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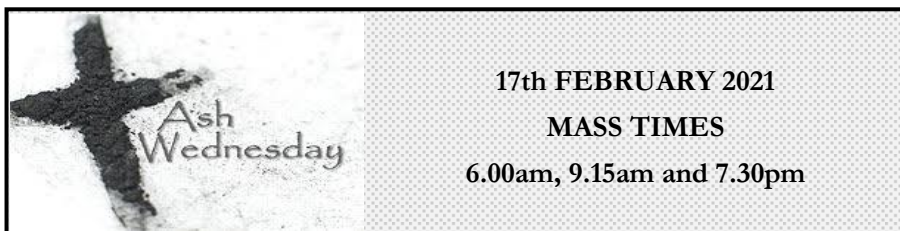
**Fifth Sunday of
ordinary time
7 February 2020**

Reflection on Readings

For those who have experienced depression it is easy to identify with Job's reflection in today's first reading (Job 7:1-4,6-7). If not depression, then at least boredom in a vapid life, like children in a hot classroom yearning to be free and wondering why clock's minutes take so long to change. But Job is not young. Rather, his life has been upended, through no fault of his, and he wonders what the point of it all was. He is experiencing dejection and despair, wondering if he has lived thus far in delusion. The psalm responds with the consoling "Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted".

A curiosity of the four Gospels, and the New Testament writings in general, is the scant attention given to the wives of the apostles. We presume, based on cultural studies, that most if not all of them were probably married, but there is little evidence of this for any of them. Today's gospel passage (Mark 1:29-39) definitely indicates that Simon Peter had a wife, but this deduced from the reference to Peter's having a mother-in-law. But leaving that detail aside we find that it, and the preceding liberation of the man with the unclean spirit, instigates a procession of people bringing the sick and the possessed for healing—so many that the whole town crowds around the door. Capernaum was not a huge town, and the story makes it sound as if disease and possession were rampant. Could it be true that the population of this town, or of ancient towns in general, experienced more disease and spiritual harassment than normally might be expected? Both states were understood to be signs of the oppression of sin in the world, so it actually indicates the effectiveness and truth of the mission of Jesus; it is one of remission and redemption. The telling of it, however, also stresses that a consequence of the signs worked by Jesus, those demonstrations of the authenticity of his redeeming message, is that they so take people's attention that they start to crowd out his proclaiming the Good News. He is almost overwhelmed by his own success. Seeking temporary solitude and space to pray he left the house before dawn, and when the searching disciples find him he tells them they will depart so as to visit the neighbouring towns to preach there too—that is, after all, his purpose and mission.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



We welcome Deacon Andrew John Rooney who will be preparing himself to embrace the ministry of priesthood in the near future in the Diocese of Parramatta. We hope his ministry will be a nourishing and great learning experience and in turn a beautiful experience for our Parish and our school community. We also welcome David Dowling who is on a preparing to be permanent Deacon. Hopefully we can assist in his journey and likewise benefit from his great experience in the corporate world.

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

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

*live streamed on YouTube

Weekday Mass Times

Mon 8.30am
Tues-Fri 9.15am
Sat 9.00am

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

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Job

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving; to him our praise is due. **R.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. he fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

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

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils. The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.



Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Deceased:

Anthony Miranda, Angela D'Silva,
Consuelo Mangona

Anniversary:

Sheila Siqueira, Philomina Pachala

Sick: Names published with permission.

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

Thanksgiving:

Vuksinic Family, Ignatius & Fatima Pachala

COVID-19 NOTICES



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

NSW Health COVID site

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/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 sanitisers can be found as you enter. Or you can scan the QR Code 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%20XXIII%20Glenwood-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.

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>



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

February

Mon	8	8:30am - Mass
Tues	9	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	10	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	11	<i>Saint Scholastica (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	12	9:15am - Mass
Sat	13	9am - Mass in Church <i>with Confession to follow after Mass</i> 5:15pm - Confession 6pm - Vigil Mass in
Sun	14	Sunday Mass times 7:30, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm in

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

	2	9	16	23	
Feb	Tanganan	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
Jul	6	13	20	27	
	Tanganan	Ring	Deang	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 need more bodies to help out, urgently. The commitment would be a few hours each month.

For more information contact maintenance@john23rd.org.au



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP



Monday nights – 7.30pm - By Zoom

Our Christian Meditation Group is being held by Zoom. We used to meet at St. John 23rd Church Conference Room, but since the Covid crises we have been meeting online.

Our group is a part of the World Community of Christian Meditation and World Community of Christian Meditation Australia. We teach Christian Meditation as recovered by Fr. John Main, Benedictine Monk, in the 1980s and now there are groups in all over the world. It is an ecumenical group and all are welcome to join.

If you are interested or have any questions, please call Frances on 0417606715 and I will be happy to talk to you and send you the Zoom link.

Positions Vacant:

Parish Secretary – St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains and Sacred Heart Parish, Blackheath – Applications close 12 February 2021. More details at parracatholic.org/employment

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

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 JRSamelia.savage@jrs.org.au

Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

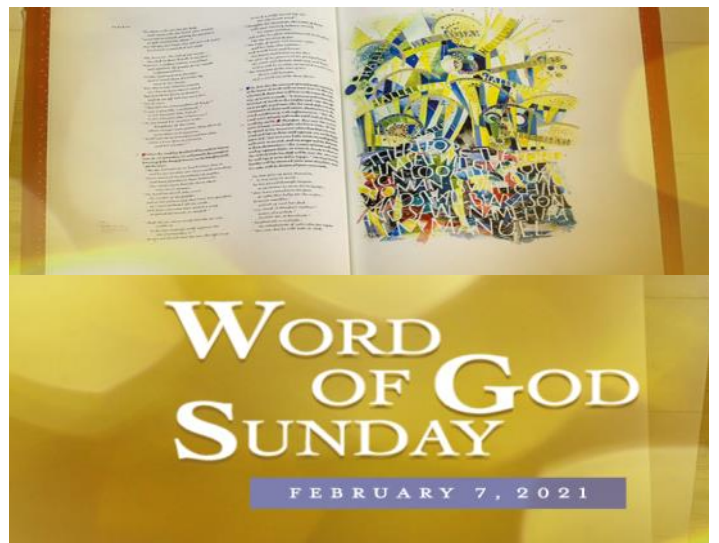
Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office’s in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2021 are now available, with the Smart Loving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or 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.alimangohan@parracatholic.org.

Office for Worship 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.alimangohan@parracatholic.org



Other

Rachel’s Vineyard post-abortion ministry workshop: 13 February

Rachel’s Vineyard, Sydney, invites those involved in post-abortion healing ministry to a half-day workshop with Marist Priest Thomas Ryan SM on Saturday 13 February from 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Good Samaritan Centre, Glebe. The workshop is free, with morning tea provided, but is for limited numbers, so to RSVP, contact info@rachelsvineyard.org.au or 0400 092555. Further information available at www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 21 – 22 February 2021

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

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

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

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

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Holy Cross Primary

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160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

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Techie Sarlabus

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We welcome your comments and
constructive suggestions.

If you or a family member is homebound and would want to receive
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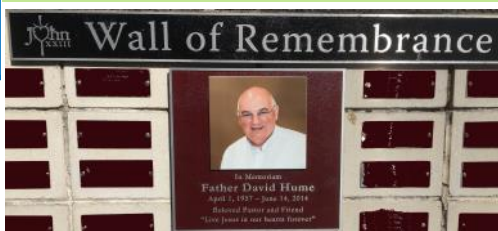
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part of the

Cake Angels

contact Madeline Huang
cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com



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
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The plaques cost \$350.00.

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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.

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1st niche \$2750

2nd niche \$2200

3rd & 4th niche \$1980

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Prices are subject to change.

Plaque cost \$350

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PRAISE AND WORSHIP

3rd Saturdays at 7:30pm

SJ23rd Prayer Group



St Vincent de Paul Society

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

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