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**Twenty Eighth Sunday
Ordinary Time
11 October 2020**

Message from Father Jolly

Dear and beloved parishioners

First and foremost I would like to thank for welcoming me warmly into your community as you new parish Priest. As we know, we are all facing the strange and the most difficult time. None of us have gone through this road before. We are conditioned by social distancing, covered by face masks and limited in our interactions with one another. There is an unknown fear in the heart of each of us. Change is always a difficulty in reality in life and the above situations make it even more difficult.

I have been here two weeks now in the parish and slowly getting adjusted to the new place. In normal circumstances, I would have met majority of you. We would have started to do many things together as a parish community. It is my ardent desire to see you all face to face. Our present social conditions do limit us in all our desires and plans. Having said that I had the opportunity to meet and spend some time with St Mark's school principal Mr. Peter Webster, visit our primary school children from Kinder to year 4. We had a short parish council meeting through Zoom and listened to each member their hopes, aspirations, frustrations and disappointments. The coming days I wish to listen to the young people who are the energy, joy and vibrancy of the parish and the school community. I wish to have a deeper knowledge of the elders and homebound of the parish and reach out to them with pastoral care.

I have noticed your great sense of hospitality, care and concern for one another, It is equally important to develop a feeling of ownership and all these things are very much noticed with each you. As a parish community you have travelled a long way with a short time, a few people starting Sunday Eucharist in the Library at Holy Cross primary in Meurants Lane, Glenwood, grows into small community becoming a Parish on the 6th October 2002, completing the construction of the present beautiful Church and dedicating it to God's glory on the 2nd of June 2007 is not an easy journey. The same year John XXIII primary and St Mark's secondary schools also become part of this Catholic community. I know it was not an easy journey from the conception to its present stage, which can be called as the adolescent stage. Remember adolescent is always a time of questioning, doubt and confusions but it is also the best time of our lives. The greatest blessing of adolescent is its energy and enthusiasm to do things. It is also the time of joy and growth. I can imagine with what a great pride Our Pioneers of this community look at it today!

Thank you for all your hard work, commitment and generosity. Yes, our journey from adolescence to adulthood is not easy, we might face many challenges on our way. We have the huge financial burden of paying back the 4 million parish loan. Many concerns of each of you, the difficulties caused by Covid and many others. I have joined you at this stage of your journey as a companion. Let us journey together. Sharing our joys and sorrow, our strengths and weaknesses together. Let us continue to dream together as a community.

There is a beautiful African saying "If you want to walk faster, walk alone but if you want to walk longer, walk with others". Let us walk with each other and walk longer and together. When we journey together, with full of love in our hearts, every moment is a moment of peace, joy, care and mutual support. Let our journey towards the future one be of that, a journey in gratitude to God for what we have been and a journey in love towards what we could become. May God continue to bless each of you, to become what you could become.

FR. Jolly Chacko, MS

Sunday Mass Times

Booking essential

Sat Vigil 6pm

Sun 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am*, 6pm

*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 at 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 7pm 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 9am Mass for the Sick

Sun 12pm Baptism *by appointment*

Devotions & Prayers

Mon 7.30pm Christian Meditation
via Zoom Frances Pegram 0417 406715

Tues 7pm Rosary and Novena
Prayer in the church except for 1st Tues

Fri 6.30pm Christ Catholic

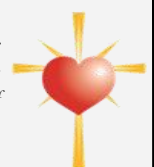
Community Prayer Group

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."



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/c/StJohn%20XXIIIGlenwood-StanhopeGardensParish>

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Peter Gorden, Jennifer Maistry

Deceased:

Lolita Tirol

Anniversary:

Roland Fernandes, Neomisa Reynolds,
Noleta Athayde, Nicanor Reynolds

Sick: Names published with permission.

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

Thanksgiving:



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.

Church Calendar

October

Mon	12	9:15am - <i>Liturgy of the Word</i>
Tues	13	9:15am - <i>Liturgy of the Word</i> 7pm - Novena Prayers <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Wed	14	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	15	<i>Saint Teresa of Jesus (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	16	9:15am - Mass
Sat	17	<i>Saint Ignatius of Antioch (M)</i> 9am - Mass with Confession to follow after Mass 5:15pm - Confession 6pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	18	Sunday Mass times 7:30, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm Baptism -

COVID SAFE NOTICE



The number of people in a public place of worship must not exceed 100 people, subject to the 4 square metre rule.

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 to REGISTER ONLINE for the Sunday masses until such time that COVID legislation 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 times and then the dates.

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.

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

ARRIVING AT CHURCH FOR SUNDAY MASSES

It is highly recommended to wear face mask at church.

Entry is via the front door. Distancing is to be observed.

- 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.
- If you have not registered through our **Eventbrite**, please sign in on the register sheet at the entrance.
- 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 PROCEDURE

- 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.

DEPARTURE PROCEDURE

Exit is via the front and rear doors.

- Ensure to wipe your seats with supplied sanitizer wipes before leaving and dispose the same in the bin located at the entrance/exit areas.
- 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.

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>

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf John 15:15

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 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.' The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



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"

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

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 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.

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

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

Oct	6	13	20	27	
	Javelosa	Richards	Shalini	Jacob	
Nov	3	10	17	24	
	Richards	Hamor	Barnouti	Jacob	
Dec	1	8	15	22	29
	Paguinto M	Shalini	Richards	Jacob	Jacob
Jan	5	12	19	26	
	Barnouti	Ring	Richards	Sebastian	
Feb	2	9	16	23	
	Tangunan	Sebastian	Shalini	Jacob	

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.

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 sacramental@john23rd.org.au.

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

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.

Parish Notices

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 maintenance@john23rd.org.au

MASK STILL AVAILABLE

Our Diocese has strongly recommended the wearing of face masks in church. We still have washable masks with the SJ23 logo available for sale 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 methods:

- writing down your name on the order sheet at the church foyer;
- send a message via the FB page or through the website's BPoint;
- ask the Marshalls at church

Alternatively, send an email operations@john23rd.org.au or contact the Parish Secretary during office hours.



Church Funnies



TEMPORARILY HELP NEEDED FOR A SCHOOL PICK UP FOR A CHILD WHO IS UNWELL

There is an Iranian Asylum seeker family who is living in Rouse Hill. The boy who is in Year 9 and attends Kellyville High school has been suffering from headaches and dizzy spells and gets very tired. The doctors are conducting further test to find out the cause of his illness.

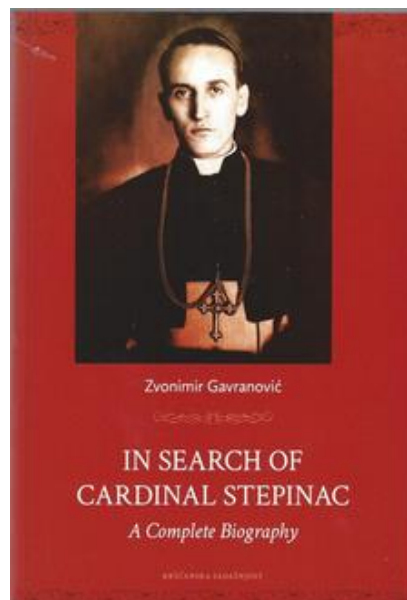
In the past the boy has been catching a school bus and gets off at the Rouse Hill town centre and then does about a 15-minute walk to his home. But due to his illness the parents are not keen for him to travel on public transport and having to cross the busy Windsor Road.

His father has just secured a cleaning job in the city and is unable to come by 3pm to pick up the son. The boy cannot stay in the school library (due to school COVID rules) for one hour till the father comes from the city and pick him.

If anyone can offer 20 minutes of time to pick up the boy from Kellyville High school (school finishes at 3pm) and drop the boy at his home at Demeter Street in Rouse Hill (unit in front of KFC).

Please contact Roger Perera (0413 713911) or the parish office if you can assist couple of days a week.

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Daphney Sequeira

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Nina Pangilinan

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Communication queries:

Techie Sarlabus

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NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance.

Visit our website <http://john23rd.com/>

Like our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/john23rdparish

View our livestreams via YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StJohn%20XXIII>

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SUGGESTION BOX

We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

⇒ **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

⇒ **Welcome to The Well**

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – The Well. In what can be described as ‘Netflix for Catholics’, The Well is a new online platform that provides free, ‘on-demand’ inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

⇒ **Natural Fertility Services is still open**

Following COVID-19 restrictions, Natural Fertility Services has reintroduced face-to-face instruction. We will, however, continue with Zoom meetings as this has enabled more couples access to information. We have educators available to teach any of the three methods of Natural Family Planning. If you would like more information, or to book an appointment, please contact Catherine 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.

⇒ **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. The office is open Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm.

⇒ **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 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

⇒ **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 information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome office@houseofwelcome.com.au or JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

Other

⇒ **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.

⇒ **ACU Online Public Lecture with Sr Prof Julia Upton: 12 October**

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is hosting Sr Prof Julia Upton rsm from St John’s University in New York in a free online public lecture. Titled “Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics,” it will be broadcast live from New York on Monday 12 October from 10am AEST via Zoom. Registration is essential by 7 October 2020. Register by visiting www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton

⇒ **St Vincent de Paul Society NSW Rosalie Rendu Forum: 15 October**

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW will be hosting their annual Rosalie Rendu Forum online on Thursday 15 October from 6pm. This year’s forum features a line-up of inspirational female leaders who will reflect on the theme ‘Reimagining the future: can we create more equitable communities post pandemic?’. To register for the event by 12 October, visit <https://rosalie-rendu-2020.eventbrite.com.au>. For more info email social.justice@rinnies.org.au or call (02) 4032 3545

⇒ **Youth PoWR Sydney Statement Launch: 15 October**

In 2019, Youth POWR, young adults from different faiths, generated content for an interfaith charter called The Sydney Statement. Now, after 15 drafts, the Sydney Statement is ready for your vote. Launch The Sydney Statement live on Facebook on 15 October at 7pm. Register your attendance at <https://events.humanitix.com/vote-tss> and tune in on the Youth PoWR’s Facebook page for the launch.

⇒ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 20 – 22 November**

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter are hosting a Marriage Enrichment Weekend from 20 to 22 November at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love. Book online at www.wvme.org.au or contact Christine and Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nsnbookings@wvme.org.au

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 blaze@john23rd.org.au or visit our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/>



✉ For all youth ministry enquiries, email us at blaze@john23rd.org.au

MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

CRL YOUTH LEADERS

Rojith de Silva - 0405 956 3210

Nimeshi Fernando -0417 101009

YFC (Youth for Christ)

YFC YOUTH LEADERS

YFC International

Vince Erasmo - 0406 253 698

YFC Australia

Ben Lim - 0431 795 571

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au

John XXIII & 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

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Catholic Youth Parramatta engaging young people in new ways

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