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**The Most Holy Body
& Blood of Christ
14 June 2020**

Message from Father John

Today's celebration of Corpus Christi is not just about celebrating the fact that we Catholics (among other Christian traditions) have remained faithful to the tradition of the Lord's Supper from earliest times. It is a celebration of much more....

It is a celebration of...

- the salvation of God that reached fulfilment in the bread from heaven, Jesus.
- the life-giving gift of the Lord himself to us all.
- the gift of communion with one another in the Lord.

In this coming week, let us strive to reflect on the 3 questions that arise from today's scripture texts.

1. How faithful to the God of salvation are we?
2. How clear is our conscience when receiving the Lord?
3. Are we fostering closer communion/relationship between ourselves and our brothers and sisters in the Lord?

- Planned giving envelopes are ready for collection. We encourage you to pick them in the next 2 weeks, but, please consider switching to Direct Debit or Credit Card.
- There are 2 offering boxes as you leave via the front door; one each for 1st & 2nd Collections.
The Tap N Go remain at the side doors and the church as well.

God bless you all!
Fr John

Sunday Mass Times

Booking essential - max 50 people

Sat Vigil 6:00pm
 Sun 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:30am*, 6:00pm
 *live streamed on YouTube

Weekday Mass Times

Mon 9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 Tues-Fri 9:15am 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: 9:15am or upon request

Sacrament of the Sick

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

Devotions & Prayers

Mon 7.30pm Christian Meditation via Zoom 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."



Enrolling now for 2021

Please contact our school office for a personalised tour

Holy Cross Primary Glenwood
 49 Meurants Lane Glenwood
 Phone: 86647100
holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au

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/UCImEQLA7Nz5yhCCGgdyiCLg>

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Jacob Aeberhard, Veronica Ravadilla

Deceased:

Consuelo Mangona, Rafael Mangona,
Nieves Evelyn Cabana,
Homer Magayanes

Anniversary:

Feliciano Suarez Jr, Peter Properzi,
Giorgio Kavo, Francisco Enriquez,
Gilbert Colonoya, Monica Cobarrubias

Sick: Names published with permission.

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

Thanksgiving:

Jayakody family, Wijesuvilja family,
Agra family

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.

⇒ 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

Newsflash! OUR CHURCH REOPENS

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM MONDAY 1 JUNE 2020

Week Day Masses

Monday to Saturday: Mass at 9.15am (note time change from 9.00am)

2nd Tuesday: 7.30pm Mass and Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help

1st Friday: 7.30pm Mass and Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Confession is after the 9.15am Saturday mass (9.45-10.00)

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday: 7.30am, 8.30am (note change from 9.00am); 10.30am* and 6.00pm

*This mass will be livestreamed as well at 10.30am on Sunday. Sunday mass dispensation continues.

THERE IS A LIMIT OF 50 PEOPLE AT EACH MASS, EXCLUDING THE CELEBRANTS AND ASSISTANTS

All masses are on a trial basis and we will evaluate the scheduling of these and any future masses based on attendance.

We have designated the Sunday 7.30am mass for the Seniors of our parish but of course anyone may attend.

DO I NEED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR MASS?

Weekday Masses

As the limit is now 50, the reservation procedure FOR WEEKDAY MASSES has been suspended so there is no need to pre-book for masses of Monday to Saturday. This will be on a first-come-first-served basis so if we do reach 50, others will have to remain outside the church. The signing of the register will still remain for each weekday masses.

Sunday Masses (incl Saturday Vigil)

We have implemented online booking system **Eventbrite** accessible at this link <https://john23rd.eventbrite.com.au/> You will be able to select your mass time and then the date.

If you or someone you know does not have computer access or require assistance, please call Tanya, our Parish Secretary, on 8883 5981, Tuesday to Friday, 10.00am-12.00 and she will be able to book for you.

This system will be on a trial basis as we assess the numbers. Please consider others when making your reservations as we need to

give everyone a chance to attend mass.

Please follow the instructions when making your booking – you need to separately book each person in your family and bring your ticket or mobile phone with your e-ticket to mass.

ARRIVING AT CHURCH

Entry is via the side door next to the kitchen. Exit is via the front door.

- We strongly urge everyone to sign on to the COVID-Safe app.
- Wash your hands with soap and water before leaving home.
- If you are not well DO NOT come to church.
- Provide social space in entering the building, at least 1.5m apart.
- For weekday masses sign in on the registration sheet provided.
- Use the sanitiser after signing in.
- Go directly to pews that are not taped off (every other one will be closed).
- There is a limit of one individual or family unit at each end of the pew.

COMMUNION PROCEDURES

- Communion, only under the form of the host, will only be offered in the hand.
- Remember to keep your distance, watching the markings on the floor.
- There will be two Communion stations. Walk up the centre of the aisle, divide at the front. Follow the signs on the floor.

MASS DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

Exit is via the front door.

We encourage everyone to contribute financially as you leave via the **TapnGo** (Tap and Go as you leave) or online via **BPoint**.

There will be no hospitality after any Mass. Please do not stop and visit others. Once in the parking lot and, maintaining distance of a car width between you, you may visit with friends and others. Just because we are being cautious does not mean people cannot be friendly.

Priests and staff will not be able to talk with you as you leave, but please know we truly care about you and offer you our greeting.

Church Funnies

**BEFORE
CHURCH**

**AFTER
CHURCH**



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

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

✉ celstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au

www.celstanhope.catholic.edu.au

Entrance Antiphon

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to make you understand that one does not live on bread alone but that one lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your ancestors had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51-52

Sequence

Sing forth, O Zion, sweetly sing The praises of thy Shepherd-King, In hymns and canticles divine; Dare all thou canst, thou hast no song Worthy his praises to prolong, So far surpassing powers like thine.

Today no theme of common praise Forms the sweet burden of thy lays - The living, life-dispensing food - That food which at the sacred board Unto the brethren twelve our Lord His parting legacy bestowed.

Then be the anthem clear and strong, Thy fullest note, thy sweetest song, The very music of the breast: For now shines forth the day sublime That brings remembrance of the time When Jesus first his table blessed.

Within our new King's banquet-hall They meet to keep the festival That closed the ancient paschal rite: The old is by the new replaced; The substance hath the shadow chased; And rising day dispels the night.

Christ willed what he himself had done Should be renewed while time should run, In memory of his parting hour: Thus,

tutored in his school divine, We consecrate the bread and wine; And lo - a Host of saving power.

This faith to Christian men is given - Bread is made flesh by words from heaven: Into his blood the wine is turned: What though it baffles nature's powers of sense and sight? This faith of ours proves more than nature e'er discerned.

Concealed beneath the two-fold sign, Meet symbols of the gifts divine, There lie the mysteries adored: The living body is our food; Our drink the ever-precious blood; In each, one undivided Lord.

Not he that eateth it divides The sacred food, which whole abides Unbroken still, nor knows decay; Be one, or be a thousand fed, They eat alike that living bread Which, still received, ne'er wastes away.

The good, the guilty share therein, With sure increase of grace or sin, The ghostly life, or ghostly death: Death to the guilty; to the good Immortal life. See how one food Man's joy or woe accomplisheth.

We break the Sacrament, but bold And firm thy faith shall keep its hold, Deem not

the whole doth more enfold Than in the fractured part resides Deem not that Christ doth broken lie, 'Tis but the sign that meets the eye, The hidden deep reality In all its fullness still abides.

Behold the bread of angels, sent For pilgrims in their banishment, The bread for God's true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given: Oft in the olden types foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed, And in the ancient paschal food, And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine; So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality; O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each thy chosen guest, Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my

flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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



The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. Mahatma Gandhi

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

LITURGY

⇒ 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

⇒ 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.

FAITH FORMATION

⇒ 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.

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

	2	9	16	23	30
Jun	Cano	Shalini	Richards	Thirimanne	Jacob
Jul	Tanganan	Shalini	Barnouti	Jacob	
Aug	Thirimanne	Shalini	Sebastian	Jacob	
Sep	1	8	15	22	29
	Manoj	Lozada	Tanganan	Richards	Jacob
Oct	6	13	20	27	
	Javelosa	Richards	Shalini	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 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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL	
Chairman Gary Lee	Members Bing Catabas
Dep Chairman Bernadette Virwani	Chris Drummond
Secretary Julienne Crasto	Nanette Gamboa
	Margaret Harrison

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 Druitt 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

COMMUNITY BUILDING

⇒ Resource links

For parishioners' wellbeing

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

Kids Helpline: <https://kidsline.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-your-wellbeing/>

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.

PARRAMATTA DIOCESE UPDATES ON COVID19

THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA ENCOURAGES YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR LIFE OF PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH DESPITE CHURCH BUILDING CLOSURES.

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

Positions Vacant:

Human Resources Adviser – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Reopening of church buildings

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are opening their doors for private prayer, Reconciliation and for the celebration of Mass and sacraments such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. Please contact your local parish to check the arrangements put in place.

Livestreamed Masses from across the Diocese of Parramatta are still available on the Diocesan website

<https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#online>.

Catholic Outlook Magazine June Edition

The June edition of our quarterly print magazine, Catholic Outlook, has been suspended due to COVID-19. You are still able to read and access the digital version of Catholic Outlook via catholicoutlook.org and <https://www.catholicoutlook.org/subscribe/>. Once Government restrictions have been fully lifted, the print production of Catholic Outlook will resume, with the next edition scheduled for September 2020.

CatholicCare is still open and operational

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains services remain open and operational during the current COVID-19 outbreak. Individual offices have been closed to clients, but the service continues to operate with care and support offered via phone, video conferencing/telehealth and online. Some programs are continuing to run groups via video conference. To make a referral, call (02) 8843 2500 (Mon-Thu 8.30am-8pm, Fri 8.30am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm), email enquiries@ccss.org.au or visit ccss.org.au.

Life, Marriage and Family Office Pre-Marriage Weekends

The Life, Marriage and Family Office will recommence their pre-marriage education courses from the weekend of 24th and 26th July 2020. Social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place, with other arrangements to be made if government requirements change. To view course dates for the remainder of 2020 and to book and pay for your preferred pre-marriage course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

Natural Fertility Services is still open

The Life, Marriage and Family Office is still open! Natural Fertility Services helps couples achieve and space pregnancy naturally! If you would like to learn Natural Family Planning, please contact Catherine to book your remote instruction via email catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.

Office For Worship Resources available

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child's baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

Alpha Online Prayer Ministry

Be part of prayer ministry for the team and participants of Alpha Online beginning 1 June. Alpha invites participants to explore the Christian faith in a friendly and comfortable environment. Alpha Prayer Ministers are invited to pray daily individually or as part of a weekly online prayer group. Visit <https://www.parracatholic.org/alphaonline/> or call Lisa on 0448 652 720 to register or find out more.

Share your Good News Stories!

Thank you for all that you continue to do to share the love and peace of God. Our Pastoral Planning Office welcomes your good news stories of hope and encouragement during COVID-19 to share with parishes and communities across our Diocese. If you have a good news story to offer, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/goodnewsstory>

Saturday Sessions

Join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am-12pm with Saturday sessions, hosted by the Pastoral Planning Office. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith and then join an online group discussion via Zoom. Visit the Diocese of Parramatta's Facebook page each week for details. Contact Lisa Bright on lisa.bright@parracatholic.org to join the mailing list to receive session information.

Catholic Youth Parramatta engaging young people in new ways

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal remains open

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta remains open and committed to assisting anyone who has questions regarding marriage annulments. Please direct all enquires to the Tribunal office on 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org. Office is open Monday–Friday 9am-5pm.

Out of School Hours Care accepting enrolments

If you are adjusting to a new work routine and your normal care arrangements have been interrupted by COVID-19, the Diocese's network of 27 Catholic Out of School Hours Care services are all open and accepting enrolments for children in Years K-6. With the Federal Government's childcare relief package, the service is free for all families until 28 June 2020. For more information and bookings, please contact eyes@parra.catholic.edu.au

SRE learning from home

During the school shutdown, CCD designed some faith resources for families to access for their children as they learned from home. These lessons, which are fun and prepared specifically for each age group 5-13, are a good way to encourage children to converse about topics of faith at home. These lessons which affirm that they we are loved by God can be found at <https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>. For more information contact cecilia.zammit@parracatholic.org

Project Compassion update

Due to COVID-19, Project Compassion has been extended and parishioners can bring their boxes or envelopes to parishes, or if they are unable, can contact 1800 024413 or go to lent.caritas.org.au. A video message from Caritas Australia on how they are helping around the world can be found here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk7AvbdL0IM>. For any further support, please contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399505 or patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org



Welcome to the community of the Catholic Parish of St John 23rd Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens Where the love of Christ is shining in so many ways.

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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CLERGY

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Business Manager:

John McCartney (pro bono)

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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.

<https://www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/>



✉ 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



Download and utilise resources created by Catholic Youth Parramatta

<https://www.parracatholic.org/cyf-resources/>



For more events please go to parracatholic.org/events or catholicoutlook.org/

Find the 9 differences between the 2 photos



Jesus feeds those who hunger

W	Z	B	P	O	G	S	F	H	U	C	M	Y	E	K	E
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	V	X	M	Z	D	B	T	X	C	S	V	H	H	F	X
	I	R	N	G	R	T	D	L	B	H	X	C	V	F	M
	C	Q	W	K	H	R	P	D	E	S	S	E	L	B	E

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