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Sunday of Resurrection 4 April 2021

Reflection of the Gospel

As with Good Friday, this morning's liturgy has fixed readings each year, but an alternative second reading is available. Peter's speech in the first reading (*Acts 10:34,37-43*) describes the Church's foundation in the witness of the apostles and others to the resurrection of Christ crucified, and its mission to proclaim forgiveness of sins through him. This expression "forgiveness of sin", proclaimed in the institution narrative at Mass, should not be too greatly restricted to a purely spiritual meaning since its Aramaic form also translates as "remission of debt/penalty". As the mystery of the Incarnation itself indicates, there is a worldly engagement in this mission that is not restricted to the purely spiritual realm of sin—as if that does not have some effect in the world. The Exodus story, so crucial to Jewish and Christian interpretations of the Passover, should remind us that salvation history includes freedom from worldly ills, just as the people were rescued from worldly oppression and slavery in Egypt. There is no clear division that permits the relegation of the Church's activity to the purely private arena of the heart and mind and soul; there is no clear division between the secular and the sacred. Rather, as with the Incarnation, the one is manifested in the other, the one is touched through the other. Paul appears to contradict this, but that is a misreading. Both options for the second reading have been misused by people, each ripped from context and at times enshrined as if they were absolute rules. Whether the Eucharist is celebrated with leavened or unleavened bread, we are to be on guard for the contamination of sins that affects life in this world, here and now. And the thoughts of heavenly things must guide what we do now, that God's will be done on earth as in heaven.

The four gospels differ in their lists of who went to the tomb on the Sunday morning, but in varying ways all include Mary of Magdala – an enigmatic character who appears in the gospels only at the crucifixion and the empty tomb, except by Luke who names her among the women who provided for Jesus and his disciples during the Galilee ministry (*Luke 8:2-3*). Luke also added that seven demons had gone out of her, and conflation of that with other episodes and the later confusion of the gospels' many Marys led Western imaginations to recast her as a prostitute or woman of ill-repute – which cannot be sustained by the gospels themselves.

Today's gospel (John 20:1-9) is John's version of the first events on the Sunday morning in which Mary of Magdala is first to learn that the body of Jesus has gone, but John at first omits any detail of her seeing the empty space; it is merely implied in her report "*They have taken the Lord out of the tomb.*" John also omits direct reference to others being present, but they may be implied in her saying "*we do not know where they have put him.*" This allows John to emphasise Mary via a repetition typical of his peculiar style, so in the next section, 20:11-18 (*which is read on Tuesday morning*), she does look into the tomb and she sees the place where the body had been, but, with no reference to the binding cloths we are told she sees two angels. The already cited parts of her report are then repeated, with *the Lord* becoming *my Lord* and *we* becoming *I*. Then on encountering Jesus incognito, when she sees him yet sees him not, these repeat again, *they* becoming both *you* in "*where you have put him*" and *I* in "*I will take him*". Recognition comes to her only when he calls her by name; although she had seen the tomb empty she did not yet believe, but she believes now because she heard him whom she then saw. This progress in John slowly intensifies the encounter, making it more truly personal. It ends with Mary being the first to announce the resurrection when what she says to the disciples changes from "*They have taken him...we know not where they put him*" to "*I have seen the Lord.*" This Mary is addressed today in the peculiar hymn called a Sequence that is sung before the gospel. In it she testifies that she has seen the risen Lord, leading to our response that we too know "*Christ is truly risen from the dead.*"

In the meantime, that is, between the two reports about Mary of Magdala, Peter is first to enter the tomb to verify it is empty, and he sees the abandoned cloths, but he is closely accompanied by the Beloved Disciple who observes that someone had taken the trouble to roll up the headcover by itself; he saw and believed—or perhaps that should be reinterpreted: he did *not* see, that is, he saw the body of Jesus was *not* there, and he believed. Thus John (and also Luke) show us Mary of Magdala and Peter at that initial moment of incomprehension between seeing and understanding, when the mind cannot reconcile the contradictions between what it sees and what it already knows. Mary is led to knowledge, but Peter's status is left unclear. Between them is the Beloved Disciple who simply sees and believes; in him the threads of seeing and believing that run through the gospel are drawn together. His disposition finds a counterpoint later in the day (read next Sunday) in Thomas who in not seeing does not believe, and only on seeing the risen body does he believe, whence Jesus says "*Since you have seen me you have believed; blessed are they who saw not and believed.*" The whole story is charged with that almost playful use of repetitions and reversals typical of John: first, disciples enter the tomb with its door already opened, and beholding its emptiness believe; then, Jesus enters the room with its door still closed, and beholding his presence the disciples believe.

John gives a nuanced range of reactions among the disciples, including Mary of Magdala, who do not attain the same faith response to the resurrection, yet each does come to believe and all are witnesses to the resurrection. Peter's speech in the first reading (*Acts 10:34,37-43*) describes the Church's foundation in these witnesses and its mission to proclaim Christ to others that they too may come to believe in him and "have their sins forgiven through his name."

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

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

Sacraments

1st Sat 9am Mass for the Sick
Sun 12pm Baptism *by appointment*

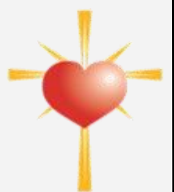
Devotions & Prayers

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

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.' The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.



Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Sister Mary Joseph, Mayborne Scolt

Deceased:

Bob Hince

Anniversary:

Luz Gecain

Sick: Names published with permission.

Thelma Duncan, Iyrika D'Cruz, Pat Doyle, Colleen McCunnie, Benjamin Munson Jr, Florentina Elsisura, Lino Matteazzi, Kalayani, Rebecca Shields, Maria Romeo, Kristy Arceo, Nathan Parker, Kim Anika, Perla Magculang, Karam Matte, Karam Sarsam, Hazel Masher, Elmo Joachim, Jun Bacolod, Marvi Antonino, 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, Thelma Duncan, Greg Marcellana, Virginia Santos

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.

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.

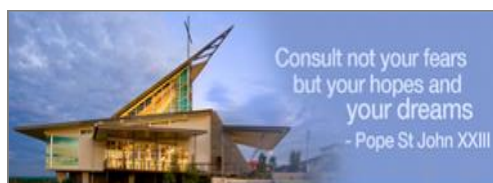
If you are unable to attend your booked mass time, please ensure to cancel your booking to give a chance for others to attend the mass.

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

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.

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/>

Effective from 27 March 2021

There will be no restrictions on choirs and congregational singing in places of worship. This is subject to one person per 2 square metres. This means singing will be allowed for Palm Sunday.

Effective from 29 March 2021

Limits at places of worship will only be subject to the 2 square metre rule. Religious venues will be allowed at least 25 people before the 2 square metre rule applies.

There will be no caps on the number of people allowed to attend weddings and funerals. The 2 square metre rule will still apply at these events.

Outdoor Areas

Parishes might also consider using outdoor areas for Easter week, weather permitting. Outdoor spaces are subject to the 2 square metre rule.

COVID-19 Safety Plan

COVID-19 Safety Plans are still needed at all religious venues and apply to each building. Police and other compliance officials (NSW Health Officers) will be monitoring religious venues over the coming weeks. As a gentle reminder, Parishes will need to comply with the COVID-19 Safety Plans. Parishes in breaches of these regulations could be subject to fines of up to \$5,000 per parish and \$1,000 per individual for not complying.

Face masks

Wearing of face masks at places of worship continues to be strongly recommended, especially indoors and when social distancing is not possible.

Church Calendar

April

Mon	5	8:30am - Mass
Tues	6	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	7	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	8	9:15am - Mass
Fri	9	9:15am - Mass
Sat	10	9am - Mass Confession to follow 5:15pm - Confession 6pm - Vigil Mass in
Sun	11	7:30, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

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

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

	6	13	20	27	
Apr	Deang	Erasmo	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	
Aug	3	10	17	24	31
	Ring	Lozada	Sebastian	Gan	Jacob
Sep	7	14	21	28	
	Manalo	Tanganan	Erasmo	Javelosa	

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.

⇒ 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

⇒ 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 Renuka0414 795814. Training and resources will be provided.

⇒ WEEKDAY 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.



Parking Reminder

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL	
Chairman Gary Lee	Members Bing Catabas
Dep Chairman Bernadette Virwani	Chris Drummond
Secretary Julienne Crasto	Margaret Harrison
	Nanette Gamboa

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 the website.

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.

Happy Easter!

New life here
in our midst,
Alleluia!

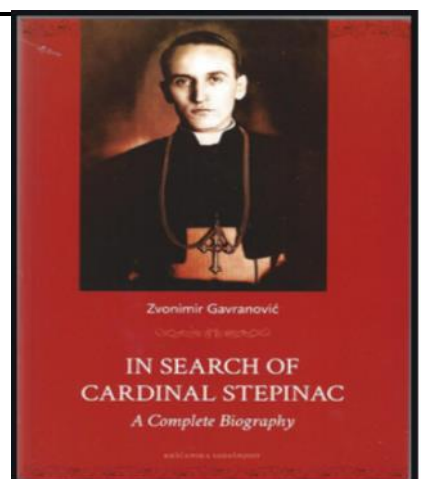
'IN SEARCH OF CARDINAL STEPINAC'

written by Father Zvonimir

FATHER ZVONIMIR HAS ONE BOOK LEFT

Cost is \$20

If you are interested
please call Parish Office on 8883 5981



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. It is currently highly recommended that masks be worn 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

'The Well' offers new refreshment in 2021

The Well' is back in 2021. The team are hoping to drip-feed new and relatable content every 72 hours that supports your ministry with family, friends, students, colleagues and strangers. A range of new resources for Holy Week and Easter will be uploaded this week, including a full re-enactment of the Passion of the Lord. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

Office for Worship Resources available

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child's baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

St Bernadette's Lalor Park Wednesday Evening Devotions

St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette every Wednesday evening at 7pm, followed by Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9672 4037 or admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.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 House of Welcome on office@houseofwelcome.com.au or (02) 9727 9290 or JRS on foodbank@jrs.org.au or (02) 9098 9336.

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.

Join the bellringers of St Patrick's Cathedral

The Peal of Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral have been officially installed. Bell ringing commences 10.30am Sundays ahead of the Solemn Mass. If you would like to enquire about learning to ring the bells, please contact Fr Christopher Del Rosario on Christopher.DelRosario@parracatholic.org. For further information, please visit <https://stpatrcathedral.com.au/bellsfstpatrick/>

Vale Fr Michael "Mick" O'Callaghan

A Mass of Christian Burial for Fr Michael "Mick" O'Callaghan was celebrated at the Parish of Baulkham Hills (St Michael's Church) on Wednesday 17 March. Born on 22 April 1942 and ordained to the priesthood on 27 August 1976, Fr Mick was a priest for 45 years. He died on 5 March 2021, aged 78. Read more at: shorturl.at/flyzU

Catholic Outlook Lent/Easter edition out now!

Catholic Outlook Easter edition is out now and free to all parishioners. We feature a range of articles on developing faith in the family as well as the highlights of Holy Week. Pick up your free copy from your local Catholic Church, Catholic School or Catholic office today.

Pastoral Council Formation and Training

The Pastoral Planning Office are hosting monthly Zoom sessions offering tips, tricks and best practice in a variety of areas for healthy and productive parish, deanery and diocesan pastoral councils. Sessions will be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm to 9pm. If you are on a council or work closely with our councils, claim this date. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/serving-christs-mission> or contact Lisa for more information on 0448 652 720 or lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

Young Adult Faith Formation: 11 April

Young Adult faith formation sessions continue on Sunday 11 April at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury, at 7pm. Christian Stephens will speak and lead discussion on the topic of Jesus: Liar, Lunatic or Lord? We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

Dr Laurie Woods Gospel Study Series

CCD is pleased to offer a Study of the Gospel of St John with Dr Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays – 23 and 30 April and 7, 14 and 21 May. These sessions, held from 9.30am to 2pm, will open our eyes to the depth of this Gospel and its application to everyday life, and are open to all. Please register with Maree at maree.collis@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3486.

Other Notices

Positions Vacant:

- Deputy Principal – Xavier Catholic College, Wurruminyanga, Northern Territory –

Applications close 4pm 5 April 2021

- Education Officer: Religious Education (Primary) – Teaching and Learning – Catholic Education Northern Territory, Darwin –

Applications close 4pm 5 April 2021

- Applications Data and Reporting Coordinator – Catholic Education Northern Territory, Darwin

Applications close 4pm 6 April 2021

Parish Notices

"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 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

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au

John XXIII & St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

✉ stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au

Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

✉ celstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au

www.celstanhope.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



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Techie Sarlabus

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance.

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

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