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St John
 Catholic Church XXIII

**Thirteenth Sunday in
 Ordinary Time
 27 June 2021**

Today's gospel opens with a reference to arrival on the other side of the sea, which seems to suggest it is the completion of last Sunday's crossing. However, it isn't. The Lectionary omits Mark's touching account of the Gerasene demoniac. Jesus then crosses the sea again at the beginning of today's pericope, which thus appears to be set in Capernaum. Here we encounter another instance of the Marcan sandwich device that nests one story in another: Jesus is approached by the synagogue official named Jairus who pleads for Jesus to come and save his daughter; on the way to the girl a woman suffering from a haemorrhage of twelve years' duration touches his clothes and is healed; the father is then informed his daughter is dead, but Jesus still goes to her, takes her by the hand and raises her. When this is compared with the versions in the other gospels (Matthew 9:18-26 and Luke 8:40-56), we note that Mark, so often concise and even blunt, is oddly wordier. Some of what contributes to this exposes other undercurrents.

In Mark's version of this encounter Jesus manifests more tenderness and affection than in the others. In all he addresses the cured woman as "Daughter", which may be short for "Daughter of God", or perhaps may be a respectful address to any younger or subordinate woman. But in the story of Jairus' daughter, only Mark transmits the tender Aramaic quotation in which Jesus addresses her as "Talitha", *lamb* or *lambkin*, an affectionate term for the young. Interwoven with these are the reactions of the disciples, for whom it appears familiarity has indeed bred a contempt bordering on surliness when they say to Jesus "You see the pressing crowd and yet you say 'Who touched me?'" As for the crowd at Jairus' house, they laugh at him. The insolence and derision of disciples and onlookers is in direct contrast to his respectful gentleness toward the woman and the girl and her parents, and each group is countered by Jesus. The woman already knew that she had been healed, a feature found only in Mark, so the unnecessary words to her, literally, "be healed of your scourge" seem to be for the benefit of the disciples, disclosing the importance of what was happening as a check to their insensitivity. It perhaps presages the end, where he who freed her from her scourge is subjected to one himself. Then when faced with the derisive mourners Jesus does not merely "put them out", but drives or casts them out, Mark using a verb that is mainly associated with casting out demons, but is also used for the cleansing of the Temple.

The haemorrhagic woman's reaction is also of particular interest in Mark. She who had been kept ceremonially impure came forward not merely trembling as Luke tells it, but "fearing and trembling", that is, in the language of divine encounter and worship. Thus although she has not yet been able to fulfil the legal requirements to regain ritual purity, Mark's account leaves no doubt about her having been restored to full participation. As for the young girl, she too has been restored to her proper place, Mark alone adding that it was because she was twelve years old that she began walking around; what else would you expect one of her age to be doing? Her age and the duration of the woman's complaint are unnecessary details (Matthew and Luke keep the detail of the duration of the illness, but Matthew ignores the girl's age which Luke says was about twelve), but they constitute a linking device.

Due to Mark's rather simplistic Greek his narratives are considered linguistically unsophisticated, yet subtleties shine through that the other evangelists' narratives sometimes miss. As with other miracle stories in this section of Mark, we have here not a simple recounting of past events but accounts overlaid with interpretations that are informed by a faith that the disciples in the account still do not have: these events are recounted in the light of the resurrection of Christ.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Thirteenth 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

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

A reading from the book of Wisdom

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be - for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R.**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R.**

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

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

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything - of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection - so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the Lord.



Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Helen Phelan, Karl Novak, Dianne Seale

Deceased:

Malini Fernando, Anton Fernando,
Basil Fernando, Domenico Pelle,
Gertrude Silva

Anniversary:

Ethan Dotong Aquino, Reynaldo Paraan,
Cirilio Gatchalian

Sick: Names published with permission.

Fr Kevin Walsh, Rev Fr Jeffrey Fernandes,
Natividad Reyes, Gavin Forsyth, Pat Doyle,
Lynette & Alister 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,
Raymond Lanzona, Elizabeth Newnes,
Elizabeth Cayas, Mavie Dela Cruz,
Zenira D'Souza, Sophie De Leon,
Deidre Thomson, Marvi Antonino,
Isagani Ocampo, Greg Marcellana,
Virginia Santos

Thanksgiving:

Merita Fernando



Welcome to the community of the Catholic Parish of St John 23rd Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens where the love of Christ is shining

Church Calendar

June

Mon	28	<i>Saint Irenaeus (M)</i> 8:30am - Mass
Tues	29	<i>Saints Peter and Paul (S)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wed 30 9:15am - Mass

July

Thurs	1	9:15am - Mass
Fri	2	9:15am - Mass 7pm - Novena Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat	3	<i>Saint Thomas (F)</i> 9am - Mass with <i>Confession to follow</i> 5:15pm - Confession 6pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	4	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/> 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/>

Dispensation from Mass

The dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation remains in place (Canon 1247, Canons 85 and 87, and Catechism of the Catholic Church 2180-2188). Once the dispensation is lifted it will be communicated to your parishes, agencies and ministries.

Face masks

Effective from Tuesday 22 June 2021, face masks were made **mandatory** at all indoor venues (including places of worship and workplaces) for the next seven days across Greater Sydney and the Blue Mountains. This applies to the Chancery and parish offices.

Singing during Mass and liturgies

Indoor singing by the congregation is not permitted at this time during Masses and liturgies.

Singing by choirs is permissible, provided members of the choir wear masks.

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 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

	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 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

⇒ 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

Chairman	Members
Gary Lee	Bing Catabas
Dep Chairman	Chris Drummond
Bernadette Virwani	Margaret Harrison
Secretary	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

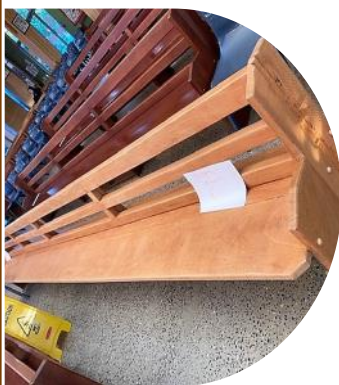
A Planned giving Program is in place to help us with the planning/budgeting for the church expenses. To register, an **SJ23rd form** is available at the church foyer or the website. The Parish Finance Committee encourages all parishioners to register for direct debit or credit card deductions instead 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.

Planned Giving Envelopes

If you have not yet collected your planned giving envelopes please pick them up at the church foyer. We encourage parishioners who wants to be part of the Planned Giving Program to enrol in a direct debit deduction. This will lessen the cost of printing and administration of the envelopes for the parish.

If, by chance, you have moved parishes or do not want to participate anymore, please inform the parish office of the change.



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



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING 2021

- ◆ Do you wish to serve in our Parish liturgies?
- ◆ Are you 10 years old or over?
- ◆ Have you received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Holy Communion?

If so, we invite you to join our Junior Altar Server ministry. **Training sessions** will be held on **Saturday 17th and 24th of July**, with commissioning on 2nd of August.

Application forms are available at the church foyer, sacristy, from our parish office or from the parish website.

Please call or SMS Wira Peiris on 0424 738 484 or Natasja Surjanto 0420 731 890 or email at secretary@john23rd.org.au for further details.

Congratulations Ethan Zammit for being awarded the 2021 VET in schools Student of the Year, our ever ready technology helper in our Parish. Job well done!



CONFIRMATION CALENDAR 2021

WHAT	DATE	TIME
Enrolment Ritual	SUN 1 ST AUG	9 AM or 10.30 AM or 6 PM
Children's Session #1	SAT 14 TH AUG OR SUN 15 TH AUG	4 - 5 PM
Children's Session #2	SAT 21 ST AUG OR SUN 22 ND AUG	4 - 5 PM
Children's Session #3	SAT 28 TH AUG OR SUN 29 TH AUG	4 - 5 PM
Confirmation Ceremonies	SAT 11 TH SEP	11 AM
	WED 15 TH SEP	6 PM
	SAT 18 TH SEP	11 AM
	WED 22 ND SEP	6 PM

For children who have received Holy Communion and are in Year 6

All activities above will be at the Church
For interested parties, please contact Helen Zammit
sacramental@john23rd.org.au

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

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 SmartLoving 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.

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 Woolcott on 0418 114 055 or email deb.woolcott@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

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 or visit www.parralmf.org.au

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

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

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

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 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

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

✉ celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au

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
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THINGS!
POPE FRANCIS



PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours

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CLERGY

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✉ Zvonimir@john23rd.org.au

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Andrew Rooney

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