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Fifth Sunday of **Easter Sunday** 10 May 2020

Message from Father John

Dear friends in Christ

"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God, who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light!"

This Easter Proclamation from First Peter is addressed to us... for

- 1. we are...
- 2. a chosen race the new People of God, the New Israel, chosen to be God's very own
- 3. a royal priesthood a priestly people, sent forth to lead others to holiness, to lead
- 4. a consecrated nation a holy and mission-oriented people, called to consecrate our lives for others
- 5. a people set apart a community of believers who live in the world, but do not model our lives on the secular world's ethics
- 6. We follow in the steps of our ancestors in the Faith, and we gather every Sunday (albeit virtually at present!), and on other occasions, to sing the praises of God and to worship our loving and compassionate Creator.
- 7. And we do this because we wish to respond in gratitude to God who has called us out of the darkness that ignorance of God creates, and enabled us to be part of his wonderful light, the light of Christ.

Please note:

- the Office will be open for visitors on Wednesday from 10am until 2pm for any matters that need physical presence.
- the Christian Meditation group is now meeting virtually on Monday evenings... more in the bulletin on the Webpage or Facebook page.
- please pray for the repose of Consuelo Mangonan whose Funeral was last week, and for Susan Atayan whose funeral will be on Tuesday. Pray also for the families as they are limited to 10 mourners only.

God bless you all

Fr John

Easter Offerings



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Your gift supports our parish to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all

GIVE TO YOUR PARISH

PARRAMATTA DIOCESE UPDATES ON COVID19

For more updates and useful resources visit https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#faq

For further updates with regards to our parish activities, always check our website https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish/ For Mass recordings check our website or subscribe to our YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCImEQL4zNz5yhCCGgdyiCLg

Sunday Mass Times Sat Vigil 6:0 7:30am, am, 6:00pm Sun am. Weeka. 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Tues-Fri 9am Mass + Wed 10am School durin 100 n) +Thurs: 11.15 Chu during schoor rerm) (+ School Masses please see "This Week in our Parish.") **Masses for Special Occasions**

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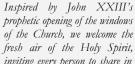
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Our Parish Mission

The parish of St John XXIII is a faith community with the Eucharist as its heart.



sharing their gifts and talents.



Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Susan Atayan, Consuelo Mangona

Deceased:

Anniversary:

Felipe Villalba

Sick: Names published with permission.

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

Thanksgiving:

Church Funnies



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

1 (02) 9852 0500

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Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

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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

⇒ Sunday Mass streamed live

Mass streamed live 10:30am every Sunday. Join us, but remember, even if this is a virtual mass, it should be treated with reverence. No food or drinks during the live stream.

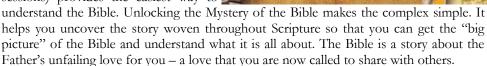
Preparing ourselves for the live stream:

- Before it starts read the Mass readings (can be access through our website)
- It would be good if the whole family in the house joins together in the Mass.
- Have a few moments to think what to thank the Lord for and what to offer him during this time.
- Stay in reverent gesture throughout the Mass, standing up or sitting down. Join in the prayers, responses and singing (if present). Remember that you are praying with many other fellow parishioners and more.
- At the time of Communion, make a spiritual communion
- At the end of the Mass, take a moment of silence, read scriptural readings again and reflect how you can live God's Word that day.

⇒ Bible Study

Saint John XXIII Parish Faith Formation Team invites you to join in the first online Bible study course for our parish.

This eight-part study (30-minute sessions) provides the easiest way to



A group discussion follows each study session where you can share insights, discuss viewpoints, and connect with old and new friends in the parish community from the safety of your home. We will begin Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible every Saturday at 7pm. Each session will last for about 1 hour.

To register for this study send an email to the faith formation team leader Vittorio Lim at *vivit.donna@gmail.com*. We will send you a link to join the sessions.

Please indicate in your email if you have not used the Zoom Teleconference service before and we will send you details for an optional set-up and orientation session. Cut and paste this link to view a trailer for the study program -https://youtu.be/F0tAAOiCznc

⇒ Christian Meditation

Our regular Christian Meditation Monday evenings have recommenced, now on Zoom. Contact Frances Pegrum on 0438 072334 or email franceshelenpegrum@hotmail.com for the link to the meeting or for more information.





Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 97:1-2*

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

In 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel In 14.1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. It tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon *Cf. In 15:1,5*

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.





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

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Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

"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 teem.

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

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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

MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

CRL YOUTH LEADERS

Rojith de Silva - 0405 956 3210 Nimeshi Fernando -0417 101 009

YFC (Youth for Christ)

YFC YOUTH LEADERS

YFC International

Vince Erasmo - 0406 253 698

YFC Australia

Ben Lim - 0431 795 571



Children's Sunday School

We would like to introduce a fortnightly Children's Sunday School for Years Five and Six and are gauging interest. Would you be interested in helping with a zoom session or do you have children who might be interested? Contact Helen at admin@john23rd.org.au.



Parish Pastoral/Ministry Corner

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"

We continue to ask for host families to pray the rosary at home and request our Blessed Mother's intercessions.

With the current Covid19 crisis, families who are rostered are requested to communicate between families on the transfer of the Blessed Statue. Families on the roster, if unable to pick up please don't hesitate to contact Bart or Melva.



We are in urgent need for volunteers to assist in the following ministries in our Parish:

⇒ Children's litur

We have only a few factors able to take these Sunday sessions. If you are interested and able to assist in facilitating these 15-20mins sessions during that a mass, please contact Helen Zammit on 8883 598

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⇒ Sacrament of B 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.

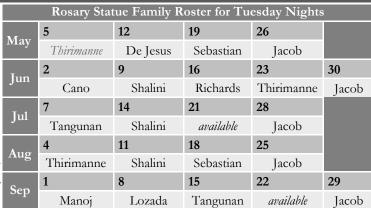
⇒ SRE Teachers

If you could spare in veekdays to spread God's word teaching the sest dren, we need you. We currently have 4 publinary enools and a high school in our parish where we hold scripture classes during school hours for 30 minutes during Mondays, Tuesday Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information ASOR 020265 or Renuka 0414 795814. Training and provided.

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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

COMMUNITY BUILDING

⇒ Resource links

For more directive updates from the Diocese during this time of COVID19 crisis https://parracatholic.org/covid19/ or their Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic/

For parishioners' wellbeing

Lifeline: https://www.lifeline.org.au/ or call 131114

Kids Helpline: https://kidshelpline.com.au/ or call 1800551800

Headspace: Advice for Young People

https://headspace.org.au/young-people/how-to-cope-with-stress-related-to-covid-19/

Beyond Blue: https://www.beyondblue.org.au/ or call 1300 22 4636

Catholic Care Parramatta: 8843 2575

Supporting your wellbeing through the Covid-19 pandemic: https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-yourwellbeing/

Australian Psychological society Resources for Covid-19 - quite comprehensive: https://www.psychology.org.au/COVID-19-Australians

World Health Organisation - Covid-9 and Mental Health: https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/helping-children-cope -with-stress-print.pdf?sfvrsn=f3a063ff_2



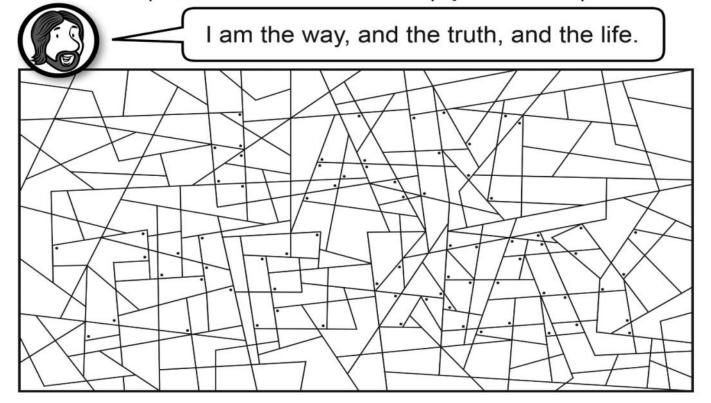
Paying our debt together

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. A Planned giving Program is in place to help us with the running cost of the church.

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. The Parish Finance Committee encourages all parishioners to register for direct debit or credit card deductions or use our Tap&Go machines instead of the envelop system. This will be very helpful for Budgeting.

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