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**Second Sunday of ordinary time
10 January 2020**

Reflection on Readings

God calls. God is not limited by whom he may call, where or in what circumstances this call happens. For young Samuel it happened in the middle of the night and he needed to be guided by Eli to understand what this meant for him. Andrew and the other disciple of John were following their teacher when they met Jesus, and immediately they left John the Baptist and started following Jesus. For Cephas, the call came through his brother who had just met Jesus and could not resist sharing the news with him.

In the first letter to the Church in Corinth, Paul explains that God calls us for himself. Our body is for the Lord and makes up the Body of Christ, of which we are members. In order to hear God's call we need to be constantly on the alert, we cannot sleep because God calls in the middle of the night or at the tenth hour; God calls directly or through a friend or a situation we are in. What is certain is that God calls!

Dear Deacon Rudy

We the Parish community take this opportunity to thank you for your ministry at St John XXIII Parish community. You have been kind, friendly and very cooperative with everyone.

We highly appreciate all you have done for the community. We feel sorry that we can't gather together as a parish community to say Thank you and farewell, but will always include you in our prayers. We wish you all the best in your Deaconate ministry at St Anthony's Parish Toongabbie.

Father Jolly, Father Zvonimir, Parish staff and the Parish Community.



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

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening"'. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:41, 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,'- which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



Come and see

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Felix Luna Labanda

Deceased:

Ivan Wijesuyaya

Anniversary:

Leonor De Leon, Pauline Farrow

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, Vince & Princess Ramos and Family, Sophie De Leon, Nathan Braganza, Zenira D'Souza, Elmo Joachim, Isagani Ocampo

Thanksgiving:

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 MANDATORY 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 streamed live via our YouTube channel

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

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.



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.

If you are unable to attend your booked mass, please ensure to cancel your booking to give chance for others to attend the mass.

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>

Church Calendar

January

Mon	18	9:15am - Liturgy of the Word
Tues	19	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Prayers <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Wed	20	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	21	<i>Saint Agnes (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	22	9:15am - Mass
Sat	23	9am - Mass <i>with Confession to follow after Mass</i> 5:15pm - Confession 6pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	24	Sunday Mass times 7:30, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

The Diocese of Parramatta has communicated revised regulations to clergy, parishes, staff and the general public via a letter and online communication channels. These Diocesan guidelines are also available on the COVID-19 website at: <https://parracatholic.org/covid19/>

WEAR A MASK

Wearing a mask, especially in indoor venues like churches and religious services, is now compulsory.

Masks can also be seen an act of charity towards others and can help stop the spread of viruses and other infectious diseases.



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 favour 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

Jan	5 <i>Barnouti</i>	12 <i>Ring</i>	19 Richards	26 Sebastian	
Feb	2 Tangunan	9 Sebastian	16 Shalini	23 Jacob	
Mar	2 Cano	9 Paguinto	16 Richards	23 Shalini	30 Jacob
Apr	6 Deang	13 Erasmus	20 Sebastian	27 Shalini	
May	4 Manalo	11 Javelosa	18 Sebastian	25 Jacob	
Jun	1 Paguinto	8 Shalini	15 Richards	22 Barnouti	29 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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

⇒ **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all our Parishioners that assisted with the Christmas Hampers. We were able to assist over 48 families and we gave a donation to House of Welcome and a few donations to other charities.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

<u>Chairman</u> Gary Lee	<u>Members</u> Bing Catabas
<u>Dep Chairman</u> Bernadette Virwani	Margaret Harrison
<u>Secretary</u> Julienne Crasto	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.

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.

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

Catholic Outlook Magazine Summer 2020/21 Edition

Catholic Outlook Summer edition is out now and free to all parishioners. Read about our amazing HSC students, the new bells of St Patrick’s Cathedral and how the new Vatican Ambassador who originates from Castle Hill is settling in. Plus what the symbols of Advent really mean. Pick up your free copy from your local Catholic Church, Catholic School or Catholic office today.

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 399 505 or House of Welcome office@houseofwelcome.com.au or [JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au](mailto:JRSamelia.savage@jrs.org.au)

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 Smart Loving 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.

Office For Worship 2021 Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

The Office for Worship’s Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be held again in 2021 in early February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving in the Liturgical Ministries of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar at your parish. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or anne.alimangoban@parracatholic.org.

RCIA: Exploring the Scrutinies Workshop: 10 February

The Office For Worship will be running an RCIA workshop on the Scrutinies for RCIA coordinators and teams early next year on the evening of Wednesday 10 February at the Institute For Mission, Blacktown (IFM). If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.alimangoban@parracatholic.org

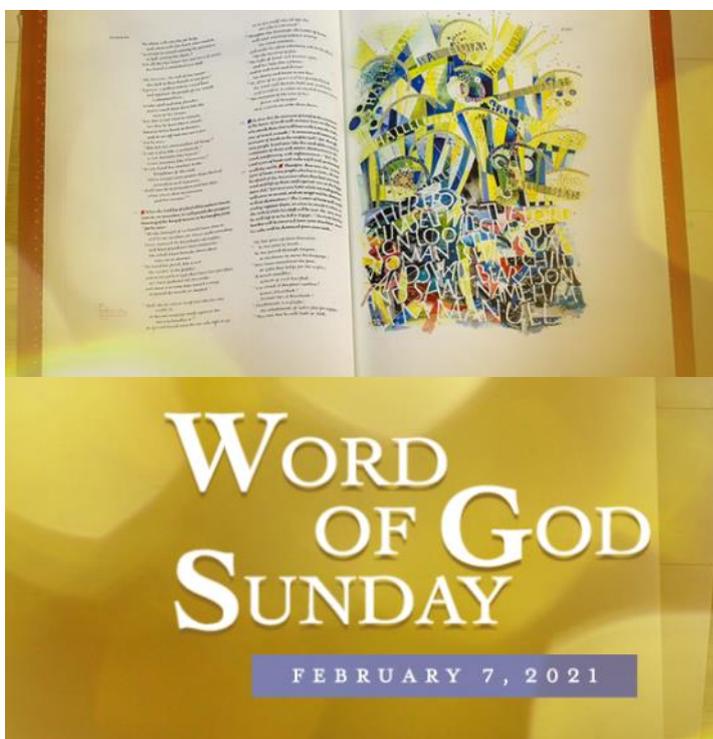
Other

Ignatian Spirituality in a time of Engagement Conference: 25 – 27 January

Jesuit College of Spirituality and Newman College invite you to the ‘Ignatian Spirituality in a time of Engagement’ three-day online conference from 25-27 January. The full conference pass is \$200, with a single day pass at \$75 per day. Registrations are now open, so visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BMYUO>. For enquiries, please contact enquiries@jcs.edu.au or phone (03) 9448 8276.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 21 – 22 February

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 21 – 22 February 2021 at St Joseph’s Baulkham Hills. For further information and to register, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au/



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

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Natasha Surjanto

Taylor Coutinho

Johanna Neve

Johnathan Soosaipillai

Joy Ragaza

Support Leaders

Andrew Gorkic

Rebecca Reynolds

Neville Reynolds

RJ Samonte

Vidya Jolly

Come and join

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

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Welcome to our parish community!

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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.

EILEEN O'CONNOR

THE PATH TO CANONISATION

Eileen O'Connor, known as 'Little Mother' by the members of the congregation she founded, has long been considered by many to be a 'saint-in-waiting'. And now, her holiness and virtue have been recognised by the Holy See and the cause for her canonisation opened by the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

On 17 August 2018, the Archdiocese of Sydney announced:

"Australia is one step closer to getting its next saint with the Vatican advancing the cause for Sydney woman Eileen O'Connor to the title Servant of God."

"The significant announcement comes just months after Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP, began the formal process for the beatification of Eileen when he appointed Rome-based priest, Father Anthony Robbie, in March as postulator – the person who guides the cause for beatification or canonisation through the Church's rigorous processes for recognising a person as a saint."

"Eileen's was a life of immense suffering and judged by today's standards many would have viewed it as lacking in dignity, value or hope," said Archbishop Fisher.

"That she is on her way to possibly being our next saint shows even a short life, marked by incredible suffering, can be an inspiration to all and reminds us of the dignity of every human life."

On 10 October 2019, Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher OP, issued an edict calling on Sydney Catholics to aid the Archdiocese with information for the Cause of Beatification and Canonisation of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor. The Cause was officially opened after a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on 20 February 2020, the 128th anniversary of Eileen's birthday.

The next steps in Eileen O'Connor's path to sainthood are being recognised for having lived a life of heroic virtue (at that stage, she would be called Venerable), and then beatification, which requires a verified miracle (at that stage, she would be called Blessed). The final stage is canonisation, which requires a second miracle attributed to the candidate after beatification.

Born in Melbourne 1892, Eileen suffered from a severe curvature of the spine and was – at best – 115 cm (3'9") tall, although for much of her life she could not stand or walk. It is now known Eileen suffered from transverse myelitis, an inflammation of the spinal cord.

With limited education and no formal theological formation, she embodied a distinctive spirituality marked by an unwavering devotion to Our Lady and her willingness to devote her suffering to Our Lady's work.

Eileen's beautiful spirit inspired many people to seek her guidance and prayers. She listened to them, understood their problems and gave wise advice. There are numerous anecdotal and documented accounts of Eileen's intercession in answering the prayers of the faithful.

Eileen died on 10 January 1921, aged just 28 years. Her body was found to be incorrupt when it was exhumed from Randwick Cemetery for reinterment in the chapel at Our Lady's Home, Coogee, 15 years later.

Eileen's legacy – the mission of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor over the past 100 years – ranks among the great and enduring social works of Caroline Chisholm and Saint Mary MacKillop.

In 2017, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney, approved the following two prayers for the beatification of Eileen O'Connor:

Great and Merciful God, through the maternal love of the Blessed Virgin Mary, you inspired your servant Eileen O'Connor, to care for the sick and dying poor and to serve your Church through spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Listen graciously to our prayers, and grant that Eileen may be raised to the glory of your altar. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Holy and loving God, we give you thanks for your faithful servant Eileen O'Connor. By your grace she united her sufferings to Christ and her prayers to Mary. With great patience she inspired and called other women to be devoted to the care of the sick and dying poor, both in body and in spirit. We humbly ask that the Little Mother, Eileen, who by her ceaseless prayer and suffering inspired others to live the Gospel, may be lifted up and counted among your saints in heaven. Graciously hear our prayers through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



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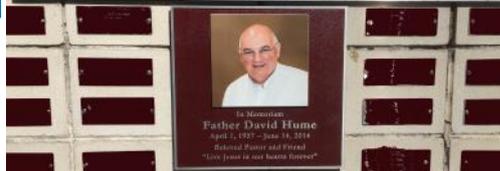
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Wall of Remembrance



MEMORIAL WALL

The wall in front of the church is devoted to the memory of our deceased family and friends, especially if they are buried overseas.

For any enquiries please email

columbarium@john23rd.org.au

The plaques cost \$350.00.



SJ23rd COLUMBARIUM

We have opened this up to parishioners from other parishes; so there is an opportunity for them to have their ashes placed in church grounds, beside a church where family and friends may conveniently visit after mass.

2020 Price incl GST

1st niche \$2750

2nd niche \$2200

3rd & 4th niche \$1980

5th & subsequent niches - \$1650

Prices are subject to change.

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PRAISE AND WORSHIP

3rd Saturdays at 7:30pm

SJ23rd Prayer Group

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St Vincent de Paul Society

Meets 2nd and 4th
Thursday at 7:00pm

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