



Cnr Perfection Ave and Bentwood Tce, Stanhope Gardens



**Twenty Second Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
30 August 2020**

### Reflection

What is the most important investment you can make with your life? Jesus poses some probing questions to challenge our assumptions about what is most profitable and worthwhile. In every decision of life we are making ourselves a certain kind of person. The kind of person we are, our character, determines to a large extent the kind of future we will face and live. It is possible that some can gain all the things they set their heart on, only to wake up suddenly and discover that they missed the most important things of all. Of what value are material things if they don't help you gain what truly lasts in eternity? Neither money nor possessions can buy heaven, mend a broken heart, or cheer a lonely person. Jesus asks the question: What will a person give in exchange for his life?

Everything we have is an out-right gift from God. We owe him every thing, including our very lives. It's possible to give God our money, but not ourselves, or to give him lip-service, but not our hearts. A true disciple of Jesus gladly gives up all that he or she has in exchange for an unending life of joy and happiness with God. God gives without measure. The joy he offers no sadness or loss can diminish. The cross of Christ leads to victory and freedom from sin and death. What is the cross which Jesus Christ commands me to take up each day? When my will crosses with his will, then his will must be done. Are you ready to lose all for Jesus Christ in order to gain all with Jesus Christ?

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- Please arrive 15mins before the mass times to give time for registration confirmation. Doors will close at start of Mass as we cannot risk more than 95 people being in the church.
  - We will have a leaving collection for Fr John. Alternatively, you can make a contribution via the website's BPoint.
  - We Welcome .....Fr Jolly Chacko MS, who will be our new Pastor. He is currently the Parish Priest of St Finbar's Church, Glenbrook Parish and will join us from September 15.
  - Our St John XXIII masks have arrived! Please pay and collect from the table outside the kitchen before masses this weekend (Sat Vigil onwards). Even if you are not booked for mass this weekend, just pop in and collect. If you are unable to collect then, the masks will be in the parish office from Tuesday.
- There are two ways to pay before you come to collect via BPoint on the parish website ([www.john23rd.com](http://www.john23rd.com)) – the preferred way or cash on collection.
- First Tuesday novena 1st Sept - 7:30pm



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/UCImEQLA7Nz5yhCCGgdvCLg>

### Sunday Mass Times

**Booking essential - max 95 people**

Sat Vigil 6:00pm  
Sun 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am\*, 6:00pm  
*\*live streamed on YouTube*

### Weekday Mass Times

Mon 9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion  
Tues 9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion  
Wed-Fri 9:15am Mass  
Wed 10am (Holy Cross School during School Term)  
Thurs: 11.15am (Church, during school Term)

### Masses for Special Occasions

1st Tues 7.30pm Novena Mass (Our Lady of Perpetual Help)  
1st Fri 7.00pm Novena Mass (Sacred Heart of Jesus)

### Exposition + Benediction

Fri after 9.15am Mass  
1st Sat after 9am Mass  
after the Novena Masses

### Reconciliation

After any of the weekday masses  
Sat: after the 9am mass until 10am  
5:15 - 5:45pm before the Vigil Mass  
Or upon request

### Sacraments

1st Sat 9.00am Mass for the Sick  
Sun 12:00pm Baptism by appointment

### Devotions & Prayers

Mon 7.30pm Christian Meditation via Zoom Frances Pegram 0417 406715  
Tues 7pm Rosary and Novena Prayer in church except 1st Tues  
Fri 6.30pm Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group 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."*



## Special intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Anna Olariz

### Deceased:

Fernando Yunon, Elmer Solisa,  
Eulalia Adriano, Pilar Del-Villar

### Anniversary:

Gabriel Rehaut, Elsie Michaud, Chantel  
Raymond, Hilda Henrison, Pierre  
Fracois, Mai Lacaze, Jocelyn Lacaze

### Sick: Names published with permission.

Colleen McCunnie, Deidre Thomson,  
Benjamin Munson Jr, Nathan Parker,  
Florentina Elsisura, 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, Jill Franco,  
Gustavo Montenegro, Kristy Arceo

### Thanksgiving:

Bernadette & Ravi Virwani & family,  
John Alves & family, Sophia & Melanious  
Sebastian, Tiga Family

## OUR CHURCH REOPENS

**The limit on our mass attendance is 95 people per restriction of 1pax/4sqm**

**DO I STILL NEED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR MASS?**

Weekday masses do not require any on-line booking, but a sign in sheet at the entry for registration is required.

It is still essential for the Sunday masses until such time that legislations changes

**10:30am Sunday Mass is live streamed**

Online booking via **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. noon and she will be able to book for you.

***Please arrive 15mins before the mass times to give time for registration confirmation and ensure safety sitting inside the church.***

Arriving early will also give you time for reflection and prayer, quiet your thoughts before we start our communion with God.

***Doors will close at start of Mass.***

### ARRIVING AT CHURCH

*If you are not feeling well, DO NOT come into church.*

It is highly recommended to wear face mask at church.

*Entry is via the front door. Distancing is to be observed. Follow the white dots on the ground to maintain distance.*

- Wash your hands with soap and water before leaving home.
- Provide social space in entering the building, at least 1.5m apart.
- Use the hand sanitiser provided after signing in.
- Sit at 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.
- Follow the signs on the floor.

### MASS DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

***Exit is via the front and rear doors.***

- 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.
- 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.
- We encourage everyone to contribute financially as you leave by using the **TapnGo** machines or online via **BPoint**. We have **TapnGo** at both the doors. We also have collection boxes at the front door.

## Church Funnies



More pics on: [www.imfunny.net](http://www.imfunny.net)

## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ [holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto:stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au)

### Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

✉ [celstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:celstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au)

[www.celstanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://www.celstanhope.catholic.edu.au)

## Church Events

### August

Mon 31 9:15am - Liturgy of the Word

### September

Tues 1 9:15am - Liturgy of the Word  
7pm - OLPH Novena Mass

Wed 2 9:15am - Mass

Thurs 3 *Saint Gregory the Great (M)*  
9:15am - Mass

Fri 4 9:15am - Mass

Sat 5 9am - Mass with Confession to follow after Mass  
5:15pm - Confession  
6pm - Vigil Mass -

Sun 6 *Father's Day*  
Mass - 7:30, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED PRIESTS FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2020

Owing to COVID19 pandemic and its social and financial impact on families, communities and Churches, the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta will not be holding its Annual Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests, i.e. the Father's Day appeal, this September. Like many other organisations, the CSF will use its own resources to support the retired priests in this financial year. Donations will always be accepted, however, via our BPOINT portal at [www.parracatholic.org/csf](http://www.parracatholic.org/csf) or electronic funds transfer to **BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Account Name CSF No 1 with Reference your name.** IF you would like a tax deductible receipt for your donation, please send email to [csf@parracatholic.org](mailto:csf@parracatholic.org) with your name and address details.

### Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

### First Reading

*Jeremiah 20:7-9*

*The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 62:2-6, 8-9*

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

### Second Reading

*Romans 11:33-36*

*May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*cf Ephesians 1:17, 18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Matthew 16:21-27*

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

*What it means to*  
**FOLLOW**





## 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



"A family that prays together, stays together - Fr Patrick Peyton"

If you want the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home contact Bart Sarlabus [bart.sarlabus@gmail.com](mailto:bart.sarlabus@gmail.com) or Melva Paguinto [emcipi85@yahoo.com.au](mailto:emcipi85@yahoo.com.au)

**Novena prayers 7pm every Tuesday**  
**Novena mass 7:30pm every First Tuesday**

### ⇒ 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](mailto:krizzia.samonte@gmail.com) or the Parish Office.

### ⇒ SRE Teachers

SRE education recommences next term in our State schools.

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.

## LITURGY

### ⇒ 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](mailto:admin@john23rd.org.au).

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

## 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.

## Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

Sep	1	8	15	22	29
	Manoj	Lozada	Tanganan	Richards	Jacob
Oct	6	13	20	27	
	Javelosa	Richards	Shalini	Jacob	
Nov	3	10	17	24	
	Richards	available	available	Jacob	
Dec	1	8	15	22	29
	Paguinto M	Shalini	Richards	Jacob	Jacob
Jan	5	12	19	26	
	available	available	available	available	

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

"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



*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 pastoral ministries in our Parish.**

## 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](mailto:naomi1.rey@gmail.com)

### ⇒ St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

As many changes have occurred in our lives, this has impacted those experiencing chronic hardship and need as well. St Vincent de Paul has continued to support those in our community suffering hardships.

We ask if you can, to make a donation to the winter appeal.

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/covid-19-emergency-appeal-nsw/>

We are grateful for any help you can give.

### GARDENERS AND CLEANERS

Garden Bees - our gardens look magnificent thanks to the work of our abled parishioners but more help is needed. The commitment would be whatever time you can spare – a few hours a fortnight to assist in the maintenance of the church's garden surrounds.

Cleaners – we have four teams of cleaners who clean the church on a monthly cycle and four teams who clean the votive candle stands every few months. Both groups need more bodies to help out, urgently. The commitment would be a few hours each month.

For more information contact [businessmanager@john23rd.org.au](mailto:businessmanager@john23rd.org.au)



### WORKING BEE

What a wonderful turnout for the parish working bee on Saturday. A tremendous amount of work was done (we filled the skip) and the sumptuous morning tea – which kept us warm in the chilly wind. 😊 THANK YOU to everyone. It's people like you who devote their time and energy to our parish that makes it such a thriving community.

### FR JOHN IS MOVING....

Fr John will be moving to take the position as Parish Priest of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains from 12th September 2020, for a term of six years. Due to the current COVID pandemic, we cannot have a proper send off, so instead, we will be having a leaving collection from the next 2 weekends for a special farewell gift. Alternatively, you can make your contribution via the website's **BPoint**.



We would like to thank Fr John for his service and dedication to the Parish of St John 23rd. We will surely miss him. His last mass will be the 6th of September.

### AND WE WELCOME.....

Fr Jolly Chacko MS, who will be our new Pastor. He is currently the Parish Priest of St Finbar's Church, Glenbrook Parish and will join us from September 15.



### COVID SAFE

Our Diocese has strongly recommended the wearing of face masks in church – and we have come to the rescue! We will soon be taking orders for these triple-layer, washable masks, with the SJ23 logo for \$20.00. It is recommended that you have at least two masks, one to wear and one in the wash.

Place your orders via the following method:

- writing down your name on the order sheet at the church foyer;
  - send a message via the FB page;
  - through the website's BPoint;
- Alternatively, send an email [businessmanager@john23rd.org.au](mailto:businessmanager@john23rd.org.au)



### MAINTENANCE SUPER

We are still looking for a volunteer to help out in the church maintenance. Minimal time to spend - a walk around the church and grounds each week; identify issues and either attend to them or call in the relevant experts; assist with columbarium inurnments.

For more information email [businessmanager@john23rd.org.au](mailto:businessmanager@john23rd.org.au)

### In Memoriam

Please email for any queries to [businessmanager@john23rd.org.au](mailto:businessmanager@john23rd.org.au)

#### ⇒ 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.



### 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>

For more events please go to: [parracatholic.org/events](http://parracatholic.org/events)





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

### Office Contacts

(02) 8883 5981

(0423 160 567 AH Emergency)

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Stanhope Gardens, 2768

### MAILING

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### CLERGY

#### Parish Priest:

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#### Asst. Priest:

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✉ [Zvonimir@john23rd.org.au](mailto:Zvonimir@john23rd.org.au)

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Rodrigo Rupac

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### STAFF

#### Secretary

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#### Sacramental Coordinator:

Helen Zammit

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#### Business Manager:

John McCartney (*pro bono*)

✉ [businessmanager@john23rd.org.au](mailto:businessmanager@john23rd.org.au)

## NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance.

Also visit our website

<http://john23rd.com/>

or like our Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/john23rdparish](http://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](mailto:youth@john23rd.com.au).



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

✉ For all youth ministry enquiries, email us at [youth@john23rd.com](mailto: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

### 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.

Download and utilise resources created by Catholic Youth Parramatta

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



For more events please go to [parracatholic.org/events](http://parracatholic.org/events) or <https://catholicoutlook.org/>

⇒ **Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update**

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have COVID-Safety plans in place requiring social distancing, maximum attendance figures and other safety measures. We also highly recommend wearing masks to Mass and other services. You are encouraged to check with your parish on what measures they have in place before attending. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website [www.parracatholic.org/covid19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19)

⇒ **Office for Worship Liturgical Ministry Formation Course**

The Office For Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation course will recommence in August at both the Institute for Mission, Blacktown and St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith. Two workshops on Liturgical Ministry will also be provided in October at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. Note: due to restrictions there are limited places available. For more information, contact the Office for Worship on [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org)

⇒ **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](mailto:cecilia.zammit@parracatholic.org)

⇒ **Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive**

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more info contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399505 or House of Welcome [office@houseofwelcome.com.au](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au) or JRS [amelia.savage@jrs.org.au](mailto:amelia.savage@jrs.org.au)

⇒ **Social Justice Sunday 30 August 2020**

The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2020-21, To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia, has been released ahead of the Church's Social Justice Sunday, which will be celebrated on 30 August this year. Given the challenges our country and world are facing due to COVID-19, the issue of mental health is very much front and centre for many people.

There are many resources you can use in your parish to help celebrate Social Justice Sunday. These resources can also be found online by visiting [http://bit.ly/SocialJustice\\_2020](http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020).

⇒ **Office For Worship RCIA Workshops: 14 Sept – 19 Oct**

The Office For Worship will be running RCIA workshops for RCIA coordinators & teams and anyone who might be interested in understanding the RCIA process. The workshops will run with limited numbers due to social distancing measures on four Monday evenings between 14 September and 19 October at the Institute For Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP by 7 September, or if you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 02 8838 3456 or [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org).

⇒ **Life, Marriage and Family Office Pre-Marriage Weekends: 18 and 20 September**

The Life, Marriage and Family Office will host another pre-marriage education course on the weekend of the 18 and 20 September 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](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call (02) 8838 3460.

**Other Notices**

⇒ **Positions Vacant:**

**Head of Campus** – Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College, Traeger, Alice Springs, Northern Territory, applications close Monday 31 August

**Assistant Principal Religious Education** – St Joseph's Catholic College, Katherine, Northern Territory, applications close Monday 31 August

**Assistant Principal Religious Education** – Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School, Santa Teresa, Northern Territory, applications close Monday 31 August

**Manager** – Aboriginal and Islander Education (Engagement and Workforce Development) – Catholic Education Northern Territory Office, Darwin, applications close Monday 31 August

**Deputy Principal** – Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Palmerston, Northern Territory, applications close Monday 31 August

**Deputy Principal** – Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School, Darwin, Northern Territory, applications close Monday 31 August

**Deputy Principal** – St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Darwin, Northern Territory, applications close Monday 31 August

For more details, please visit

<https://www.ceont.catholic.edu.au/employment/current-vacancies/>

⇒ **ACBC Social Justice Statement 2020-21**

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at [http://bit.ly/SocialJustice\\_2020](http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020)

⇒ **54-Day Rosary Novena for the Coronavirus**

The National Rosary Crusade 54-Day Novena invites you to join them in prayer for a nation-wide 54-day rosary novena to Mary Help of Christians, the national patroness. The novenas will be run between 15 August, the Feast of the Assumption through to 7 October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page.



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