OTHERS

Positions Vacant

– Manager – Aboriginal and Islander Education (Engagement and workforce development) at Catholic Education Office Northern Territory, Darwin, NT –Applications close 4pm Monday 2 March

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

– Faith Formation Team Leader – St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hills – Applications close 4pm Monday 2 March

For more details, please visit <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

Council Lecture Series

Australian Catholic University are hosting a series of lectures on the key themes of the Plenary Council 2020 during March. The lectures will be held in the Edmund Rice Building at its Strathfield Campus on each Wednesday through March. Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and Fr Peter Williams will be guest lecturers. Cost for attendance is \$60, or \$100 with a certificate of accreditation. For more information and registration details, please visit www.acu.edu.au/short-courses-sydney

4 March: Shaping the Future of the Catholic Church Symposium

The Implementation Advisory Group (established by ACBC and Catholic Religious Australia) are hosting a symposium on 'Shaping the Future of the Catholic Church' with three international experts on Wednesday 4 March from 1pm to 5pm. The experts will address numerous topics including the Ecclesiology of Vatican II; Theology and the Sexual Abuse Crisis; and Participative Engagement and Structures in a Missionary and Synodal Church. RSVP, tickets and event details can be found at <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=584298>

5 March: 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 5 March at 7pm at the Holy Spirit Convent, Plumpton. A meal will be served afterwards. To RSVP, please contact Sr Paula on 0449 656406 or vocationscfsn@gmail.com.

6-12 March: Gift of Ageing 6-Day Retreat

St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, NSW, is hosting a six day retreat on the 'Gift of Ageing: Awakening to God's Surprising Gifts' from 6 to 12 March. Sr Kerin Caldwell sgs will lead participants in themes such as less doing and more being and how am I coping with change. \$750 for 6 days or \$250 for weekend of 6 – 8 March. To RSVP, please contact (02) 4630 0233, email contact@towersretreat.org.au or visit www.towersretreat.org.au.

Kids' Corner

Fill in the missing words from the list below to see what Jesus said to Satan in the desert.

L O R D S E R V E G O D W O R S H I P



THE
YOUR
AND ONLY HIM

Jesus fasts and is tempted by the devil


W	C	M	L	J	M	F	U	B	R	E	A	D	E	R	K	O	K
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bread city desert devil feet food
Forty mountain Satan stones temple test

Notices

⇒ LOST AND FOUND

We are collecting a big number of sunglasses and prescription glasses gathering in the sacristy. If you left one behind and think that we might have them, please talk to the ministers for assistance to see if it is yours. If there are no takers, we will put them in the charity box for glasses.



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Dear Supporter,

This Lent as we remember the enormous sacrifice our Lord made on Good Friday please consider showing compassion to those in need.

Fleeing a home that is no longer safe is one of the most difficult decisions a person can make. It's one made that much harder when you are forced to live below the poverty line in a country you wish to make your home. Unfortunately it's a reality facing many people seeking asylum in Australia—people who often find it difficult to afford basic food, goods and groceries.

Jesuit Refugee Service provides food and essential items to people in this situation through our foodbank. There are roughly 120-140 people who come through our door for this support each month, representing over 350+ family members. The JRS foodbank offers a dignified experience for the people we serve by allowing people to do their own 'shopping' from our stocked shelves and fridges. People select what they want and need from us, in this way we provide a 'hand up' rather than a 'hand out'.

But we need your help.

Our stocks are low and so we are reaching out to the community to support us this Lent. We would like to invite your church to join JRS in our Lenten foodbank program: "6 Weeks of Lent - Give 6 Things". We have identified six staple items that are most frequently requested as shown on the attached flyer. Each week parishioners are encouraged to bring in the one designated item to deposit in a collection basket at church. Individual pictures of the six items are provided so that the collection basket can advertise what item is being collected each week.

Week 1	Basmati Rice
Week 2	Tuna in Oil
Week 3	Cooking Oil
Week 4	Tinned Tomatoes, Red Kidney Beans or Chickpeas
Week 5	Long Life Milk
Week 6	Pasta or Spaghetti

Please call Margaret Harrison on 0413 900 226 for more information.

LENT & EASTER

ASH WEDNESDAY LENT BEGINS



Emphasizes our mortality and our need for ongoing repentance.

PALM SUNDAY



Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem.

HOLY THURSDAY



Celebrates the Last Supper with the disciples and Passover.

GOOD FRIDAY



We remember the Passion and Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.

EASTER SUNDAY HE HAS RISEN!



Alleluia!
The principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. Jesus has risen!

Easter is an 8 day celebration leading to Easter Season, which ends on Pentecost.

DAYS OF FASTING

ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY

WHAT IS FASTING?

One full meal and two smaller meals.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

No meat.

40

The 40 days of Lent are based on two accounts: the 40 years of wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan.

PILLARS OF LENT

PRAYER
FASTING
ALMSGIVING

The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: Baptism.



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**.

BLAZE YOUTH LEADERS

Youth Coordinator - Amanda Lee - 0413 545 318

Assistant Youth Coordinator - Caitlin Green - 0425 579 594

Youth Ministry Team

Natasha Surjanto

Taylor Coutinho

Johanna Neve

Johnathan Soosaipillai

Joy Ragaza

Support Leaders

Andrew Gorkic

Rebecca Reynolds

Neville Reynolds

RJ Samonte

Vidya Jolly

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

When: 3rd Sunday Praise & Worship night

Time: 4.00pm to 5.30pm

CRL YOUTH LEADERS

Rojith de Silva - 0405 956 3210

Nimeshi Fernando -0417 101 009

YFC (Youth for Christ)

When: 1st Saturday of the month - YFC Australia

3rd Sundays of the

month - YFC International

YFC YOUTH LEADERS

YFC International

Vince Erasmo - 0406 253 698

YFC Australia

Ben Lim - 0431 795 571

DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE,
DO NOT BURY YOUR
TALENTS,
THE GIFTS THAT
GOD
HAS GIVEN YOU!
DO NOT BE AFRAID
TO DREAM OF
GREAT THINGS!
POPE FRANCIS



Youth Ministry

SJXXIII Youth is looking for volunteer youth facilitators who can commit to assisting with our BLAZE fortnightly sessions. Any enquiries can be sent to youth@john23rd.com.au.

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

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