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**Thirtieth Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
25 October 2020**

### Father Jolly's Reflection on the Readings

Today's first reading calls us to really reflect on how a true believer and follower of God should behave. Each of us are created in the image and likeness of God and God wishes and desires that we truly reflect that image of God. Every day God reveals to us his love through his compassion and mercy. If we are imitators of God, our way of behaving should be one of compassion, love and mercy. The reading tells us not to oppress anyone. It asks us to look after the widows, orphans, abandoned, refugees. Thus the book of Exodus is not only speaking to the people of ancient world but to each of us. It becomes even more relevant to us who continue to die as a result of food shortage, lack of medicine or proper clothing. We also see the evil of human trafficking wherein children and women are the usual victims. The book of Exodus called the people of Israel to respond to the miseries of the people at time by feeding the orphans and the widows. They were called to cloth and shelter the poor and homeless. The call of God for each of us today remains the same. The Lord told the people of Israel that he would listen to the cry of all those people with full of pity for them. He does it today too, but it happens through our ear and eyes. Thus may the reading help us to exercise in the ministry of compassion, mercy and love in our daily lives and be true our calling as the disciples of Jesus Christ.

*Fr. Jolly Chacko, MS*

### + All Souls Day

*Mass at 9.15am and 7.30pm*

*2nd of November*



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>

### 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."



## Special intentions

### Recently Deceased:

### Deceased:

Laval Rose, Rafaela Yunon, Vicente Yunon

### Anniversary:

Marko Pepunic

### 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

### Thanks giving:

Shamika & Wiranjan Peiris, Brendan Weber, Misael Lingsangan & Family



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	26	9:15am - <i>Liturgy of the Word</i>
Tues	27	9:15am - <i>Liturgy of the Word</i> 7pm - Novena Prayers <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Wed	28	<i>Saints Simon &amp; Jude (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Thurs	29	9:15am - Mass
Fri	30	9:15am - Mass
Sat	31	9am - Mass <i>with Confession to follow after Mass</i> 5:15pm - Confession 6pm - Vigil Mass

### November

Sun	01	<i>All Saints (S)</i> Sunday Mass times 7:30, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm
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## 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.

**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.**

**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.**

### 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.

## 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

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

### First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

### Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

*You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

*The greatest  
commandment*

**LOVE**



## 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, please contact Bart Sarlabus via email [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**

*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.**

### ⇒ 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

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.

### ⇒ 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 needs more bodies to help out, urgently. The commitment would be a few hours each month.

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

## Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

	6	13	20	27	
Oct	Javelosa	Richards	Shalini	Jacob	
Nov	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	
Mar	2	9	16	23	30
	Cano	Paguinto	Richards	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*



## 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)

### ⇒ DONATIONS TO STOCK PANTRY

St Vincent de Paul are looking for donations to stock up their pantry. The items needed are: sugar, biscuits, rice, and cereal. Any enquires please call parish office on 8883 5981.



## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### Chairman

Gary Lee

### Dep Chairman

Bernadette Virwani

### Secretary

Julienne Crasto

### Members

Bing Catabas

Chris Drummond

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.

### 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

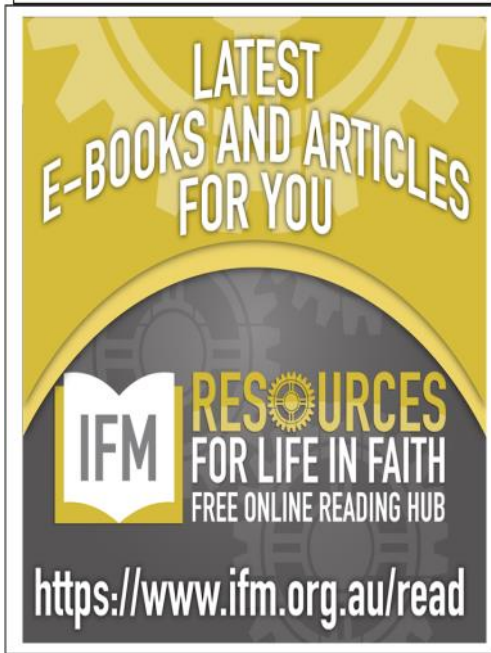
Alternatively, send an email [accounts@john23rd.org.au](mailto:accounts@john23rd.org.au) or contact the Parish Secretary during office hours.



### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The book is set up next to the sanctuary. You can now write down the names of your dearly departed family and friends for whom we will pray during the month of November at all masses.

Your November mass offering donation can be placed at the special needs box (mailbox) by the Sacristy entrance door.

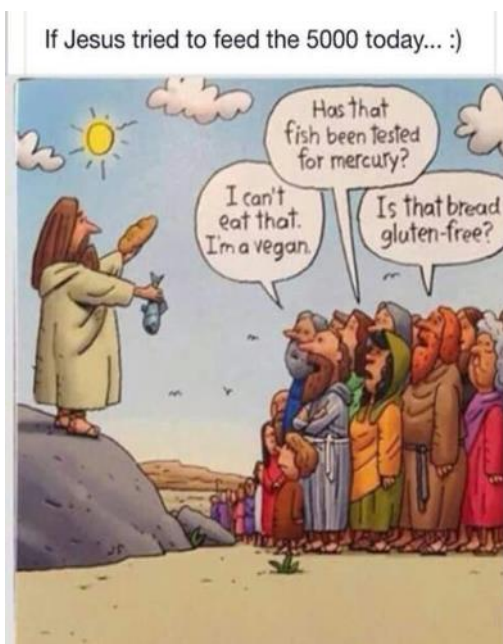


### Call for Nominations for the DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

Bishop Vincent is calling for nominations for the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Working with the Bishop, the Diocesan Pastoral Council assists with the pastoral governance of the Church. The Council are seeking a cross-section of people from across the Diocese with different backgrounds and experiences. For more information, or to fill out the nomination form, please visit [parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils/](http://parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils/).

Applications close Monday 2 November.

### Church Funnies



If you or a family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please contact the parish office.

### PARISH OFFICE

#### Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

#### Office Contacts

(02) 8883 5981  
0423 160567 (AH Emergency)  
160 Perfection Avenue,  
Stanhope Gardens, 2768

#### MAILING

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#### CLERGY

##### Parish Priest:

Fr Jolly Chacko

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##### Assistant Priest:

Fr Zvonimir Gavranovic

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##### Deacon:

Rodrigo Rupac

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

#### STAFF

##### Secretary:

Tanya Gatt

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##### Finance:

Renuka Soosaipillai

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##### Sacramental Coordinator:

Helen Zammit

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

##### Operations Manager:

Daphney Sequeira

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#### OTHER CONTACTS

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Nina Pangilinan

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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](https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish)

View our livestreams via YouTube

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

### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 information, 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)

**Other**

⇒ **Positions Vacant:**

**Head of Mission Integration – Caritas Australia**

For more details, please visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/about/jobs/positions-vacant>

⇒ **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)

⇒ **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 7–8 November**

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 7 – 8 November at St Joseph’s Baulkham Hills. For further information and to register, visit [www.engagedencounter.org.au/](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au/)

⇒ **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.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Christine and Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)

⇒ **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 21 – 22 February 2021**

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 21 – 22 February 2021 at St Joseph’s Baulkham Hills. For further information and to register, visit [www.engagedencounter.org.au/](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au/)



## YOUTH MINISTRY

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13*



### 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 & 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

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

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

### 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/>

### A Student's HSC Prayer

Lord, you have loved me into life and I thank you. In this exam period, give me a calm heart and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold me in the palm of your hand. Bless me with keen understanding and a retentive memory. Give me the ability to grasp things correctly, and express myself clearly.

Help me to look beyond this time of exams and see clearly whatever you are calling me to be in life. Show me my gifts and talents and help me to have the courage to use them to love others, to give you glory and to leave this world a better place. Amen.

### 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

For all youth ministry enquiries, ✉ [blaze@john23rd.org.au](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au) or visit our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/> 👍

### MORE YOUTH GROUPS

#### CRL (*Community of the Risen Lord*)

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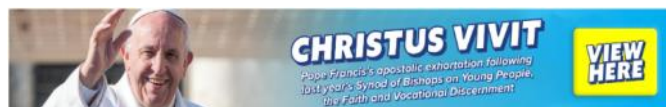
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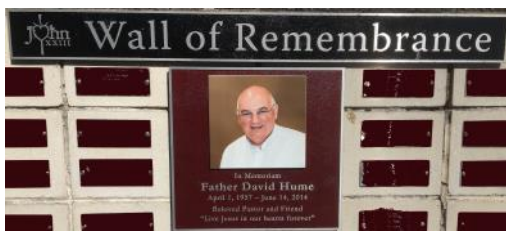
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