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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
15 November 2020

Reflection on the Readings

For a wedding some years ago, the bride and groom each chose a reading, and the groom cheekily chose today's first reading (Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31), it appeared, to tease his bride. His reading of the first line was in line with the usual way it is read, but that reading does not in fact conform to the passage's intent. It is read, even proclaimed at times, as a rhetorical question, as if to indicate that no such being can be found. Translation is a challenging art. Firstly, the question is more like this: How can one detect (or better, describe) a wife described in the Hebrew as ayil? The noun ayil has a wide range of meanings, depending always on context. Here capable is probably the best translation, but the connotations of strong, noble, valiant, and virtuous are not out of place. Towards the end we find "the woman who is wise", which seems to reflect the Septuagint, rather than the Hebrew, which reads "the woman who fears the Lord", the same expression being picked up in the psalm response, "Happy [or Blessed] are those who fear the Lord." Earlier she had been praised for generosity to the poor and care for the needy. Reading the whole in its simplest and more direct reading, it is interesting to see the concluding reminder to husbands, in what was a patriarchal society, not to treat her via her productivity as a chattel; he is told that she is to share in the work of her hands (not to be dispossessed of it) and to let her works testify to her honour. Reading it in a spiritual way, the description can be seen not of any woman at all, but of the Church as Spouse of Christ. While the Church cannot literally busy her hands with flax and wool, she is to work productively in the world, especially to reach out to the poor and the needy, that her works, her fruit, may delight her spouse and reflect well on herself. The line in the psalm, "Your wife like a fruitful vine", intersects with that reading of Proverbs and John 15:1-8 that calls Christ the vine and his members the fruitful branches.

The key theme in the gospel parable of the property entrusted to servants (Matt 25:14-30) is about accountability for the talents entrusted by the master. This parable has shaped English by giving us the word talent, which though here a weight of silver figuratively became an ability with which a person is natively endowed, a gift not to be wasted. The parable was not intended to support or undermine particular economic philosophies for trade or capitalism, and attempts to co-opt it to that end seriously misuse Scripture; by such an approach any idea can find support in misappropriated Scripture passages. Or, as Shakespeare's Antonio put it in *The Merchant of Venice*, even the "devil can cite Scripture for his purpose." Scripture quotes must be understood in context, for context determines meaning. So also this parable should not be isolated from the earlier challenges to any presumption of Jewish inheritance of the Kingdom, nor indeed should claims be based merely on purported membership of the Church itself. The consistent warning implicit throughout this context is that if those invited to the Kingdom, or those entrusted with it and its works, do not perform accordingly then it will be given to others. If this challenge is valid for the chosen first, so too it is for the later chosen. In this we are given a negative version of the praise due in the first reading to the spouse who acts responsibly with the goods of the household, wisely increasing them and generously using them. On a final note, since the New Testament epistles are read in a serial manner, it is by coincidence that the second reading (1 Thess 5:1-6) offers a message that fits well with the end-time themes of the year's end and the beginning of Advent: the Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. This is coupled with the advice to stay awake, much like we will hear in two weeks, when we switch to the Gospel of Mark. Blessed is she who has diligently attended to the matters of the Kingdom, ready at any time for the advent of the King.

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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-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."



Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Maria Rosario Agbulos, Josip Ugakovic, Nevenko Krnchevich

Deceased:

Anniversary:

Sick: Names published with permission.

Colleen McCunnie, Deidre Thomson, Benjamin Munson Jr, Florentina Elsisura, 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:

Virwani 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

November

Mon	16	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Tues	17	<i>Saint Elizabeth of Hungary (M)</i> 9:15am - <i>Liturgy of the Word</i> 7pm - Novena Prayers <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Wed	18	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	19	9:15am - Mass
Fri	20	9:15am - Mass
Sat	21	<i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)</i> 9am - Mass with <i>Confession to follow after Mass</i> 5:15pm - Confession 6pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	22	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (S)</i> 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. Sign in to register attendance, whether for mass or just for visitation. Registration sheet and hand sanitizers can be found as you enter. Entry and exit is via the rear doors.

WEEKEND MASSES still require 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**

<https://john23rd.eventbrite.com.au/>

Select the date and then mass times.

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

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, please DO NOT come into church.

ARRIVING AT CHURCH FOR SUNDAY MASSES

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.

Entry is via the front door.

- It is highly recommended to wear face mask at church.
- Entry is via the front door.
- Provide social space when entering the building, at least 1.5m apart.
- Show online registration to the ushers by the door.
- Use the hand sanitiser provided upon entry.
- 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, and only 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 door.

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

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife - who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:4, 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Your talent is
God's gift
What you do with it is your
gift back to God

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 or Melva Paguinto 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 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

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	
	Tangunan	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

⇒ **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

<p>Chairman Gary Lee</p> <p>Dep Chairman Bernadette Virwani</p> <p>Secretary Julienne Crasto</p>	<p>Members Bing Catabas Chris Drummond Margaret Harrison Nanette Gamboa</p>
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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 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.

PARISH OFFICE

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Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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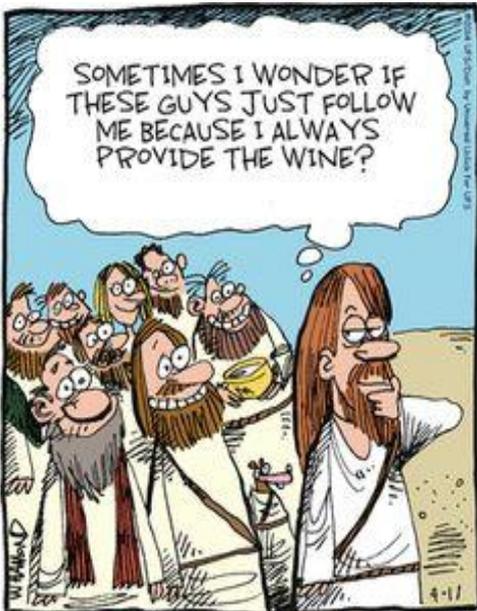
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Welcome to our parish community!

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/SJohn%20](https://www.youtube.com/c/SJohn%20XXIII)

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SUGGESTION BOX

We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

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

⇒ **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

⇒ **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 or [JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au](mailto:JRS.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:

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

⇒ **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 or Deacon George Bryan on 0408 440769 or 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 or visit 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 authorise 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>

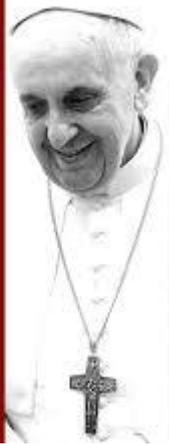
⇒ **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 20 – 22 November**

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 or contact Christine and Terry Mahony on 0490 774419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE,
DO NOT BURY YOUR TALENTS,
THE GIFTS THAT GOD
HAS GIVEN YOU!
DO NOT BE AFRAID
TO DREAM OF GREAT THINGS!**
POPE FRANCIS



OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood
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John XXIII & St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens
Principal: Dr Peter Webster

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Catholic Early Learning Centre

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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/>

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

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Youth Ministry Team

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Taylor Coutinho

Johanna Neve

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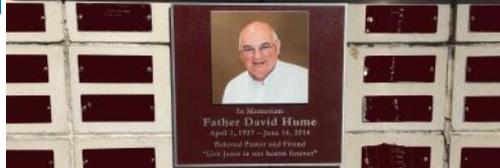
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