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**Twelfth Sunday
Ordinary Time
21 June 2020**

Message from Father John

The sayings of Jesus in today's Gospel reflect the persecution of Matthew's Church by those inimical to Christ's Message. These sayings were 'treasures' for Christians suffering ridicule and persecution, change and upset.

They gave Matthew's Community hope for the future and strength to persevere; and they do the same for us.

Hope: God will not abandon his Chosen, but will vindicate them. Indeed, the First Reading from Jeremiah comes to mind: his willingness to lose friends and influence so as to remain faithful to the word of prophecy given him. Despite persecution, ridicule, physical intimidation... Christians, too, will 'conquer' any evil thrown their way and emerge victorious on the Day of Salvation.

Strength: God's grace is always available to those striving to walk in the footsteps of the Master. Indeed, as Paul reminds us in the Second Reading - because of Christ's Victory over sin and death, we will not fail to be obedient to the law of Love that leads to Salvation.

Thus, we need to reflect on ...

1. the way we live our Christianity in the public forum... openly and without fear of ridicule 2 or even outright persecution? Living in the Hope of Salvation by offering witness to the Truth?
2. how we are continually changing our lifestyles ... being people who try to live the Gospel authentically, striving to avoid sin and all that leads to death? Living the Lord's commands in season and out of season

The sayings of Jesus in today's text encourage us and they help us to be faithful.

Let's continue to allow the Spirit to mold us into true Disciples of the Saviour of the world!

- Weekday Masses and Liturgies of the Word will remain at 9:15am Mon-Fri; Sat morning Mass will revert to 9am.
- Confessions will now be heard after Sat morning mass until 10:00am; and also before the Vigil Mass from 5:15-5:45pm.
- From 1st July, the 4 square metre rule will allow us to have 95 people at mass. The Eventbrite Ticketing will have to continue for the foreseeable future.

Fr John



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

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."



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/UCImEQLA2Nz5yhCCGgdyiCLg>

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Soledad Martinez, Bernardo Barrios,
Roland van Schellebeeck

Deceased:

Anthony & Lily Fernandes,
Nazzareno Sultana

Anniversary:

Oswyn Fernandes

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:

Priscilla Houghton

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

OUR CHURCH REOPENS

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 for booking confirmation.

Please arrive at least 15mins before the mass times to give time for registration confirmation.

ARRIVING AT CHURCH

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

- 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

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FIRST OFF, I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT SO MANY OF YOU ARE ENJOYING THE NEW STREAMING OF OUR SERVICES ONLINE ...

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

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Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

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www.celstanhope.catholic.edu.au

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me, "'Terror from every side!' Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needs and does not spurn servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-15

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

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

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:26, 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:51-58

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

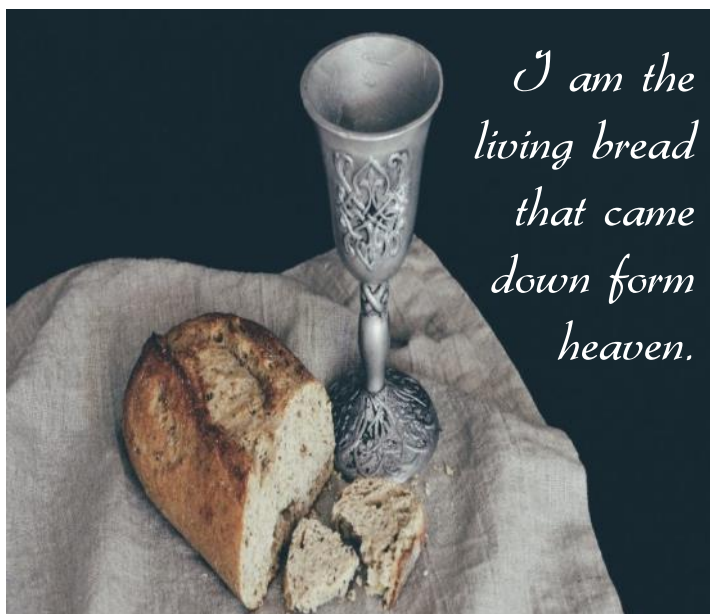
'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.



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 different 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
 - Family Services and Administration Manager – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited – Applications close 26 June
 - Service Establishment Manager – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited – Applications close 26 June
- More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](https://www.parracatholic.org/employment)

23 June - CYP Keeping Young People Safe Online

Youth Leaders, parents and interested adults are invited to join a free bespoke webinar for the Diocese of Parramatta with the eSafety Commissioners Office of the Australian Government. The webinar will be held on Tuesday 23 June, 7-8:30pm. They will explore strategies to ensure safe online activity with Zoom and other social media platforms. Register at <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp-keeping-our-young-people-safe/>

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 652720 to register or find out more.

OTHER NOTICES

3 July: Divine Retreat Centre Divine Mercy Evening

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is holding an evening to celebrate the Divine Mercy on Friday 3 July from 6pm to 8.30pm. The evening will include Reconciliation, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Mass. Please call 0468 486782 or email drcsydney@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Visit www.divineretreatcentre.org.au for more information.

4 July: Divine Retreat Centre One Day Malayalam Retreat

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a one-day Malayalam Retreat on Saturday 4 July from 10am to 2.30pm. The retreat is a day of fasting, and will include praise and worship, confessions, adoration and Mass. Please call 0468 486782 or email drcsydney@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Visit www.divineretreatcentre.org.au for more information.

10 – 12 July: Divine Retreat Centre Family Growth Retreat

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a live-in family growth retreat from 6pm Friday 10 July to 4pm Sunday 12 July. Please call 0468 486782 or email drcetreatrego@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Visit www.divineretreatcentre.org.au for more information.

17 – 19 July: Divine Retreat Centre Youth Retreat

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a live-in youth retreat from 6pm Friday 17 July to 4pm Sunday 19 July. Please call 0468 486782 or email drcetreatrego@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Visit www.divineretreatcentre.org.au for more information.

20 July: ACU Online Public Lecture with Rev. Prof Mark R Francis

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is hosting the President of the Catholic Theological Union, Rev Prof Mark R. Francis CSV, in a free online public lecture. Titled “*The Challenge of Intercultural Liturgy in the Era of Pope Francis*,” it will be broadcast live from Chicago on Monday July 20 from 10am AEST via Zoom. Registration is essential by 15 July 2020. Register by visiting <https://bit.ly/3b1Rw8e>

26 July: Divine Retreat Centre One Day Worship Pilgrimage

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is holding a one-day worship pilgrimage on Sunday 26 July. The retreat will include praise and worship, adoration, Way of the Cross and Mass. Please call 0468 486 782 or email drcsydney@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Visit www.divineretreatcentre.org.au for more information.



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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Rodrigo Rupac

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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



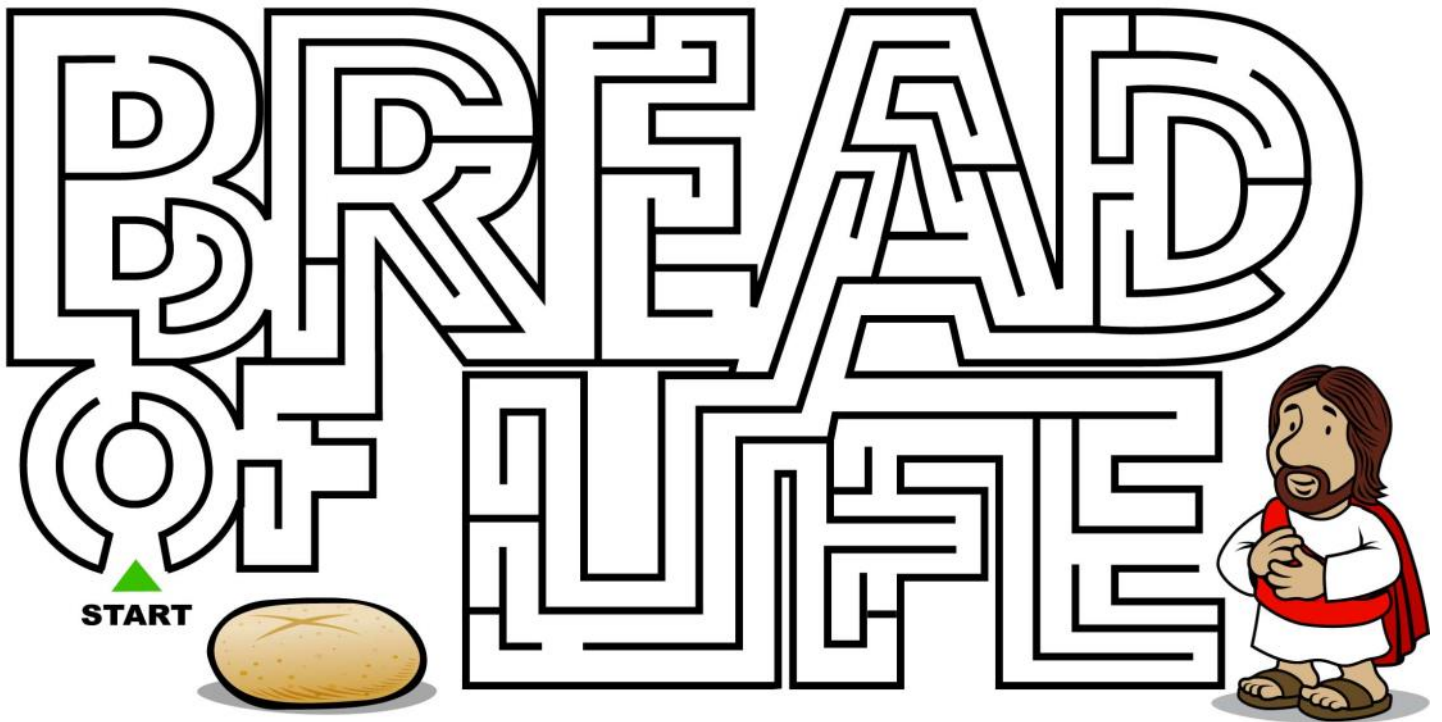
Download and utilise resources created by Catholic Youth Parramatta

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



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

Can you make your way through the BREAD OF LIFE maze?



I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

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