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**Palm Sunday  
28 March 2021**

### Reflection of the Gospel

For the opening procession's commemoration of Jesus' entering Jerusalem there is a choice between the accounts of Mark and John. There are distinct differences between John and the Synoptic Gospels, in which Jesus rides a colt (Matthew having a donkey too!), and people sing variant forms of Psalm 118(117):25-26 and spread garments on the road, Matthew and Mark adding leafy branches. Matthew's prophetic citation is in fact a merging of Isaiah 62:11 and Zechariah 9:9. In John nothing is put on the road, but the people do sing another form of Psalm 118(117):25-26 and carry palms (as do the multitude from all nations greeting the Lamb in Rev 7:9), and only after this does Jesus himself find and sit on a young donkey which John links to a variant form of Zechariah 9:9. Thus John is the only one to mention palms, so it is his account that gave rise to the name of Palm Sunday. His version also has much in common with later descriptions of the rituals of the harvest festival, Sukkot (Tabernacles). John 7:2 has the New Testament's only explicit mention of that feast, when Jesus went up to Jerusalem in secret while the people, hoping he would come, kept watch for him. At the current feast, Passover, they again watch for him, and when they hear that he is coming they go out to greet him. Thus John threads the two feasts together via the people's watchfulness and the way they greet him five days before Passover with the ritual procession from the prior harvest festival. Since John's text for today's entrance immediately precedes last Sunday's gospel, we appear to have another link to its reference to the rich harvest consequent on the death of the single grain of wheat.

The theme of obedient submission even in the face of unjust treatment is picked up in the first reading (Isa 50:4-7), part of the Third Servant Song which provides the images all the evangelists employ to depict the mistreatment endured before the crucifixion. The responsorial psalm provides the source for the cry "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me" which Jesus uttered from the Cross. Although that sounds like a cry of despair, the psalm ends in hope and praise of God who reigns. Missing from our abbreviated form is the following reference to people of all nations bowing to God. That thought is reflected instead in the second reading (Philippians 2:6-11; see also the reflections for the feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross and the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A) in the hymn that praises the reciprocal self-abasement of Jesus in his incarnate humility even unto death on the Cross, and of all beings bending the knee to his name.

Today's Passion narrative begins with Jesus at table in Bethany when an unnamed woman poured costly perfume on his head, an act he interprets as preparatory to burial. Matthew reports this too, but John tells a significantly different version, while Luke has yet another variant taking place much earlier and linked to the burial only by the names of the other attending women who will be present at the crucifixion. Mark's is the only account read at this time, being sufficiently brief a version to be accommodated in the Passion. For this reason it is advisable that, when possible, today's shorter alternative should not be used; this element then finds its parallel on Holy Saturday night when we read of the women taking perfumes to the tomb, belatedly to anoint his body for burial, only to find they are too late in a way they could not imagine.

*Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Palm Sunday - Year B*

### A BIG THANK YOU

I would like to thank all our people for their best wishes, good will and generosity, as I celebrated my 75th birthday this last week. The celebration affirmed me and encouraged me and I am very grateful. Again big thank you to everyone.

*Fr Zvonimir*

<b>T R I D U M</b>	<b>Holy Thursday - 1 April</b>	7.30pm	Mass (School Hub)
	<b>Good Friday - 2 April</b>	10am	Stations of the Cross (St Marks School grounds)
		3pm	Veneration of the Cross (Hub)
	<b>Easter Vigil -3 April</b>	7.30pm	Vigil Mass (Church)
	<b>Easter Sunday - 4 April</b>	7:30pm, 9am, 10:30am 6pm (Church)	(School Hub)



### Sunday Mass Times

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

### 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."



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

### Entrance Antiphon

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

### First Reading

*Isaiah 50:4-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 21 (22):8-9, 17-20, 23-24*

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?.**

All who see me deride me, They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons. **R.**

### Second Reading

*Philippians 2:6-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Christ humbled himself but God raised him high*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are; he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Philippians 2:8-9*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Gospel

*Mark 15:1-39 (short)*

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priest, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case', he said 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews? They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### Communion Antiphon

Father, if the chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



## Special intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Julius Tirol, Rey Aparicio, Zonubia Aparicio, Nigel Reynolds, Bishop Bruce Wilson, Trevor Drummond, Jose 'Dacu' Totengco Jr

### Deceased:

Els Lodewijk

### Anniversary:

Lolita Tirol, Basil Cherry, Pius Miranda

### Sick: Names published with permission.

Thelma Duncan, Iyrika D'Cruz, Pat Doyle, Colleen McCunnie, Benjamin Munson Jr, Florentina Elisura, Lino Matteazzi, Kalayani, Rebecca Shields, Maria Romeo, Kristy Arceo, Nathan Parker, Kim Anika, Perla Magculang, Karam Matte, Karam Sarsam, Hazel Masher, Zenira D'Souza, Dung Phan, Gloria Buosi, Praba Daniel, Bernie Presto, Steve Esteban, Anshu Mala Nand, Gustavo Montenegro, Elizabeth Candame, Christina Properzi, Raymond Lanzona, Elizabeth Newnes, Geoffrey Robinson, Nathan Braganza, Deidre Thomson, Arlene Caraballo, Isagani Ocampo, Sophie De Leon, Greg Marcellana, Rochelle Lopez, Elmo Joachim, Thelma Duncan, Virginia Santos, Marvi Antonino

### Thanksgiving:

Gerta Ganthan

## 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.

**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 further COVID legislation changes.

With the easing of restrictions, we are not doing live streaming of our Sunday 10:30am mass. We encourage parishioners to physically attend mass. If someone still wants to follow masses online you can watch the livestream mass at the Parramatta Cathedral.

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.

Entrance and exit is via the front door.

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

If you have not arrived in time for your allocated booking, your spot will be given to those waiting/wanting to attend mass.



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

### March

Mon 29 8:30am - Mass

Tues 30 9:15am - Mass  
6:30pm - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation  
7:00pm - Novena Prayers Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wed 31 9:15am - Mass

### April

Thurs 1 Maundy Thursday  
7:30pm - Mass (Hub)

Fri 2 Good Friday  
10am - Stations of the Cross (St Marks School Grounds)  
3pm - Veneration of the Cross (St Marks Hub)

Sat 3 Holy Saturday  
7:30pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Sun 4 Easter Sunday  
7:30, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

## 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>

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/>

### WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Up to 300 people can attend weddings and funerals, provided the 2 square metre rule is adhered to

### CHOIR AND CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Number of performers singing indoors increased to 30 (currently 5) **subject to** physical distancing requirements

Singing by congregants allowed in places of worship if masks are worn and subject to one person per 4sqm (currently no congregant singing allowed, with one per 2sqm permitted in places of worship)

### WEAR A MASK

Wearing a mask, especially in indoor venues like churches and religious services, is not compulsory, but we highly recommend you wear one.

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

### PASCHAL CELEBRATION

On Maundy Thursday, the washing of the feet is optional. Precautions should be taken like using fresh towels between each person.

The veneration of the cross on Good Friday can be done by bowing to the cross. Only the priest is to kiss the cross. For now, parishioners are not able to touch the cross.





## 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](mailto:bart.sarlabus@gmail.com) or Melva Paguinto [emcipi85@yahoo.com.au](mailto:emcipi85@yahoo.com.au)

**Novena prayers 7pm every Tuesday except every First Tuesday it's a Novena mass 7:30pm**

### Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

	2	9	16	23	30
Mar	Cano	Paguinto	Richards	Shalini	Jacob
Apr	Deang	Erasmus	Sebastian	Shalini	
May	Manalo	Javelosa	Sebastian	Jacob	
Jun	Paguinto	Shalini	Richards	Barnouti	Jacob
Jul	Tanganan	Ring	Deang	Jacob	
Aug	Ring	Lozada	Sebastian	Gan	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.

### ⇒ 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)

### ⇒ 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.

### ⇒ WEEKEND WARRIORS

The church pews are undergoing refurbishment. We are looking for volunteers to help carry some pews down to the basement where they are being repaired. If you can assist, please let Fr Jolly know or call the parish office.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Chairman  
Gary Lee

Dep Chairman  
Bernadette Virwani

Secretary  
Julienne Crasto

Members  
Bing Catabas  
Chris Drummond  
Margaret Harrison  
Nanette Gamboa

**Parking Reminder**

Please make sure when you come to Mass, let us consider our neighbours. Do not block the neighbours' driveway.

### Paying our debt together

**FIRST COLLECTION** - for the support of the priests and deacons of the Diocese.

**SECOND COLLECTION** - 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.

**Planned Giving Program as part of the second collection**

A Planned giving Program is in place to help us with the planning/budgeting for the church expenses. To register 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 instead of the envelope system.

**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.**

*This time of Lent join us for the  
Stations of the Cross*



7pm every  
Friday  
followed by  
mass

#### CANDLES FOR SALE

We are selling candles for the Easter Vigil Celebration. These will be on sale at the church foyer. Or you can make reservations via email to [techiearlabus@gmail.com](mailto:techiearlabus@gmail.com). Cost \$5 ea.



#### FATHER ZVONIMIR HAS ONE BOOK LEFT 'IN SEARCH OF CARDINAL STEPINAC'

written by Father Zvonimir

Cost is \$20

If you are interested please call Parish Office on  
8883 5981

#### SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

6:30pm

30th March 2021

"DO NOT BE AFRAID  
OF CONFESSION!"  
-POPE FRANCIS



# RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This year, our Parish is blessed to have four catechumens who are in their final weeks of preparation to receive the Sacraments.

We welcome our catechumens, **Michael Cheong, Sue Lee, Jody Lee Leukes and Stephanie Luck**, into the Catholic faith.

As a parish community, let us continue to pray for each of our catechumens.



**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL**  
**Bishop of Parramatta**

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My dear brothers and sisters,

As we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery and the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I write to update you on the situation regarding COVID restrictions affecting our parishes and faith communities during Holy Week.

As we are a community of faith, and despite the restrictions on attending Mass, I encourage you, where possible, to attend your local Mass and as much as possible, celebrate the Easter season.

With sensible precautions that are increasingly being scaled back, we can once again come together as a faith community. Fortunately for the people of New South Wales, we can practice our faith with greater freedom than most of the country and indeed the world. This has been due to taking sensible and responsible steps to mitigate the risks associated with COVID.

As the Government restrictions change, the Diocese of Parramatta will endeavour to notify you of these changes and how they affect your faith communities. We continue working with NSW Health and government agencies to best manage the affects of COVID on our communities.

My 20 March 2020 decree (in accordance with Canons 85 and 87) that Catholics are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligations (Canon 1247) will remain in place. I will await the advice of health experts before rescinding this decree.

Masses and religious gatherings will, for now and until we receive updated advice from health authorities, remain capped only by the 2 square metre rule. Parishes need the COVID-19 Safety Plan in place to manage all Masses and parish events. Parishes may also be subject to spot audits by public health officials to ensure compliance with the COVID-19 Safety Plan.

Restrictions on singing during Masses have eased slightly. Singing remains a critical part of our liturgical celebrations. Congregational singing can occur and is indeed encouraged. Where possible, liturgies should feature singing and a musical component.

Outdoor Masses are still subject to the 2 square metre rule. Congregational singing can be held indoors, if the Parish chooses, and is instead subject to the 4 square metre rather than 2 square metre rule. Masks will be mandatory in this instance. Up to 30 singers/performers will be permitted to sing indoors. The instructions received are that the choir should be facing forward, 1.5 metres apart and located at least 5 metres from the congregation. There is currently no maximum cap for outdoor singing by the choir. However, the same distancing rules apply to outdoor singing as indoor singing.

Parish events, like morning teas, can be held. The same restrictions apply, and buffet food distribution should be avoided. Masks and gloves are mandatory for those preparing food.

Though the annual Catholic Youth Parramatta Palm Sunday procession in Parramatta has been cancelled, Palm Sunday should be celebrated in your local parishes.

On Maundy Thursday, the washing of the feet is optional. You may decide to halve the number of people. Precautions should be taken like using fresh towels between each person.

The veneration of the cross on Good Friday can be done by bowing to the cross. Only the priest is to kiss the cross. For now, parishioners are not able to touch the cross.

Some parishes and chaplaincies have also requested permission to duplicate some of the Holy Week ceremonies to accommodate greater attendance. It is my view that such a decision be taken at the local level, but it might also be necessary to implement some booking system to balance out numbers.

In the event that restrictions are eased on faith communities before Holy Week you will be advised accordingly from the Chancery.

I thank you for your love and commitment to each other and our Church. May you all have a holy and blessed Easter.

Yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv  
Bishop of Parramatta

*Given at Parramatta on 21 March 2021*  
*Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



## 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/> 👍



# Come and Join !

## 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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### 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

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**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



## PARISH OFFICE

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