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**Third Sunday of Lent
7 March 2021**

Reflection of the Gospel

Mountains, though not specified, are again the locus for today's first reading (Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3,7-8,12-17) and gospel (John 2:13-25). This Exodus passage is the source of the classic list of commandments misnamed "the Ten" (the Decalogue); they are more than ten, they are never referred to in Scripture as the Ten, and the two stone tablets are first mentioned only at the end of the whole encounter (Ex 31:18) and all the commandments from the many chapters of the confusing account seem to be written on the both sides of the two tablets. The description is very much like other examples of steles containing laws found in the ancient Middle-East. It provides a good example of how readily people, including literate clerics, muddle related texts. The commandments of today's reading, the so-called priestly Decalogue, function as a prelude to the whole body of commandments given over several chapters; the variant form in Deuteronomy 5 is referred to as the Deuteronomic Decalogue. Soon after receiving them, Moses, enraged by the people's worshipping the molten calf, breaks the stone tablets (Ex 32:19). New tablets are prepared in Ex 34:1, and ten commandments given in 34:14-26 are said to be inscribed on them; these are called the Decalogue in Ex 34:28 and do not conform to the classic formulation since they are largely liturgical, including commands to observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Sabbath, Pentecost, and Tabernacles, but ending "You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk." These Ten Commandments are the ones placed in the Ark of the Covenant. This confusion of identification and appellation has often led various to torturing the set in today's pericope to make them conform to the misappropriated number. However confused the history is, the summary is handy, even though it has resulted in Catholics and Protestants having variant forms.

The setting for the Exodus episode is the mountain theophany to which Moses and the Israelites were invited, each to attend in their proper place, but the experience so startled the people that they immediately remove themselves some distance and tell Moses not to let God speak directly to them (v.18-19); they preferred the safety of distance and a go-between. It is not clear why this pericope was chosen for this Sunday, but we may guess it was considered helpful in Lent to remind us of the commandments. It has no obvious link to the gospel reading, except that both have mountain settings. This results in an apparent breach of the usual pattern of associating first and gospel readings.

John's account of the cleansing of the Temple (John 2:13-25) has particular relevance to Lenten preparation for the approaching crisis in Jerusalem and the crucifixion. A shorter form, less v.23-25, is read on the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (09 November). Mark's version (11:15-17) might have been considered better for year B, especially given the fact that, unlike Matthew and Luke, its citation from Isaiah 56:7, "My house will be called a house of prayer", includes the concluding phrase "for all nations", which would link back to last Sunday's mention of all nations blessing themselves by Abraham's descendants. However, John's version topically specifies that the incident took place shortly before the feast of Passover, and his extension with the discussion about destroying the Temple and rebuilding it in three days is appropriate for our Lenten journey. The addition also diverts attention from the laws that embody the Covenant, to the person of Christ, who manifests and embodies the New Covenant.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 3rd Sunday in Lent - 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
Or upon request

Sacraments

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

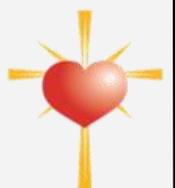
Devotions & Prayers

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."



PALM SUNDAY

Anyone who can bring palms for Palm Sunday, please bring them a week before Palm Sunday to give us time to prepare them for Palm Sunday. Thank you

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%20XXIII%20Glenwood-StanhopeGardensParish>

Entrance Antiphon

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Law was given through Moses.

The Lord spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-11

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb.

R.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

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

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

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

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Fr Michael "Mick" O'Callaghan,
Andrew Young, Ron Mandla

Deceased:

Gabriel Rehaut, Florencio Fernandez Sr

Anniversary:

David Kisorbo, Max Cerdor, Leah Pore,
Clarence Duncan

Sick: Names published with permission.

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

Thanksgiving:

Flerita Llorana, Fontanilla Family

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	8	8:30am - Mass
Tues	9	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena Prayers Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	10	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	11	9:15am - Mass
Fri	12	9:15am - Mass 7pm - Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Sat	13	9am - Mass <i>Confession to follow</i> 2pm - Lenten Retreat (church) 5:15pm - Confession 6pm - Vigil Mass in
Sun	14	Sunday Mass times 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.



Letter from the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee

Dear Parishioners,

We take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continued involvement in the parish. Your great desire for spiritual nourishment and growth is seen in your participation in the Holy Eucharist and the sacramental life of our community. You also express your great love of the parish through your friendship and support to your fellow parishioners. Even in the midst of this hard time you have reached out to others and supported our parish through your personal involvement in the form of time, talents, resources, financial contributions and knowledge. We deeply appreciate what you have done, each of us together form this great community of ours.

We also take this chance to present the financial report of our parish for the financial year ending in June 2020. It is important for you to know how, as a parish, we use our time, resources and knowledge for the good of our community. We have undertaken some cost cutting measures, detailed below, as we are trying to reduce the running expenses of the parish. As good custodians of your homes you are used to looking after your homes. The parish is our spiritual home and we need to look after it. Thus, we encourage you to take a close look at the financial highlights that are presented in the bulletin and if you have any questions, please approach Fr. Jolly or the members of the Finance Committee.

Our plans for the future:

1. Repair and fix the pews, install proper kneelers and replace them, where needed
2. Formation of youth and young families
3. Family ministries and faith formation
4. Community and parish involvement with pastoral care of the elderly, single parents and couples
5. Install solar panels to reduce the cost of electricity bills
6. Revisit the installation of an air-conditioning system for the church building
7. Pay the outstanding arrears of the DDF (Bishop's special appeals) quota accumulated over the past few years
8. Continue the monthly loan repayment on our existing loan for the church building of \$ 3,613,178 to the Diocese
9. Explore the opportunity to build a parish office and meeting room in close proximity to the church
10. Upgrade of our Audio/Visual system with streaming capabilities

All these are the needs of our community and the parish, and, they can only be achieved through your continued involvement and contributions of time, talents and finances. Thus, we request your support to our Parish in whatever way possible.

We currently have approximately 270 families on a planned giving program, which helps us to budget our finances. We are appealing to all parishioners of St John 23rd to contribute to the financial well-being of the church. You can do this by:

- Contributing more into the 2nd collection during your participation in weekly mass
- Registering and signing up to the monthly planned giving program
- Speaking with Fr Jolly if you are interested to contribute to a specific initiative (for example the pews /sound system)

God loves the cheerful giver. Remember the words of Jesus about the poor widow. "I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on."

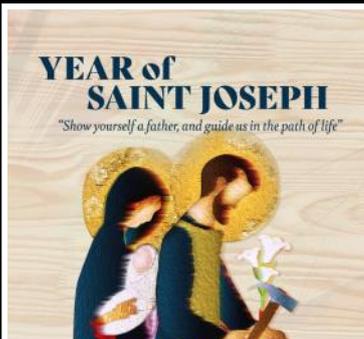
Year of St Joseph Celebration

This year we celebrate as the year of St Joseph, the patron of families and workers.

On **19th March, Friday**, the Feast of St Joseph, we will have the morning mass at 9.15am and an evening mass at 7.30pm.

Our parish community will be entrusted to the patronage of St Joseph, thus in both masses our families in the parish will be consecrated to a special intercession of St Joseph. We encourage you to attend any of the Friday masses with your family and consecrate yourselves to the patronage of St Joseph.

We will have a small gathering after the 7:30pm mass. We invite you to join and please bring a plate to share.



Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

13th & 14th March

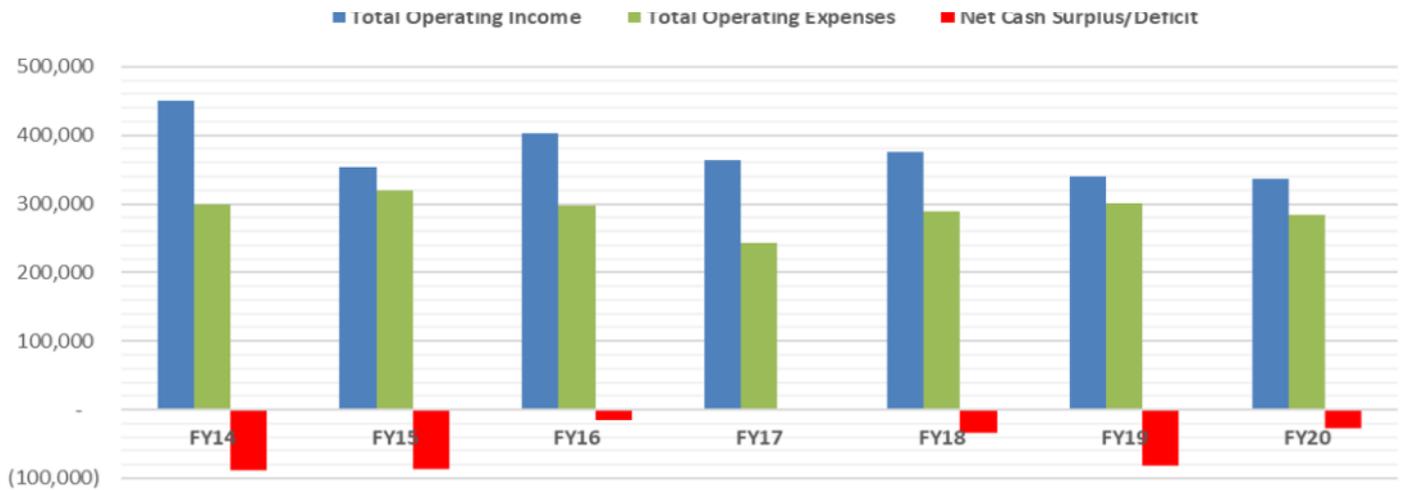
Help Catholic Care chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help Catholic Care chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Thank you for accompanying them on their journey.

Parish Financial Statement

Income & Expenses

	FY 2019	FY 2020	Change	Half year to Dec 20
Income				
Planned giving	189,920	180,838	-5%	77,892
Loose 2nd Collection	111,430	101,034	-9%	54,606
Other	39,031	53,928	38%	7,881
	340,380	335,800	-1%	140,379
Expenditure				
Staff wages & superannuation	91,221	97,732	7%	4,360
Repairs & Maintenance	72,540	39,035	-46%	11,577
Insurance	36,381	28,263	-22%	14,069
Motor vehicle expenses	17,644	19,511	11%	6,077
Diocesan Works Fund - Parish Contribution	16,014	15,961	0%	5,873
Utilities & Telephone	18,710	19,405	4%	13,788
Other	48,939	63,549	30%	12,645
	301,449	283,456	-6%	68,389
Net Operating Surplus/Deficit	38,931	52,344	34%	71,990
Parish Loan Repayments	120,000	80,000	-33%	10,000
Net Op Surp/Def After Debt Servicing	(81,069)	(27,656)	66%	61,990
Parish Loan Balance	3,703,178	3,623,178	-2%	3,613,178
Catholic Foundation Quota Payable	53,687	69,648	30%	56,480

* In Both in FY20 and FY21 the parish was eligible to receive JobKeeper which helped offset our staff costs



The Catholic Parish of St John 23rd

PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

(goes to the second collection for church upkeep)



NAME: _____

Type of giving (*Please circle*) Envelope / Direct debit / Credit card

Monthly contribution amount : _____

Phone: number: _____

Email address: _____

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@yaboo.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					
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	
	Tangunan	Ring	Deang	Jacob	
Aug	3	10	17	24	31
	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 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

Fr Zvon turns 75

To celebrate Fr Zvon's significant milestone, we are going to have a morning tea get together after the **10:30am mass, 21st March, Sunday**.

We invite you to join us and wish Fr Zvon as a parish community.

Please bring a plate to share. For more information, please contact Helen Festejo on 0401 671665.



A reminder to please help us maintain a COVID safe environment by pre-packing the food for sharing.



Parking Reminder

Please make sure when you come to Mass, do not block the neighbours' driveway.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairman

Gary Lee

Dep Chairman

Bernadette Virwani

Secretary

Julienne Crasto

Members

Bing Catabas

Chris Drummond

Margaret Harrison

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.

everyone We encourage to contribute financially as you leave by using the **TapnGo** machines or online via **BPoint**.

We have TapnGo at both the doors.



LENTEN RETREAT

“The Colours of the Cross”

- Why did God make the Cross so central to his Son’s life?
- Why did God make the Cross so central to our lives?
- And how can we carry our crosses as courageously and fruitfully as Jesus carried his?

Those are the questions that this retreat will invite you to reflect on, to meditate on, and to pray about.

Hosted by SJ23rd Faith Formation Team, come and join us **at the church** for this retreat.

13 March 2021, Saturday 2:00 - 5:00pm



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 Lukes and Stephanie Luck, into the Catholic faith.

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



Michael Cheong and Sue Lee (pictured with Melva Paguinto, Bishop Vincent, Fr Jolly and Vincent Gracias-Flor) "Rite of Election" - are candidates presented to the Bishop who signed with the names of the Candidates. They will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil.

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



WASHING OF THE FEET

For the time being and subject to COVID-19 restrictions at the time, St John 23rd Parish Liturgy team would like to invite parishioners to take part as one of the 12 Apostles for the washing of the feet during the Holy Thursday Mass.

There will be a sign up sheet at the foyer of the church for those who are interested to be involved. Please provide your name, email address and mobile number.

We are looking for parishioners from a wide range of ages and ethnicity to best celebrate and highlight our multicultural community.

For more information, please contact Frank on 0459 504625.

EASTER SCHEDULE

30 Mar - Second Rite of Reconciliation 6:30pm

TRIDUUM

- 1 Apr - Holy Thursday** 7pm Mass (School Hub)
- 2 Apr - Good Friday** 10am Stations of the Cross (St Marks School grounds)
3pm Veneration of the Cross (School Hub)
- 3 Apr - Easter Vigil** 7pm Vigil Mass (Church)
- 4 Apr - Easter Sunday** 7:30pm, 9am, 10:30am (School Hub)
6pm (Church)



For more events please go to parracatholic.org/events or <https://catholicoutlook.org/>

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 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

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