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**Sixth Sunday of
Easter
17 May 2020**

Message from Father John

We are moving closer to the great Feast of Pentecost, and our readings for today reflect this...

In the Acts of the Apostles we hear of Deacon Phillip's ministry in Samaria; and the Apostles subsequently sending Peter and John there to call down the Holy Spirit on those he baptised.

The First Letter of Peter encourages all believers to be 'ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope'. And this means we need to keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts, calling on the Holy Spirit at all times to give us the needed strength to proclaim Gospel Truth.

And Jesus in John's Gospel invites us to keep his commandments, so that 'another Advocate' (= the Holy Spirit) will be with us always.

Let's heed the message of the Scriptures and our Liturgy this week, and call upon the strength of the Holy Spirit to help us be proclaimers of Jesus' Message of Love to our families, friends and neighbours.

And in this way, God's Message of Salvation as revealed by Christ will reach many more people - and together we can say: "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy!"

As our Church is now reopened for private prayer and weekday mass (for the limited number of 10), please follow all instructions that help us maintain social distancing, and also help us remain faithful to Government and Diocesan regulations.

These instructions can be found on the parish webpage and in the electronic newsletter, as well as on the side door of the church (which is the only Entry Point).

Weekday masses (which you have to pre-book for, and can only attend once a fortnight at best) will be Mon 9am, Tues 7:30pm, Wed-Fri 9am and 7:30pm, Sat 9am and 11am.

Confessions will be between Sat morning masses from 9:45-10:30am - or upon request.

Sunday Mass will continue to be the 10:30am live-streamed mass until we are in Stage 3, which will allow 100 people to attend.

Please note:

- the Office will be open for visitors on Wednesday from 10am until 2pm for any matters that need physical presence.

God bless you all

Fr John

Easter Offerings



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

Ephesians 5:1-2

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 <http://john23rd.com/> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish/>

For Mass recordings check our website or subscribe to our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCImEQLA7Nz5yhCCGedyiCLg>

Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 6:00pm
Sun 7:30am, 9am, 11am, 6:00pm

Weekday Mass Times

Mon 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tues-Fri 9am Mass
+ Wed 10am Mass (School during school term)
+ Thurs 11.15am Mass (School 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 Mass)

Exposition + Benediction

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

Reconciliation

Sat: 5.00-5.45pm upon request

Sacrament of the Sick

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

Devotion + Prayers

Sun 8.15am Divine Office in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Mon 7.30pm Christ Meditation Meet in Parish Meeting Room) Frances Pegram 0417 406715
Tues 7pm Rosary and Novena Prayer in church
Fri 6.30pm Christ Community Prayer in Parish Pauline 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."



Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Francisco Infante, 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 Elisura, 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:

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 understand the Bible. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible makes the complex simple. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it is all about. The Bible is a story about the Father's unfailing love for you – a love that you are now called to share with others.

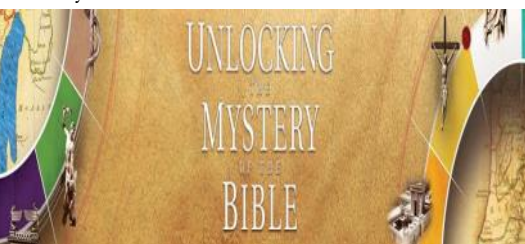
A group discussion follows each study session where you can share insights, discuss viewpoints, and connect with old and new friends in the parish community from the safety of your home. We will begin Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible every Saturday at 7pm. Each session will last for about 1 hour.

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

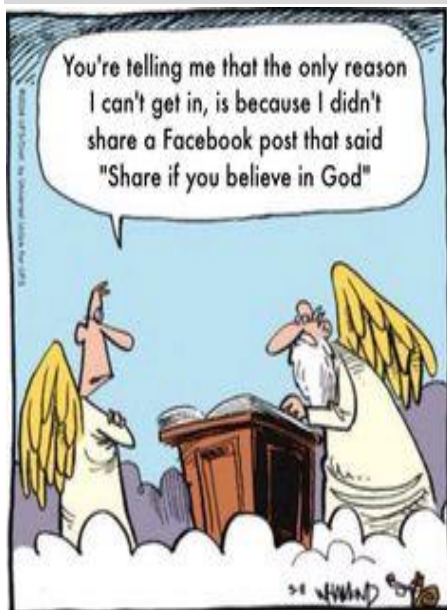
Please indicate in your email if you have not used the Zoom Teleconference service before and we will send you details for an optional set-up and orientation session. Cut and paste this link to view a trailer for the study program – <https://youtu.be/F0LAAOiCznc>

⇒ Christian Meditation

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



Church Funnies



OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

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160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20, R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Pt 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

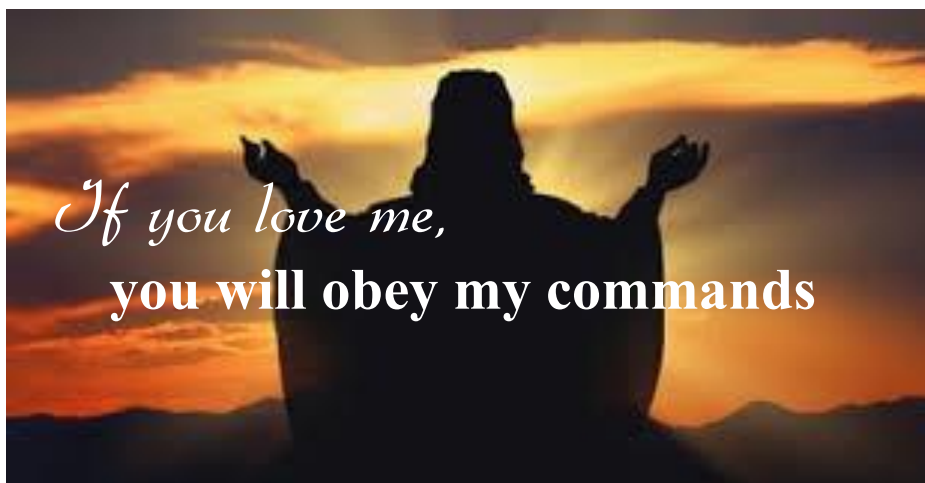
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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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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 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



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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

⇒ Laudato Si' Week 16-24 May

2020 marks the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si', which was signed on 24 May 2015.

Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home, Laudato Si', is an inspiration during moments of difficulty. It encourages us to reflect on the values we share and create a more just and sustainable future.

The theme of Laudato Si' Week is "everything is connected."

During Laudato Si' Week, we come together as one people around the world to prayerfully discern the lessons of this moment. While the world experiences a historical crisis, we reflect and prepare to build a better world. At midday on Sunday May 24, we're invited to join with the rest of the world as we say a common prayer (as attached) together to mark the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si'.

Watch the video message from Bishop Vincent which marks the occasion <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LLWjANWHzc>

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.

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

	5	12	19	26	
May	Thirimanne	De Jesus	Sebastian	Jacob	
Jun	2	9	16	23	30
	Cano	Shalini	Richards	Thirimanne	Jacob
Jul	7	14	21	28	
	Tanganan	Shalini	available	Jacob	
Aug	4	11	18	25	
	Thirimanne	Shalini	Sebastian	Jacob	
Sep	1	8	15	22	29
	Manoj	Lozada	Tanganan	Richards	Jacob

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 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

Newsflash! OUR CHURCH REOPENS

Following the direction of Bishop Vincent and the NSW Premier, we are able to reopen our church, subject to a number of conditions

DAILY MASS

Mass will be celebrated as follows:

- Monday 9.00am
- Tuesday 7.30pm
- Wednesday 9.00am and 7.30pm
- Thursday 9.00am and 7.30pm
- Friday 9.00am and 7.30pm
- Saturday 9.00am and 11.00am
- Sunday 10.30am – livestream only

Maximum of 10 people in the church for mass and you will need to make a reservation – see below

- Use only the 10 designated plastic chairs
- Do not enter the Blessed Sacrament chapel
- Avoid touching any statues or pictures
- Write your name, phone number and address on the form provided
- Use the hand sanitiser after signing in

Communion will be distributed only on the hand and by the priest walking from person to person

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT

All places for each mass must be pre-booked

Bookings may be requested no more than 5 days in advance

Call our Parish Secretary, Tanya, on 8883 5981 Tuesday-Friday, 10.00am - midday only

Available spaces will be allocated in the order requests are received

Only one reservation at a time will be accepted, to give everyone a chance to attend mass

PRIVATE PRAYER

The church is open 7.00am – 7.00pm daily Monday to Saturday

- Maximum of 10 people in the church at any one time
- Use only the 10 designated plastic chairs
- If all 10 chairs are occupied please wait outside until someone leaves
- Do not enter the Blessed Sacrament chapel
- Avoid touching any statues or pictures
- Write your name, phone number, address and time on the form provided
- Use the hand sanitiser after signing in

CONFESSION

Confession will be available in the church 9.45 – 10.30am on Saturday

Please follow the above sign-in and sanitiser requirements

This time is between the 9.00am and 11.00am masses so penitents will need to have left the church by 11.00am

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL	
<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Members</u>
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<u>Dep Chairman</u>	Chris Drummond
Bernadette Virwani	Nanette Gamboa
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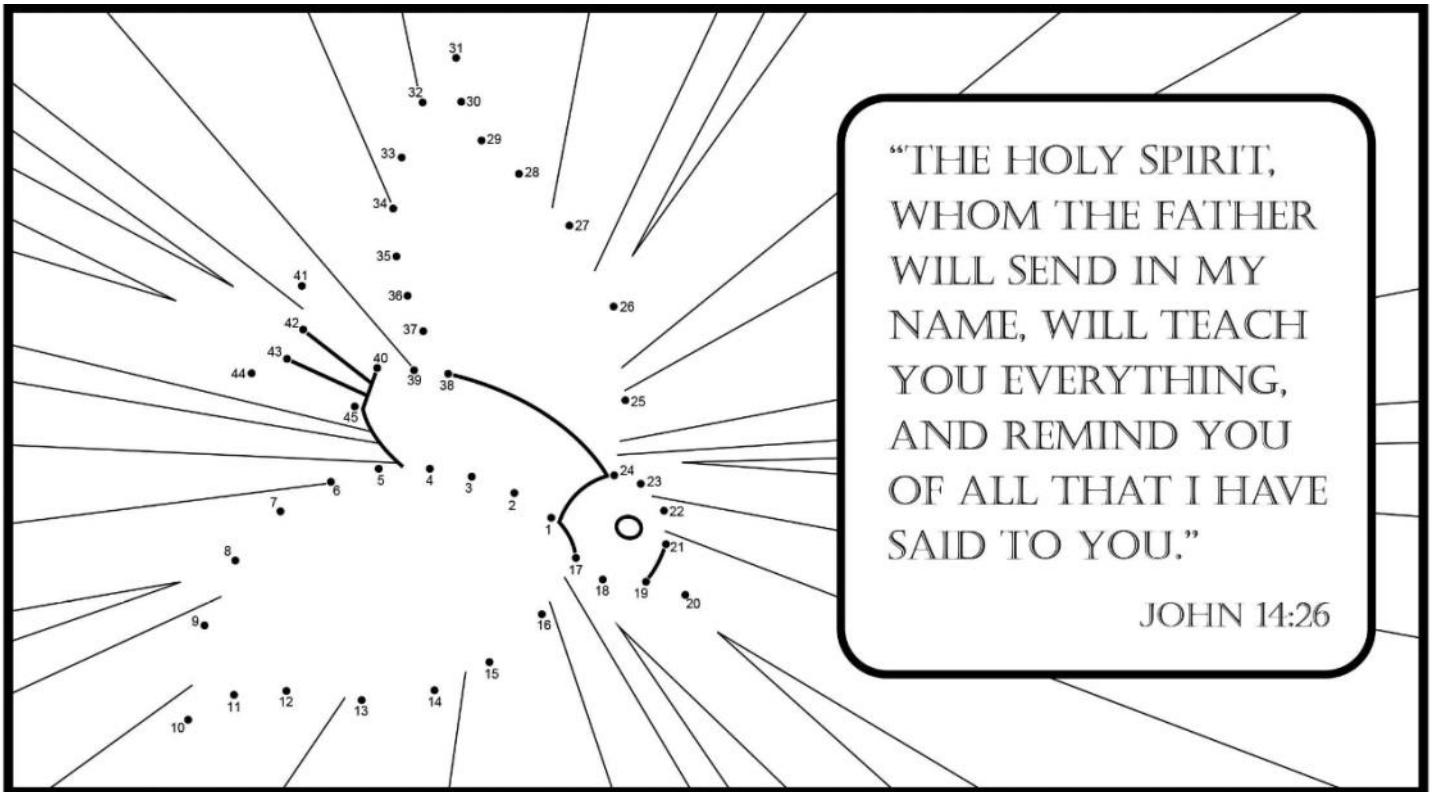
Paying our debt together

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.

Join the dots then colour the picture



Don't be worried, have faith

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contact Madeline Huang
cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com

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Application forms at the church foyer

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FR JOHN MCSWEENEY



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