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**Thirty Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
8 November 2020**

### Father Jolly's Reflection on the Readings

We live in a society wherein wandering around has become a habit for many people. We wander from one sensation to another. Our lives are stuffed with a lot of internet rubbish. With television stories, e-mail and cell chats etc. It is hard for the mind to discern.

What is God calling us to be at this time and space. We lose our sense of self discipline and gradually fall into the trap of losing our sensitivity. The only way to address this issue is to really develop the virtue of patience and the capacity to wait in expectation for the coming of Christ in glory.

If we don't recognise the promise of Christ to us, we will indulge ourselves in whatever gives us a moment of pleasure. We hear St Paul asking the people of Thessalonica to wake up from their sleep. He says, "Besides this, you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep, for salvation is nearer to us now than when we believed". It is true that we are closer to meeting the Lord every new day.

This month specially we remember our departed brothers and sisters and offer our prayers for them. It reminds us our own final destiny, the reality of death. Is there anything more certain than death? How are we to encounter this reality. Jesus compares our final meeting with him to the joyful encounter of the bride with the bridegroom at the wedding feast. To experience this great joy, we need to prepare and since we do not know the exact time of this encounter we need to be always prepared. Like the couple preparing for the wedding, they prepare for their marriage by getting to know each other better every day, by becoming more intimate with each other.

We need to grow each day in our relationship with the Lord. We need to look forward not in fear but in love and hope. We need to continue our journey towards this encounter, fulfilling our daily duties by living our lives to its fullness in accordance with God's plan for each of us.

### 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-Fri** 9:15am Mass

**Sat** 9.00am Mass

### 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:

Cecilia Reynolds

### Deceased:

Anthony Alvares

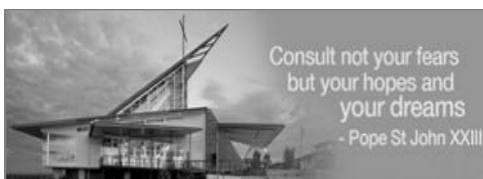
### Anniversary:

George Kavo, Riolen & Aeldred Weber,  
Rae & Eustace Ebert, Anthony Alvares

### Sick: Names published with permission.

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

### November

Mon	9	<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Tues	10	<i>Saint Leo the Great (M)</i> 9:15am - <i>Liturgy of the Word</i> 7pm - Novena Prayers <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Wed	11	<i>Saint Martin of Tours (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Thurs	12	<i>Saint Josaphat (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	13	9:15am - Mass
Sat	14	9am - Mass <i>with Confession to follow after Mass</i> 5:15pm - Confession 6pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	15	Sunday Mass times 7:30, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

## COVID SAFE NOTICE



**We can now accommodate 140 people, but still 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.parramattacatholic.org/covid19/#faq>

### Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### First Reading

*Wisdom 6:12-16*

*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 62:2-8*

**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.**

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

### Second Reading

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

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**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Matthew 24:42, 44*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Matthew 25:1-13*

*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

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.





## 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

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	
	Tanganan	Sebastian	Shalini	Jacob	
Mar	2	9	16	23	30
	Cano	Paguinto	Richards	Shalini	Jacob
Apr	6	13	20	27	
	Deang	Erasmo	Sebastian	Shalini	

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	
<b>Chairman</b> Gary Lee	<b>Members</b> Bing Catabas
<b>Dep Chairman</b> Bernadette Virwani	Chris Drummond
<b>Secretary</b> 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 envelope 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

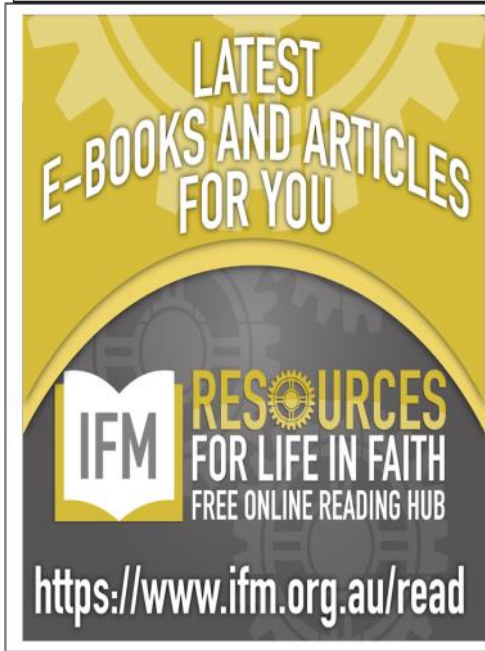
Alternatively, send an email [accounts@john23rd.org.au](mailto:accounts@john23rd.org.au) or contact the Parish Secretary during office hours.



### 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

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0423 160567 (AH Emergency)  
160 Perfection Avenue,  
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#### CLERGY

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

View our livestreams via YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/c/S1John%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](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)

⇒ **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.

⇒ **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)

⇒ **Office for Worship Short Formation Course for Readers**

The Office for Worship will be running a short formation course focussing on the practicalities of Reading at Mass with guest presenter Br Michael Dredge cfc. It will be held over three dates:

Saturday 7 November – 10am-12noon at St Oliver Plunkett Parish, Harris Park

Thursday 12 November – 7-9pm at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith

Thursday 19 November – 7-9pm at Institute for Mission, Blacktown

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org)

⇒ **Pastoral Council Formation and Training**

The Pastoral Planning Office is leading a series of formation and training sessions for new and continuing members of parish pastoral councils via Zoom on 11, 18 and 25 November from 7.30pm. Our parish pastoral councils offer a wonderful way to explore how communities can “go and make disciples”. To register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/pastoralcouncilformation> and for enquiries, please contact Lisa Bright on 0448 652 720.

⇒ **Permanent Diaconate Information Session: 12 Dec**

Couples considering a call to the Permanent Diaconate are invited to attend an information session on Saturday 12 December from 10am - 12noon at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. Couples who decide to proceed with the discernment process will be asked to meet with the Vocations Committee in 2021. To RSVP, please contact Deacon Willy Limjap on 0428 332619 or or [wlimjap@gmail.com](mailto:wlimjap@gmail.com) or Deacon George Bryan on 0408 440769 or [George.Bryan@parracatholic.org](mailto:George.Bryan@parracatholic.org)

**Other**

⇒ **Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre is taking bookings for 2020/2021**

As a COVID-safe registered business, the Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa, is once again available for personal or small group bookings to discern and plan for what the future might look like. They have also begun taking bookings for 2021, with numbers set to increase as restrictions return to normal. For more information, please call (02) 4773 8338, email [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au) or visit [www.schoenstatt.org.au](http://www.schoenstatt.org.au)

⇒ **Vote to authorise The Sydney Statement**

After numerous workshops and drafts over 18 months, Youth PoWR (*Parliament of the World’s Religions*) launched The Sydney Statement, a new charter for interfaith relations on Thursday 15 October. Young adults aged 18-35 from different religions are encouraged to vote for The Sydney Statement and to authorised its publication. Don’t miss out on this chance to transform interfaith relations in Sydney and beyond. Voting is online at <http://bit.ly/33OLrHA>

⇒ **Abraham Conference 2020 – ‘Interfaith on the Frontlines’: 15 November**

The Abraham Conference plays an important role in bringing Jews, Christians and Muslims together to discuss contemporary issues of concern for the members of the three religions and for the wider society. This year’s conference, which will discuss “Interfaith on the Frontlines”, will be livestreamed for free via Zoom on Sunday 15 November from 2pm to 3.30pm. To register, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/abraham-conference-2020-interfaith-on-the-frontlines>

⇒ **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 774419 or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.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

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[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.

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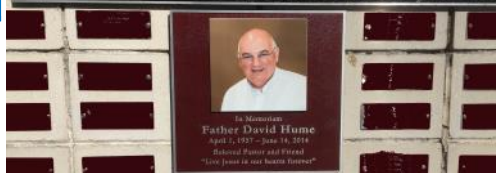
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