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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th July 2021

Notwithstanding the joyous and hopeful message in the second reading both last week and this week, the first reading today begins with the heavy word that presages bad news, "Doom", or more accurately the onomatopoeic wail, "Woe". Perhaps especially in the wake of the scandals in our times this passage from Jeremiah should be given to priests and bishops at their ordinations to be used for regular reflection, and to be read at each meeting of Episcopal Conference and Council of Priests. We move from this salutary warning into the uplifting and much cherished shepherd psalm. Liturgy planners should ensure that Psalm 23(22) is not substituted by Boniwell's very pleasant hymn that borrows only its opening line, "The Lord is my shepherd". Psalm 23(22) may be a good counter to the first reading's criticism of poor shepherding by describing the behaviour of the good shepherd, but it is the perfect match for the gospel pericope (and indeed for the feeding story that follows it) for it influences all six accounts of the feedings in the four gospels. In today's prelude to that feeding, Jesus leads his twelve disciples by water to a quiet place that they might rest. They are thwarted by the earnest desire of the people who beat them there, and Jesus is moved on seeing them for they were like shepherdless sheep, so he sets himself to teach them, and later he will prepare a meal for them.

This Psalm was read in the early Church as a prophecy of Christ: they saw in it the feeding of the crowds reclining on green grass near the freshwater sea in a place of rest; they saw in it the journey through the waters of baptism that brings revival, and the anointing oil; they saw in it comfort in time of persecution, Christ with them, with his crook and staff understood to be the shaft and crossbeam of his own cross; and they saw in it the Eucharist, the feast laid for them with the overflowing or intoxicating cup, the sign of remission of sins. It was Cyprian of Carthage (d. 258) who most famously developed this understanding, teaching that the intoxicating wine of the eucharistic cup sacramentally bestows noble oblivion upon the communicant so as to forget sin, just like profane wine makes the drinker forget worldly worries. For these reasons it was sung in some places as the neophytes were led from the baptistery into the church for their first celebration of the Eucharist.

That baptismal theme of unification as members of the body of Christ, sacramentally celebrated in reception of his Body and Blood, is key also in the second reading, but the contextual elements from the earlier part of this chapter are lacking. It is addressing Gentiles, and it speaks of the unity now found in the Church of Christ between Jew and Gentile; Jesus is not shepherd of Israel only, but of all peoples, and in him all have the same way to the Father. But this letter is not confined to being read and understood as advice to a people of long ago, nor to a unity between one nation and all others; it is read as addressed to us, here and now. With the eucharistic theme that may be implicit in the letter's reference to the single Body, strengthened by the Lectionary's associating it with the shepherd Psalm and the feeding of the multitude which the early Church understood to have eucharistic meaning, it is not out of place to dwell on the role of the sign of peace before Communion. The exchange or kiss of peace between the members about to receive Communion in the Roman Rite is integral to the rite of peace and an indispensable part of the Communion rites. By it the members acknowledge one another and their peaceful union in Christ. In this way they fittingly discern first the Body so as to receive the sacrament worthily.

*Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Sixteenth 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

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

### First Reading

*Jeremiah 23:1-6*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.*

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks!

'See the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. and this is the name he will be called: 'The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 22*

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

### Second Reading

*Ephesians 2:13-18*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*Christ, our peace, has made us one.*

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*John 10:27*

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Mark 6:30-34*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*They were as sheep without a shepherd.*

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.



*Come away to a  
quiet place and  
rest awhile!*

## Special intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Father Anthony Simari, Enid Mulcare,  
Val Surina

### Deceased:

### Anniversary:

**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,  
Colleen McCunnie, Maria Romeo, Jess Calvo  
Kristy Arceo, Perla Magculang, Iyrika D'Cruz  
Bernie Presto, Karam Matte, Karam Sarsam,  
Elmo Joachim, Gloria Buosi, Nathan Parker,  
Hazel Masher, Kim Anika, Arlene Caraballo,  
Dung Phan, Praba Daniel, Rebecca Shields,  
Gustavo Montenegro, Marcelino Matteazzi,  
Benjamin Munson Jr, Epifania Samaniego,  
Elizabeth Candame, Geoffrey Robinson,  
Felicisimo Esteban, Anshu Mala Nand,  
Raymond Lanzona, Elizabeth Newnes,  
Florentina Elisura, Christina Properzi,  
Deidre Thomson, Greg Marcellana,  
Isagani Ocampo, Mavie Dela Cruz,  
Elizabeth Cayas, Sophie De Leon,  
Zenira D'Souza, Marvi Antonino,  
Virginia Santos, Dragica Julich

### Thanksgiving:



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

### July

Mon	19	8:30am - <b>no</b> Mass
Tues	20	9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass 7:00pm - <b>no</b> Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	21	9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass
Thurs	22	<i>Saint Mary Magdalene (F)</i> 9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass
Fri	23	9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass
Sat	24	<b>Masses for this day still to be confirmed</b>
Sun	25	<b>Masses for this day still to be confirmed</b> 10:30 - Mass Live-streamed

## 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](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

	6	13	20	27	
Jul	Tanganan	Ring	Deang	Jacob	
Aug	3	10	17	24	31
	Ring	Lozada	Sebastian	Gan	Jacob
Sep	7	14	21	28	
	Manalo	Tanganan	Erasmo	Javelosa	
Oct	5	12	19	26	
	Erasmo	Sebastian	Shalini	Jacob	
Nov	2	9	16	23	30
	Gan	Barnouti	Ring	Jacob	Melva
Dec	7	14	21	28	
	Jacob	Richards	Richards	Richards	

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 Deacon Andrew on [andren@john23rd.org.au](mailto:andren@john23rd.org.au) 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 Renuka 0414 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.

### ⇒ VINNIES VAN


The Vinnies Van provides food, friendship, compassion and dignity to those experiencing homelessness and social isolation in the Mount Druitt and Parramatta areas. To become a volunteer of Vinnies Van you must be 16 years of age and over and available to attend induction training upon commencement.

For more information on joining the SJ23rd Vinnies Van team, please contact Naomi Reynolds at [naomi1.rey@gmail.com](mailto:naomi1.rey@gmail.com)



**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.**

### Liturgical Ministry Formation Course 2021

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be running a second time in August 2021. This is formation for anyone interested in serving in the Liturgical Ministries of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Communion to the Sick and Dying.

*All applications need to be endorsed by your parish Priest prior to attending the first Introductory session.*

#### Liturgical Ministry Formation Course:

Mondays on the weeks of 2nd August – 13th September, 7:00PM at the Institute For Mission, Blacktown

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or email [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org) or refer to link to download the August 2021 enrolment form: <https://officeforworship.org.au>

Please complete and return the form before Friday 23rd July 2021

### 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

**With the current COVID restrictions, scheduled Confirmation program will be postponed. Please watch this space or go to our website for further updates.**

#### CONFIRMATION CALENDAR 2021

WHAT	DATE	TIME
Enrolment Ritual	SUN 1 <sup>ST</sup> AUG	9 AM or 10.30 AM or 6 PM
Children's Session #1	SAT 14 <sup>TH</sup> AUG OR SUN 15 <sup>TH</sup> AUG	4 - 5 PM
Children's Session #2	SAT 21 <sup>ST</sup> AUG OR SUN 22 <sup>ND</sup> AUG	4 - 5 PM
Children's Session #3	SAT 28 <sup>TH</sup> AUG OR SUN 29 <sup>TH</sup> AUG	4 - 5 PM
Confirmation Ceremonies	SAT 11 <sup>TH</sup> SEP	11 AM
	WED 15 <sup>TH</sup> SEP	6 PM
	SAT 18 <sup>TH</sup> SEP	11 AM
	WED 22 <sup>ND</sup> 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](mailto:sacramental@john23rd.org.au)

**DUE TO COVID-19,  
PUBLIC MASSES AND CHURCH  
BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**CHURCHES ARE NOT BEING CLOSED.  
BUILDINGS ARE BEING CLOSED.  
YOU ARE THE CHURCH!  
YOU ARE TO REMAIN OPEN.**





## 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 Woolcott on 0418 114 055 or email [deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au](mailto: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](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.parramf.org.au](http://www.parramf.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>

### 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.



**EUTHANASIA, DYING AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON**

2, 9 & 16 AUGUST 7.30PM

**REGISTER NOW** [parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks](http://parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks)



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PARRAMATTA

The Diocese of Parramatta is co-hosting a series of talks on euthanasia with the Diocese of Broken Bay, ahead of the expected introduction of a draft Bill in the NSW Parliament to legalise euthanasia in September.

Due to the expected timing of the introduction of the bill, the talks have been organised for the beginning of August.

The free talks will be conducted via Zoom over three Monday nights starting 2 August at 7.30pm. There will be opportunities for questions following the talks.

Vicar General of the Diocese of Broken Bay, Fr David Ranson, will give the first talk on the theology of suffering and death on Monday, 2 August. The following Monday, 9 August, speakers from the medical profession will explain palliative care, and common 'myths' around this type of care. On Monday, 16 August Monica Doumit, Director Public Affairs and Engagement from the Archdiocese of Sydney will discuss "How to speak about euthanasia with friends and family".

Information and registration can be found at [parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks](http://parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks)

RSVPs for the first lecture are due 29 July.

For information about the talks please contact Emma Baker via [emma.baker@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:emma.baker@bbcatholic.org.au)

## 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

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