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Fourth Sunday of **Easter Sunday** 3 May 2020

Message from Father John

On this day, which is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we are very aware of all those women and men who devote their lives to imitating Christ is his shepherding role. Whether as sisters, brothers, priests, deacons or consecrated individuals - some among the total flock of God are called to guide and protect, to lead and to serve.

We give thanks to God for the men and women whom we know and whom we've known who have helped us in our Christian journey of faith.

And we pray in a special way today that many more men and women will be enabled to hear the Father's call and be willing to respond, thereby serving the People of God.

Our Faith Formation Team have started the first online Bible Study group. Thanks to the Team members for all their work.

Thanks also are due to the many parishioners who continue to support their sisters and brothers through various ways, especially in organising and providing our Live Streamed masses.

Financially speaking, we now have BPoint on our Parish Webpage, to add to the many ways we can keep the wheels turning during the suspension of our Liturgies.

Let's continue do all that we can to continue to 'flatten the curve', so that we will soon be together again in person around the altar of the Lord!

God Bless you all Fr John

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** 1st Fri 7.30pm Novena Mass (Sacred Heart) 2nd Tues 7.30pm Novena Mass (Our Tady of Perpetual Help) 3rd Fri 11.0 Nursing Home Mass 1s) (AR **Exposit** iction Fri after 9am M 1st Sat after 9am Mass after the Novena Masses +ion Reco Sat: 5.00-5.45p upo1 ıest Sacran Sick 1st Sat 9.00am Mass 3rd Fri 11am (ARV Mass) Devotion **Pravers** Sun 8.15am Divir fice in Blessed Sacra Chapel Mon 7.30pm Chris Meditation

Our Parish Mission

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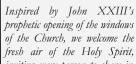
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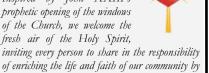
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The parish of St John XXIII is a faith community with the Eucharist as its heart.



sharing their gifts and talents.



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in Parish Pauline

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Community

Room) Frances Pegram

Rosary and Novena Prayer

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



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.

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

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Every year, as a people of faith, we gather at parishes during Holy Week and celebrate God's steadfast, unconditional and grace-filled love for us.

This Easter, during the corona virus pandemic, I hope that you, your family and friends, are as safe and healthy as possible.

Although socially isolated, we can still rejoice together from home as one Church, as the One Body of Christ, knowing that we are helping to save and protect lives.

Let us rejoice and give thanks to God for all that He has done for us in Jesus . . . for our salvation and all the lives that He has transformed through His saving grace.

Let us rejoice in all the good work in our community that God accomplishes through us together within our parish families and as individuals.

Our parishes rely on the generosity of our faith community to sustain our liturgical, sacramental, pastoral and charitable ministries and we are ever grateful for your faithful support.

The COVID-19 pandemic is having an unimaginable impact on our parishes and their ability to raise funds to support their ministries, pastoral care programs and charitable works.

If you can manage to do so, would you please consider an Easter Offering gift towards the evangelical work of your local parish as a way to joyfully respond to God's gift of grace to us in Iesus Christ?

Any gift, whatever you can give, will nurture the spiritual vitality of our parishes and will ensure that we can continue to provide Christian pastoral care that brings hope and joy to our community.

The spirit of giving and sharing our blessings is what's important.

If you're able to consider a gift of sustained support for your parish through planned giving, the best way is through recurring monthly online donations. It's safe and easy; and your automatic contributions will ensure that your spiritual decision to support your parish and faith family remains an ongoing priority.

More than ever, our Church is needed to bring love, hope, care and Christ's message of salvation to our community.

To support your parish with a one-off or recurring donation, please give via the form below, or contact your parish direct.

Every gift bears witness to God's love for us and deepens our own sense of living gratitude for the grace that He has poured out into each of our hearts and lives.

May God continue to bless you this Easter and always and keep you safe and in good health.

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Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Consuelo Mangona, Marvin Enarsao, Spencer Schlyder

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,
Virgina Santos, Praba Daniel,
Dung Phan, Karam Matte, Karam Sarsam

Thanksgiving:

Church Funnies

Cornered

by Mike Baldwin



"Half of that stuff isn't even true. Where'd you get it - off my online dating profile?"

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood Principal: Louise O'Donnell

2 (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

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

2 (02) 9852 0585

celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au

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

We will stream 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.

How do we prepare 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

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

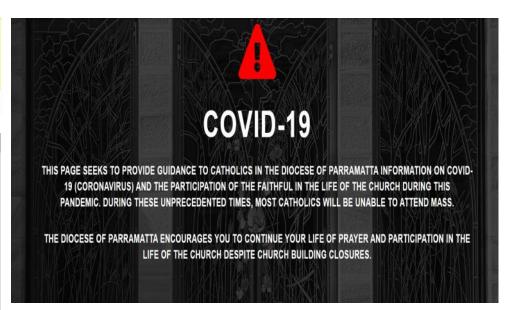
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

• 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.



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

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 2:14. 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Pt 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

In 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel *[n 10:1-10*

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

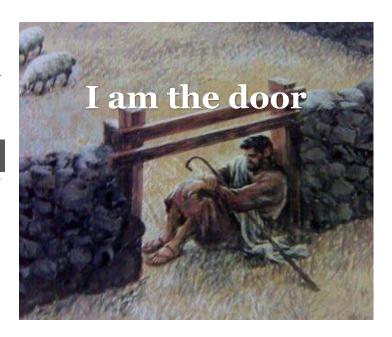
'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.



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 ilitate

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

⇒ 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.



The thief comes only to steal and destroy... I came that they may have life

Can you spot the 7 differences between these two pictures of the thief?





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Diocesan News

⇒ Cardinal Pell and the Victorian Criminal Justice System

Cardinal George Pell has been acquitted of all charges of child sexual abuse by Australia's highest court – the High Court of Australia. In criminal cases, they usually sit only a bench of five judges. In Pell's case, the full bench of seven sat. They knew the world was watching. They often write separate opinions. But in the case of Cardinal Pell they all put their name to one judgment. They unanimously upheld his appeal and in almost record time.

To read the complete article follow the link https://www.catholicoutlook.org/cardinal-pell-and-the-victorian-criminal-justice-system/





YOUTH CORNER

helping us share the message!

"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 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!

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.

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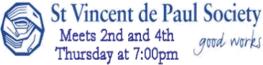
To purchase tickets, go to www.humanitix.com and search for "Zumba With Rudi"

Note: cut-off time for ticket purchases 1 HOUR BEFORE the class A link to access the class will be emailed to you 30 minutes before the class starts.

> ZVMBA WITH RUDI



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Gorgeous Hawaii: September 2020

Join us on a hilarious escorted tour: Honolulu-Pearl Harbour Polynesian Culture-Maui-Hilo-Kona-Kauai.

Call Paul Vassallo 9666 6684, Mob 0416 951502.

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