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**St John**  
 Catholic Church XXIII

**Twelfth Sunday in  
 Ordinary Time  
 20 June 2021**

In the first reading (Job 38:1,8-11) God speaks to Job from the storm (and cloud, according to the Greek). This is a little odd since no storm had been mentioned beforehand, but it fits with the language of other theophanies. In this context we are then presented with an excerpt from the section recounting the creative power of God; the chosen excerpt concerns the confining of the seas. This is echoed then in the Psalm, where God stills the storm and hushes the waves, and sets the limits of the tide (a possible influence in Britain's legend of King Canute and the tide). It is readily apparent that these texts were chosen for the thematic link to the gospel story of the storm-tossed boat and the stilling of the wind and the sea. Having been primed by this language of theophany, we then appear to have it reinforced in the gospel by our Lectionary's Jerusalem Bible translation that says the disciples "were filled with awe", which is similar to the New Revised Standard Version, which adds "great" to the description of the storm. There is no doubt that Mark does present this account as a theophanic device leading to the rhetorical question, literally, "Who, therefore, is he that both the wind and the sea obey him?" The only scriptural precedent to answer this question is God. We may therefore understand this story to present the Christian claim that Jesus is God.

Since John's Gospel is the most consistently clear in proposing the divine status of Jesus, it is surprising that it does not include this story, versions of which are also found in Matthew (8:23-27) and Luke (8:22-25). However, closer examination of the phrase "they were filled with awe" reveals Mark alone to have an expression that is more literally translated "they were greatly afraid" or "were terrified", and that is taken directly from Jonah 1:10. In fact, Mark 4:36-41 has several direct links with Jonah 1:3-15, in which Jonah flees by boat from God's presence (1:3), who sends so severe a tempest upon the sea that the boat comes near to breaking (v.4). Meanwhile, incredibly in such dire circumstances, Jonah is in the hold, fast asleep (v.5, and snoring, according to the Greek). The sailors each call upon their gods, and Jonah is roused by the captain to do the same so that they might not perish (v.6). Jonah eventually admits his fault and confesses his God to be the maker of the sea and dry land (v.9). Then the men were greatly afraid or terrified, and Jonah offers a solution: he must be thrown overboard. Echoes of this part of Jonah are heard also in another gospel story of the crossing of the sea (Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52 and John 6:16-21), but in each case the other evangelists, and John most thoroughly, carefully strip out the direct links to Jonah that Mark's has. Perhaps the possibility of contamination from the key point in the Jonah passage, that he flees God's presence and refuses to do what he was sent to do, simply makes it too unfavourable for John to use. Nonetheless, Mark sufficiently upends the story to show that while Jesus parallels Jonah, he is most definitely not fleeing God, nor his mission, and furthermore, while the gospel's storm is an entirely natural one, unlike Jonah's divine chastisement, Jesus manifests God's presence and wields the creative power to calm the wind and seas.

Mark's story is a creedal testimony from the nascent Church, but features within it also indicate that its members had grave fears for their wellbeing. Mark assures them that Christ is still present, and the forces of the world do obey him. While we might not expect miraculous intervention in the chaotic events of our lives, this story still has a power to refocus the mind and calm the heart to know that, come what may, Christ is present even in catastrophe.

*Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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 Pegrum*  
 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 the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

### First Reading

*Job 38:1, 8-11*

A reading from the book of Job

*Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.*

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther; here your proud waves shall break.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 106:23-26, 28-31*

**R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**

Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. **R.**

For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. **R.**

Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. **R.**

They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. **R.**

### Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 5:14-17*

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

*All things are made new.*

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

The word of the Lord.

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### Gospel Acclamation

*Luke 7:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Mark 4:35-41*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.*

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Communion Antiphon

I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.



## Special intentions

### Recently Deceased:

John McDonald, Dswyn Fernandes,  
Karl Kovac, Anthony Fletcher

### Deceased:

Augustine Kamal Raj

### Anniversary:

Diane Calabria, Hiram Benatiro,  
Mai & Jocelyn Lacaze

### Sick: Names published with permission.

Fr Kevin Walsh, Rev Fr Jeffrey Fernandes,  
Natividad Reyes, Gavin Forsyth, Pat Doyle,  
Lynette & Alistair Alexander, Oliver Perera,  
Nathan Braganza, Thelma Duncan, Kalayani,  
Dung Phan, Praba Daniel, Rebecca Shields,  
Gustavo Montenegro, Marcelino Matteazzi,  
Bernie Presto, Karam Matte, Karam Sarsam,  
Elmo Joachim, Gloria Buosi, Nathan Parker,  
Colleen McCunnie, Maria Romeo, Jess Calvo  
Kristy Arceo, Perla Magculang, Iyrika D'Cruz  
Hazel Masher, Kim Anika, Arlene Caraballo,  
Benjamin Munson Jr, Epifania Samaniego,  
Elizabeth Candame, Geoffrey Robinson,  
Felicisimo Esteban, Anshu Mala Nand,  
Florentina Elisura, Christina Properzi,  
Lawrence Buttigieg, Elizabeth Newnes,  
Raymond Lanzona, Mavie Dela Cruz,  
Sophie De Leon, Isagani Ocampo,  
Marvi Antonino, Deidre Thomson,  
Greg Marcellana, Zenira D'Souza,  
Virginia Santos

### Thanksgiving:

Dorothy Lobo, Lito & Gloria Valenzona



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

### June

Mon	21	<i>Saint Aloysius Gonzaga (M)</i> 8:30am - Mass
Tues	22	<i>Saints John Fisher and Thomas More (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	23	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	24	<i>The Nativity of John the Baptist (S)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	25	9:15am - Mass 7pm - Mass
Sat	26	9am - Mass with <i>Confession to follow</i> 5:15pm - Confession 6pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	27	7:30, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

## 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>



### Check in and help keep everyone safe

By law, some businesses, venues and events need you to check-in.

For ease on contact tracing, as per NSW COVID regulation, a QR Code is displayed at both church doors for scanning purposes.



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. 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/) <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 (before mass starts) 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>

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/>

**17 May 2021 - Letter from Very Rev Peter G. Williams, Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia**

NSW Health has eased the restrictions that were put in place for indoor venues (including places of worship) regarding singing and face masks. The below relaxed restrictions will apply from today, Monday 17 May 2021.

### Singing

There will be no restrictions on choirs and congregational singing at places of worship.

### Face Masks

Wearing of face masks at places of worship continues to be **strongly recommended**, especially indoors and where physical distancing is not possible. However, it will no longer be compulsory to wear a face mask at places of worship.

### Weddings and Funerals

There will be no caps on the number of people allowed to attend weddings and funerals.

### COVID-19 Safety Plan

COVID-19 Safety Plans are still required at all religious venues. Parishes will need to comply with their COVID-19 Safety Plans.

The number of people allowed at places of worship and religious services will continue to only be limited by the 2 square metre rule.



## 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

	1	8	15	22	29
Jun	Paguinto	Shalini	Richards	Barnouti	Jacob
Jul	Tanganan	Ring	Deang	Jacob	
Aug	3	10	17	24	31
	Ring	Lozada	Sebastian	Gan	Jacob
Sep	7	14	21	28	
	Manalo	Tanganan	Erasmus	Javelosa	
Oct	5	12	19	26	
	Erasmus	Sebastian	Shalini	Jacob	
Nov	2	9	16	23	30
	Gan	Barnouti	Ring	Jacob	Melva

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 need 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 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.



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Members</b>
Gary Lee	Bing Catabas
<b>Dep Chairman</b>	Chris Drummond
Bernadette Virwani	Margaret Harrison
<b>Secretary</b>	Nanette Gamboa
Julienne Crasto	



**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 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.**



# Thank You!!!

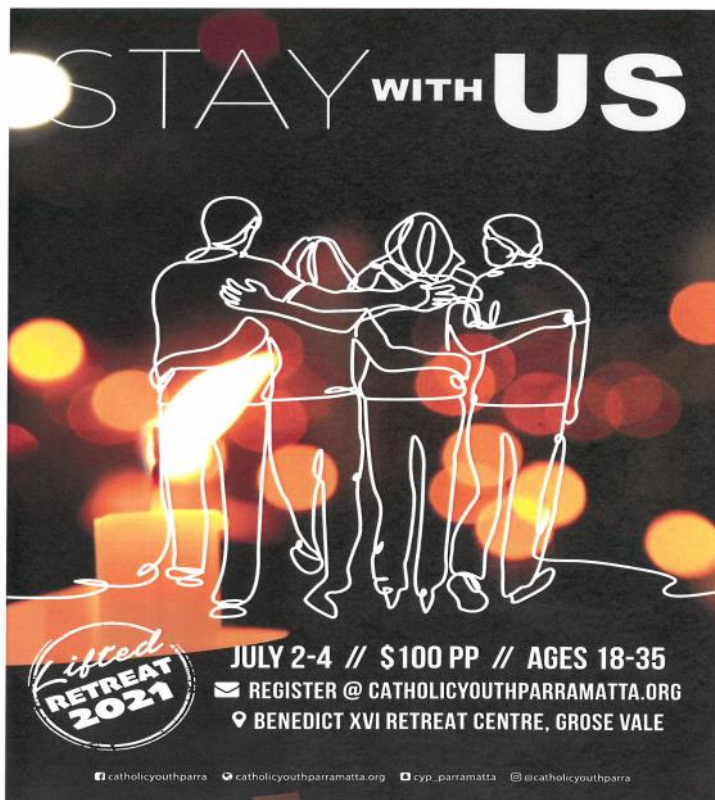


To all our parishioners who volunteer their time to serve our parish community: Church cleaners, gardeners, candle holder cleaners, Ministers of the Altar, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Minister for Communion, Readers, choir and all the different ministry groups, your dedication to service is most appreciated.



To everyone who attended and participated in the Zumba dance party, we hope that you had a great time and had a good workout to combat the cold.

We raised \$1,275! Your continued support for our parish events will go a long way towards our church expenses.



## SPONSOR A PEW

WE are refurbishing our church pews, as a cheaper alternative, to make mass attendance more comfortable and safe for everyone in the parish.

On this note, we would like to invite parishioners, if able, to sponsor a pew. It can be in memory of a deceased loved ones and wish to be

remembered or it could be your family's gift to the parish community. It could also be a way of thanking God for the graces of a lovely family you have and the blessings you received from the Lord. Each pew will cost from \$2,500 each.

To remember the donor family and their loved ones, a small memorial plaque or Donated by plaque will be placed on each Pew, upon request.

If you are interested please contact the Parish office on 8883 5981



## **Bishop Vincent's pastoral letter on the proposed Parental Rights Bill**

Bishop Vincent has released a pastoral letter to the pastors, parents and the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on the proposed Parental Rights Bill. The letter can be read here <https://parracatholic.org/pastoral-letter-to-the-people-of-parramatta-on-the-parental-rights-bill/>

## **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 strongly 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](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19)

## **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](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au) or (02)9727 9290 or JRS on [foodbank@jrs.org.au](mailto: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 SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information or to book your course, visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call (02) 8838 3460.

## **Community Visitors Scheme Volunteers Needed**

The Community Visitors Scheme, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to provide a friendly visit to residents in local Aged Care Facilities who are lonely or isolated from their family and friends. If you feel you could spare one hour a week or a fortnight to help a person feel more valued and respected, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email [deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au).

## **Pastoral Council Formation and Training**

The Pastoral Planning Office are hosting monthly Zoom sessions offering best practice in a variety of areas for parish, deanery and diocesan pastoral councils to serve Christ's mission. Sessions will be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm to 9pm. To share and grow with other parish councils, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/serving-christs-mission> or contact Lisa for more information on 0448 652 720 or [lisa.bright@parracatholic.org](mailto:lisa.bright@parracatholic.org)

## **Manage your Fertility Naturally!**

Are you looking for a natural effective method to manage your fertility? Are you trying to achieve pregnancy? Are you breastfeeding and looking for a natural way to space your children? Natural Fertility Services – Diocese of Parramatta might just have the answers you're searching for. For more information, or to book an appointment, contact Catherine on 0400 427 605 or [catherinebourne@parra.catholic.org](mailto:catherinebourne@parra.catholic.org) or visit [www.parralmf.org.au](http://www.parralmf.org.au)

## **Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB Public Lecture: 28 June**

Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth and President of the Plenary Council, will be speaking on the coming Plenary Council at a public lecture in the Diocese of Parramatta at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on Monday 28 June at 7pm. Bookings are essential, as limited spaces are available. Please RSVP by 25 June to [mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org](mailto:mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org)

## **Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening: 30 June**

You are invited to attend a social justice reflection evening jointly hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Diocese of Broken Bay and the Diocese of Parramatta at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club on Wednesday 30 June from 6pm. The reflection evening will discuss the ACBC's 2020-21 Social Justice Statement 'To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today'. RSVP by 16 June to this free event by visiting <https://form.jotform.com/211228078037048>

## **Other**

### **Get vaccinated for the common good**

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More info is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

### **Support Mass for You at Home**

Many people who are isolated, in prison, in hospital or don't have internet rely on Mass for You at Home. The Catholic Mass is broadcast free-to-air each Sunday morning on Channel 10 and WIN at 6am. Can you support the project, through prayers or financial support? Find out more at [www.massforyou.com.au](http://www.massforyou.com.au)

## **Passion for the Earth Retreat: 6 – 8 July**

You are invited to attend a Laudato Si' camp for adults at the Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre in Oakdale, NSW, from 6 to 8 July. The program explores the way to Ecological Conversion, drawing on the Theology and Science of the changes emerging from Pope Francis' teachings. The retreat is \$95 for adults and \$75 for students. For a camp brochure or enquiries, please contact Br Frank Richardson fms on 0429 595 231 or [antiphon1@gmail.com](mailto:antiphon1@gmail.com)

## **St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust**

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>. Applications close 30 July 2021.

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13*

### BLAZE

BLAZE youth group is held every second Friday throughout the school term in the St John XXIII school hall. Youth runs from 7:15 to 9pm and accommodate a fun and engaging night of faith-based talks encouraging teens to walk with Christ in a nurturing community. If you would like to come along to one of our sessions, please contact the team at [blaze@john23rd.org.au](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au)

#### Youth Coordinator

Amanda Lee - 0413 545 318

#### Assistant Youth Coordinator

Caitlin Green - 0425 579 594

#### Youth Leaders

Anna Todhunter

Taylor Coutinho

Johnathan Soosaipillai

Natasha Surjanto

Charlotte Todhunter

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*

Jonathan Montaos 0401 478 733

## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ [holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto:stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au)

### Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

✉ [celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au)

[www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au)

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PEOPLE,  
DO NOT BURY YOUR  
TALENTS,  
THE GIFTS THAT  
GOD  
HAS GIVEN YOU!  
DO NOT BE AFRAID  
TO DREAM OF  
GREAT  
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POPE FRANCIS



## PARISH OFFICE

### Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

### Office Contacts

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