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**Fourth Sunday
of Advent
20 December 2020**

Message from Father Jolly

Dear Parishioners

"It is necessary that in light of the faith all rediscover the true meaning of the Parish, that is, the place where the very "Mystery" of the church is present and at work, even if at times it is lacking persons and means, even if at other times, it might be scattered over vast territories or almost not to be found in crowded and chaotic modern sections of cities. The Parish is not principally a structure, a territory or a building, but rather, the family of God, a fellowship afire with unifying spirit, a familial and welcoming home, the community of the faithful. Plainly and simply, the Parish is founded on a theological reality, because it is a Eucharistic community. This means that the Parish is a community properly suited for celebrating the Eucharist, the living source for its up-building and the Sacramental bond of its being in full communion with whole Church (par 26)". It is a quote taken from the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope St John Paul II (Christifideles Laici).

The Priests are called to assume the responsibility of ensuring the proclamation of the Word of God. I feel blessed to work with you to achieve the proclamation of the Word of God and the Celebration of the Eucharist. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parishioners in general and in particular the Parish staff, members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, the Liturgy Committee and many other people who are involved in Liturgy, the Musicians, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion Sacristans, Readers, Baptism Teams, Sacramental Coordinators, Hospitality, Church Care, IT Developers and Operators, Scripture Teachers, Children Liturgy, Pastoral Care, Counters, The Garden Club, The Young Parents Groups, Social Committee, The Family Groups, Family ministry, The Youth Ministry, St Vincent De Paul Society and the School Community, for your wholehearted support. Each of you has been invaluable in your presence, talents, time participation and knowledge in assisting me with the proper up keeping of the Parish. As we continue our spiritual journey let us focus on how we can grow as a Christ Centred Community in Stanhope.

Let us continue our discernment together as a Parish community. Let us grow together as a true Eucharistic Community, working together, praying together and rejoicing together for what we are. May we have a heart of gratitude. In gratitude and love let us continue our preparations for Christmas as well as for the reinvigoration of our Parish through our decrement process and active participation in this process. Let us continue to grow in our personal prayer and our relationship with the Lord and with each other. I wish you all a Joyful Christmas and a Blessed New Year together with Fr Zvonimir and the Parish Staff and every other Parishioner.

May God bless you and your families.

Father Jolly Chacko MS

Sunday Mass Times

Booking essential

Sat Vigil 6pm

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

*live streamed on YouTube

Weekday Mass Times

Mon 9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Tues-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

1st 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

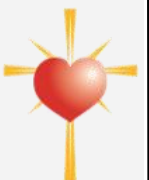
Tues 7pm Rosary and Novena
Prayer in the church except for 1st Tues

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

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.' **R.**

He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

You will conceive and bear a son.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.



Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Bernard Playssan

Deceased:

Emmanuel Lawrence Norowha

Anniversary:

Lawrence Noronha, Norma Lorenza,
Cecilia Dantes, Louis Dantes, Agnes Chacko

Sick: Names published with permission.

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

Thanksgiving:

Virwani Fly

COVID-19 NOTICES



NSW Health has revised the COVID-19 guidelines for places of worship effective from 7 December 2020

1) Places of Worship and Religious Services

The maximum number of people at places of worship and religious services will only be limited by the 2 square metre rule. If a place of public worship has separate buildings, the maximum number of people in each separate building is subject to the 2 square metre rule. If there are separate buildings, each building should have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.

2) Weddings and Funerals

There will be no upper cap on the number of people who can attend weddings and funerals, provided the new 2 square metre rule is adhered to.

3) Choir and Congregational Singing

Up to 50 singers/performers will be permitted to sing indoors. There will be no maximum cap for outdoor singing. Congregations may sing, but NSW Health continues to ask that anyone 12 years or older to wear a mask.

Communion on the tongue

NSW Health advised for places of worship to please consider modifying religious services, where practical, such as Communion, to avoid direct contact with the hand and mouth.

WEEKDAY MASSES do not require any on-line booking. Sign in to register attendance, whether for mass or for visitation. Registration sheet and hand sanitizers can be found as you enter. **Entry and exit is via the rear doors.**

WEEKEND MASSES (Sunday Vigil and Sunday Masses) still require **ONLINE BOOKING** via

Eventbrite

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

until such time that COVID legislation changes.

10:30am Sunday Mass is being live streamed

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.

Entrance and exit is via the front door.

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.

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.

Church Calendar

December

Mon	21	<i>Saint Peter Canisius (OM)</i> 6am - Mass of the Rooster 9:15am - Mass
Tues	22	6am - Mass of the Rooster 9:15am - Mass 7pm - Novena Prayers <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Wed	23	6am - Mass of the Rooster 9:15am - Mass
Thurs	24	<i>The Nativity of the Lord Vigil (S)</i> 6am - Mass of the Rooster 9:15am - Mass 6pm - Family Xmas Mass 9pm - Christmas Mass 12 Midnight Mass
Fri	25	<i>The Nativity of the Lord (S)</i> 8:30am - Christmas Mass 10:30am - Christmas Mass
Sat	26	<i>Saint Stephens (F)</i> 9am - Mass with Confession to follow after Mass 5:15pm - Confession 6pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	27	Sunday Mass times 7:30, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm



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.

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 or Melva Paguinto emcipi85@yahoo.com.au

Novena prayers 7pm every Tuesday
Novena mass 7:30pm every First Tuesday

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

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	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

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES

We need more helpers during the Christmas Masses which will be held in two venues. If you are interested in helping please contact the parish office on 8883 5981 or call Wira Peiris on 0424 738 484.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

⇒ DONATIONS TO STOCK PANTRY

Thank you for your continuing assistance in providing donations for our St Vinnies Pantry.

We are at present very low on supply and we are once more appealing to your generosity to restock our pantry for Christmas and the new year.

Following is the list of the food articles we are most in need of - **pasta, sauce, coffee, tea, ham, fruit in juice, rice, biscuits, oil, milo, salmon, tinned spaghetti, tinned baked beans, sugar and cereal**. Any enquires please call parish office on 8883 5981.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Bernadette Virwani

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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.

Parish Notices

MASS OF THE ROOSTER

Christmas season is upon us and it's that time of year, mark your calendar.

16th December till 24th December at 6am Novena mass with the exception of Sunday 20th December which will be included at the 7:30am mass.

Bring a plate to share for breakfast. Come and join us.



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 on 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 highly recommended to wear a face mask, 12 years old and over.

PARISH OFFICE DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The parish office will be closed from 1pm of 24th December.

Parish office activities will resume 5th January 2021.

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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*May the spirit of Christmas fill our hearts
with love and joy.*

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!!



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

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance.

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

Like our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/john23rdparish

View our livestreams via YouTube

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

SUGGESTION BOX

We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

⇒ **Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update**

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have COVID-Safety plans in place requiring social distancing, maximum attendance figures and other safety measures. We also highly recommend wearing masks to Mass and other services. You are encouraged to check with your parish on what measures they have in place before attending. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website www.parracatholic.org/covid19

⇒ **Welcome to The Well**

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

⇒ **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

⇒ **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

⇒ **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 or call (02) 8838 3460.

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 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 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/33OLrHLA>

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

John XXIII & St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

✉ stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au

Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

✉ celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au

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

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 or visit our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/> 👍

MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (*Community of the Risen Lord*)

CRL YOUTH LEADERS

Rojith de Silva - 0405 956 3210

Nimeshi Fernando -0417 101009

YFC (*Youth for Christ*)

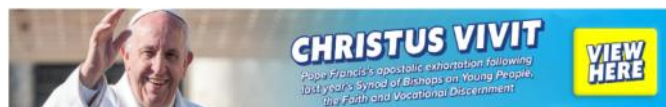
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YFC Australia

Ben Lim - 0431 795 571



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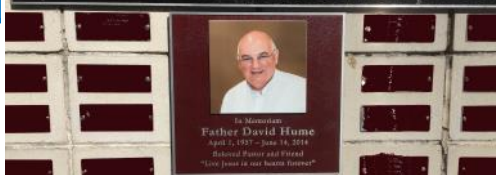


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