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**First Sunday of Advent  
29 November 2020**

### Reflection on the Readings

Advent, *Coming* or *Drawing near*, is a somewhat quirky liturgical season. It embraces the Lord's historic first coming in time (his birth) and his awaited second coming (his return) at the end of time, but between these is a pivot with John the Baptist preparing people for the Lord's entering into his public ministry. Advent in effect presents these arrivals in reverse order: it opens by concluding the eschatological themes that had already emerged in the Lectionary as Ordinary Time's unfolding of the Lord's public ministry draws to an end; then John the Baptist prepares the way for the approaching Christ; then we turn to Christ's conception as we begin to prepare for the annual celebration of the great feast of his Incarnation, his birth. Thus as we switch from Matthew's gospel to Mark's, we hear again the command to "Stay awake" that we last heard three Sundays ago (Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, A) and are reminded of the need to be ready for Christ's return as prefigured in the gospel parables on the next two Sundays. But since Mark does not cover the Lord's birth in any way after next Sunday, when we turn to the beginning of Mark for his coverage of John the Baptist, we will not read Mark again until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

As just mentioned above, today's gospel passage picks up the tone that first appeared three Sundays ago, and so we are warned no fewer than four times to *stay awake* since we know not when the master will come back. We are the servants entrusted with the household. This pericope is either a fusion of different sayings, or it has lost something in translation; it is inconceivable that anyone going abroad should tell the doorkeeper to stay awake. For one thing, the poor creature would go mad covering the long period required for such an absence, from which the master could return not only on any day, but at any time of the day; yet all the time cues are related to the night. The language points more to the context of a householder going out for the evening, thus expecting to be absent only relatively briefly, returning that same night. Secondly, it would be odd to expect the servants to have many jobs to do throughout the night, and it is only the doorkeeper who is told to stay awake. No, we seem to have at least two scenarios blended: one of the householder going abroad and leaving the servants to do the work entrusted to them (cf. the gospel parable last Sunday), and the other of the doorkeeper being warned to keep alert for the householders immanent return. Common to both is the advice to be dutifully attentive to the tasks at hand. This is echoed in the second reading (1 Cor 1:3-9), addressed to people awaiting the Lord's return. The theme of our being left and God's returning arise early in the first reading (Isa 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8), but it does so in a manner that can be read as a petition to God to send his Christ. Indeed, it is here that we find the reference "No ear has heard, no eye has seen", a possible source of 1 John 1:1 where it is upended to become "what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes". It also refers to God's having hidden his visage, which prompts the choice of Psalm 80(79) with the response, "let us see your face", which more literally translates as "shine your face [upon us]". Either way, however, works with the response's ending, "and we shall be saved" using the verb *save* (*yasha'*) from which the name "Jesus" derives.

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### 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>

### Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

### First Reading

*Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8*

*Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19*

**R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see, Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Ps 84:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Mark 13:33-37*

*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.



## Special intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Elmo Leopando

### Deceased:

Anthony & Leticia Alvares,  
Leonilo Gonzalez

### Anniversary:

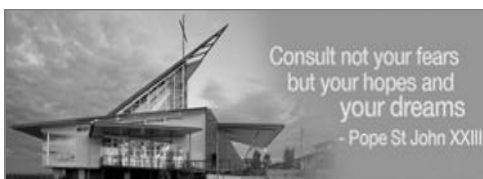
Joseph Simon Francis

### Sick: Names published with permission.

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

### Thanksgiving:

Mrs Vikram Noronha



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 30 *Saint Andrews (F)*  
9:15am - Mass  
7:30pm - Mass

### December

Tues 1 9:15am - *Liturgy of the Word*  
7pm - Novena Mass  
*Our Lady of Perpetual Help*

Wed 2 9:15am - Mass

Thurs 3 *Saint Francis Xavier (M)*  
9:15am - Mass

Fri 4 9:15am - Mass  
7:30pm - Novena Mass  
*Sacred Heart of Jesus*

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

Sun 6 Sunday Mass times  
7:30, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

## COVID SAFE NOTICES



**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.**

**It is highly recommended to wear face mask at church, 12 years old and above.**

## ARRIVING 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.
- If you have not registered through our **Eventbrite**, please sign in on the register sheet at the entrance.
- Use the hand sanitiser provided upon entry.
- Sit at pews that are marked. 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 on 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 sanitizing 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.

**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>



## 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

	1	8	15	22	29
Dec	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	Erasmus	Sebastian	Shalini	
May	4	11	18	25	
	Manalo	Javelosa	Sebastian	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 envelope system. This will be very helpful for Budgeting.

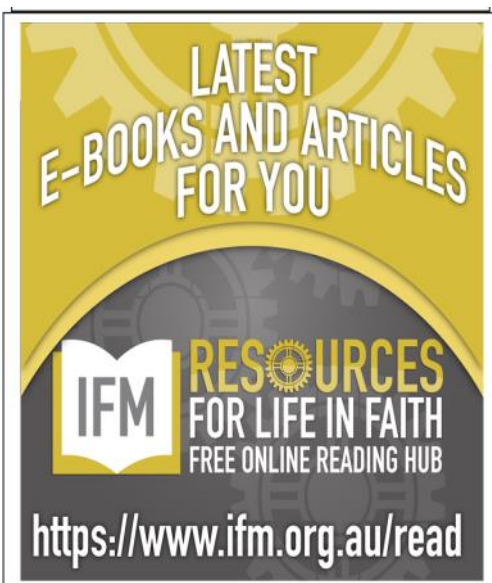


### MASK STILL AVAILABLE

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.



### Church Funnies

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(See John 2:1-11) 12-31-1998

HEY JESUS, I HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY ... I'M BRINGIN' LOTS OF WATER

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

### MASS OF THE ROOSTER

Christmas season is upon us and it's that time of year, 16th December till 24th December at 6am novena mass. Mark your calendar.



### CHRISTMAS MASSES REGISTRATION

Registration for the Christmas masses are now open through **Eventbrite**.

Most of the masses will be held at St Marks Catholic College Performance Hub to allow us to accommodate more parishioners.

#### 24th December 2020 mass times

6pm - Children/family mass - the Hub  
6pm - St John 23rd Church  
(note 2 venues for the 6pm mass)

9pm - the Hub

12am (midnight) - the Hub

#### 25th December 2020 mass times

8.30am - the Hub

8.30am - St John 23rd Church

10.30am - the Hub

10.30 am - St John 23rd Church

(Depending on the numbers we might only have one mass for 8.30 and 10.30am if the numbers are over the limit there will be two 8.30 and 10.30am masses.)

Please read the instructions provided at registration. If you have been to any of the COVID-19 hot spots declared by the NSW Government please follow the NSW government directions and do not attend mass.

Again, it is Mandatory to wear a face mask, 12 years old and over.

### PARISH OFFICE

#### Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

#### Office Contacts

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0423 160567 (AH Emergency)

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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](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.

⇒ **Positions Vacant:**

**Sacramental Coordinator** – Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Applications close Thursday 10 December. More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

⇒ **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)

⇒ **Bishop’s Christmas Appeal**

This Christmas, let us unite in demonstrating God’s unconditional love and keep families together. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare’s Project Elizabeth to support vulnerable families to build strong, loving relationships. You can help give people the emotional and practical support they need to live their lives in love and joy. Please give generously to the Bishop’s Christmas Appeal: [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

⇒ **Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses**

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office’s in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2021 are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call (02) 8838 3460.

⇒ **Young Adult Faith Formation: 6 December**

Young Adult faith formation sessions continue on Sunday 6 December at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury, at 7pm. Seminarian Andrew Rooney will speak and lead discussion on virtue ethics, particularly the theological virtues of faith, hope and love. We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

⇒ **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 [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**

⇒ **Positions Vacant:**

**Head of Mission Integration** – Caritas Australia

For more details, please visit

<https://www.caritas.org.au/about/jobs/positions-vacant>

⇒ **Donate to Caritas’ Asia Emergency Appeal**

Caritas Australia’s thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia, who have been devastated by unprecedented flooding. Homes have been destroyed and hundreds of thousands of people are fleeing to evacuation centres, where the risks of spreading COVID-19 are high. With your help, Caritas can provide vital support to those affected by this and other disasters. Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413.

⇒ **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 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>



## 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

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#### Catholic Early Learning Centre

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### Catholic Youth Parramatta engaging young people in new ways

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### BLAZE

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### 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

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Andrew Gorkic

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### MORE YOUTH GROUPS

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

#### CRL YOUTH LEADERS

Rojith de Silva - 0405 956 3210

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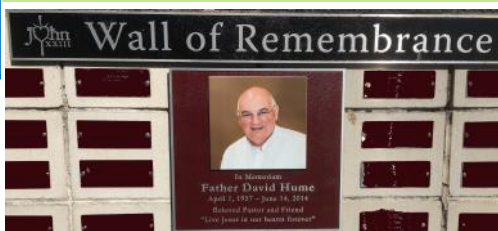
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