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## The Epiphany of the Lord 3 January 2020

### Update on restrictions 2 January 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

#### Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

NSW Health has revised the COVID-19 guidelines for all places of worship.

#### 1) Places of Worship and Religious Services

Effective from midnight tonight - 2 January 2021, the maximum number of people who can attend religious gatherings will be limited to 1 person per 4 square metres up to a maximum of 100 people. Weddings and funerals will also be limited to 1 person per 4 square metres up to a maximum of 100 people.

#### 2) Face masks

Face masks will also be made mandatory at places of worship from midnight tonight.

From Monday, 4 January 2021, non-compliance with wearing face masks will attract a \$200 on-the spot-fine for individuals. Children under 12 are exempt but are encouraged to wear masks where practicable.

With my continued prayers during these times,

Very Rev Peter G. Williams

Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia

#### 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.

For further updates with regards to our parish activities, always check our website <http://john23rd.com/> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish/>

For Mass recordings check our website or subscribe to our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/StJohn%20XXIIIGlenwood-StanhopeGardensParish>

#### Sunday Mass Times

##### Booking essential

Sat Vigil 6pm

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

\*live streamed on YouTube

#### Weekday Mass Times

Mon 9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Tues-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."*



### Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

### First Reading

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13*

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgment. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

### Second Reading

*Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6*

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Matthew 2:2*

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Matthew 2:1-12*

*We have come from the East to worship the king.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.



## Special intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Bernard Playssan, Serafin Arceo

### Deceased:

### Anniversary:

Sonny Olares

### 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, Dung Phan, Jill Franco, Raymond Lanzona, Geoffrey Robinson, Gloria Buosi, Hazel Masher, Bernie Presto, Sophie De Leon, Nathan Braganza, Zenira D'Souza, Elmo Joachim, Vince & Princess Ramos and Family, Isagani Ocampo

### Thanksgiving:

Virwani Fly



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

### January

|       |    |   |
|-------|----|---|
| Mon   | 4  | 9:15am - Mass   |
| Tues  | 5  | 9:15am - Mass<br>7:30pm - Novena Mass<br><i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>                        |
| Wed   | 6  | 9:15am - Mass   |
| Thurs | 7  | 9:15am - Mass   |
| Fri   | 8  | 9:15am - Mass   |
| Sat   | 9  | 9am - Mass <i>with Confession to follow after Mass</i><br>5:15pm - Confession<br>6pm - Vigil Mass |
| Sun   | 10 | <i>Baptism of the Lord (I)</i><br>Sunday Mass times<br>7:30, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm                    |

## COVID-19 NOTICES



Please check out the following sites for any and all updates:

**NSW Health COVID site**

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infections/covid-19/Pages/latest-updates.aspx>

**NSW Government site** <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

**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.**

**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. Or you can scan the QRCode posted by the doors. **Entry and exit is via the rear doors.**

**WEEKEND MASSES (Saturday 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.**

## 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>

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

### Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

NSW Health has revised the COVID-19 guidelines for places of worship effective from today, 21 December 2020 until further notice.

#### 1) Rule changes for venues in Greater Sydney

The maximum number of people at places of worship and religious services has been revised to one person per 4 square metres. This applies to all indoor settings including places of worship.

Places of worship will be limited to a maximum capacity of 300 people.

#### 2) Rule changes for venues across NSW

No more than 5 performers should sing indoors, with 1.5 metres between performers and 5 metres between performers and the audience. The audience should not participate in singing or chanting indoors. NSW Health strongly recommends people across NSW wear face masks indoors.

#### 3) Multiple services at the one venue

Places of public worship in Greater Sydney, with more than one separate area available for worship, must ensure that a religious service, activity or event conducted in one separate area does not commence or end at the same time as another religious service, activity or event in another separate area in the place.

#### Masks during Communion

Parish priests, priests and ministers of the Communion are strongly encouraged to wear masks when distributing Communion.

With my prayers during these troubling times,

Very Rev Peter G. Williams

Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia



## 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**

## Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

| 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     |       |
| Jun | 1        | 8         | 15        | 22        | 29    |
|     | Paguinto | Shalini   | Richards  | Barnouti  | 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](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)

### 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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| <b>Secretary</b>        | Nanette Gamboa    |
| Julienne Crasto         |                   |

## 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.

**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.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

### BLAZE

BLAZE Youth Group is a fun and exciting way for youths in Years 7 and up to learn about their faith and how to handle the struggles of being a teen.

BLAZE runs during **Friday nights**, weeks 1,3,5,7 and 9 of the school term. Session starts at 7:15 till 9pm.

### BLAZE YOUTH LEADERS

Youth Coordinator - Amanda Lee - 0413 545 318

Assistant Youth Coordinator - Caitlin Green - 0425 579 594

#### Youth Ministry Team

Natasha Surjanto

Taylor Coutinho

Johanna Neve

Johnathan Soosaipillai

Joy Ragaza

#### Support Leaders

Andrew Gorkic

Rebecca Reynolds

Neville Reynolds

RJ Samonte

Vidya Jolly

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

## MORE YOUTH GROUPS

### CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

#### CRL YOUTH LEADERS

Rojith de Silva - 0405 956 3210

Nimeshi Fernando -0417 101009

### YFC (Youth for Christ)

#### YFC YOUTH LEADERS

##### YFC International

Vince Erasmo - 0406 253 698

##### YFC Australia

Ben Lim - 0431 795 571

## PARISH OFFICE

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Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Holy Cross Primary

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☎ (02) 8664 7100

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

### John XXIII & St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

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

### Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

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

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

**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



## NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance.

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

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



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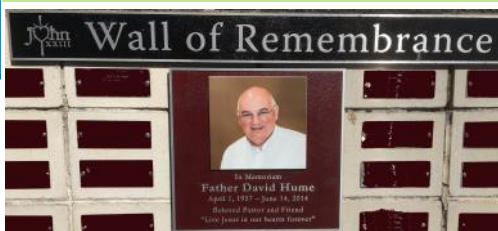
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[cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com](mailto:cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com)



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the memory of our deceased family and  
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The plaques cost \$350.00.

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We have opened this up to  
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