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**St John**  
 Catholic Church XXIII

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**25th July 2021**

Today, when account of the feeding of five thousand would have been next in our serial reading of Mark's Gospel, the Lectionary turns instead to John's version. This was done so that the Bread of Life discourse (John 6:22-69) would have a place in the Sunday cycle; it is read over the next four Sundays (as well as in six pericopes on the weekdays of the third week of Easter). Today it is accompanied by the Old Testament antecedent of the feeding from twenty barley loaves at the command of Elisha the prophet. John alone links the feeding to Elisha's story by specifying the use of barley loaves, but all four gospels share with it the references to having some left over after the multitude has eaten. These details in John's Gospel appear to belong to a subplot in which John the Baptist is likened to, but greater than, the prophet Elijah, and Jesus is in some ways likened to, but far greater than, Elijah's successor, Elisha.

When the accounts are all compared, the most notable difference is that Elisha simply commands the food be given to the people: there is no giving thanks (or blessing) or breaking. On this point, something about John's narrative needs to be clarified: too often people say it lacks reference to breaking the loaves, and then creative explanations for this are invented. The simple fact is that John's text alone uses a Greek verb that better translates as *apportion*, covering *both* breaking *and* giving, a verb that corresponds to one not uncommonly used in Aramaic. Keeping that matter in mind, we should also note that there is no evidence in Hebrew Scripture for a ritual of taking, blessing over and breaking before distributing. In fact there is no reference to praying over food at all, and only one command for blessing (or giving thanks) after eating: Deuteronomy 8:10. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (11:23-24) and the feedings in the four Gospels and the Last Supper accounts in three are among the earliest witnesses to such a ritual, a fact that has led some to believe that it was invented by Jesus. However, similar descriptions are found among the Dead Sea Scrolls from the century before Christ, and in later but still ancient Jewish literature, the Talmud. These three groups of sources together point to a general Jewish meal ritual as having developed much later than the formulation of the core Hebrew Scriptures.

Delving further into our feeding accounts, other interesting features emerge, too many to cover fully here. Among them we should note that the references to sitting are not direct translations: the Greek refers to *reclining*. People in the Holy Land by the time of Christ had adopted elements of the Graeco-Roman formal meals, including the posture of reclining. This terminology that belongs to formal meals, such as the Passover (for which the original posture was standing), is strangely out of place in the outdoor setting of our feeding stories. Other features in the broader contexts of each of our feeding accounts also point to the influence of images from the shepherd psalm, Psalm 23(22). A key one is the grass (which Mark even emphasises was green) upon which they recline. Put together, the many curiosities indicate that these accounts are not simple historical reports; they are multilayered, stylised literary devices. A connection to the Last Supper is found in the literary links of bread, ritual, and the posture of reclining, but a connection to the Eucharist is also made obvious in John's Bread of Life discourse following the feeding. In earliest Christian art, too, the images more commonly used to indicate the Eucharist are not depictions of the Last Supper, but emblems of the loaves and fishes, or of baskets of the leftover bread fragments. Even the institution narrative of our Eucharistic Prayer I borrows the reference to Jesus looking upward before blessing from the Synoptic Gospels' accounts of this feeding.

This overlapping of the feedings and the Eucharist sometimes unsettles people who think it confuses ordinary meals with the sacred one. Perhaps a clue can be taken from the second reading (Eph 4:1-6), where we are urged to preserve the Body's unity in the Spirit by bonds of peace. The meal of the Eucharist is not for anyone; it is for members only. In its celebration the members of the Body remember and express who and what they are—even exchanging the sign of peace with other members of the Body before receiving it in sacramental form. The refreshed and strengthened Body, the Church, may then in each of its members engage in its work in the world, which is directed to everybody.

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

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### First Reading

*2 Kings 4:42-44*

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*They will eat and have some left over.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some over." He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 144:10-11, 15-18*

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

### Second Reading

*Ephesians 4:1-6*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Luke 7:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

### Gospel

*John 6:1-15*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.



## 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, Zenira D'Souza,  
Virginia Santos, Sophie De Leon,  
Dragica Julich, Marvi Antonino

### 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	26	<i>Saints Joachim and Anne (M)</i> 8:30am - <b>no</b> Mass
Tues	27	9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help via online
Wed	28	9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass
Thurs	29	<i>Saints Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus (M)</i> 9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass
Fri	30	9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass
Sat	31	<b>No masses</b>

### August

Sun 1 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.



***DUE TO THE CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS AND LOCKDOWN, THERE WILL BE NO MASSES AT CHURCH.***

***INSTEAD, OUR SUNDAY 10:30am MASS WILL BE STREAMED LIVED VIA OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND FACEBOOK PAGE.***

### Places of worship

Services may be livestreamed from a church, meeting house, mosque, synagogue, temple or other place of worship that is not open to members of the public.

You can attend the premises if you are directly involved in the service or the operation of the equipment for the livestream event.

The place of worship must not be open to members of the public.

### Funerals and memorial services

A maximum of 10 people can attend a funeral or memorial service or gathering afterwards in Greater Sydney.

The 10 person maximum also applies to an outdoor funeral, memorial service or gathering afterwards. A funeral cannot occur at a place of residence.

In addition to the 10 people attending the service there may also be

- a person conducting the service
- other people who are necessary for the preparation and conduct of the service.

### Face Masks

NSW Health continues to mandate that face masks are to be worn at all indoor venues, including places of worship, and places of work.

## 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>

### COVID-19 Safety Plan

As a gentle reminder, Parishes will need to continue to comply with their COVID-19 Safety Plans, including record keeping (name and contact details) requirements for contact tracing purposes.

There has been no change to the number of people allowed at places of worship and religious services. The maximum number of people will continue to 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

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

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**

<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Members</u>
Gary Lee	Bing Catabas
<u>Dep Chairman</u>	Chris Drummond
Bernadette Virwani	Margaret Harrison
<u>Secretary</u>	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.

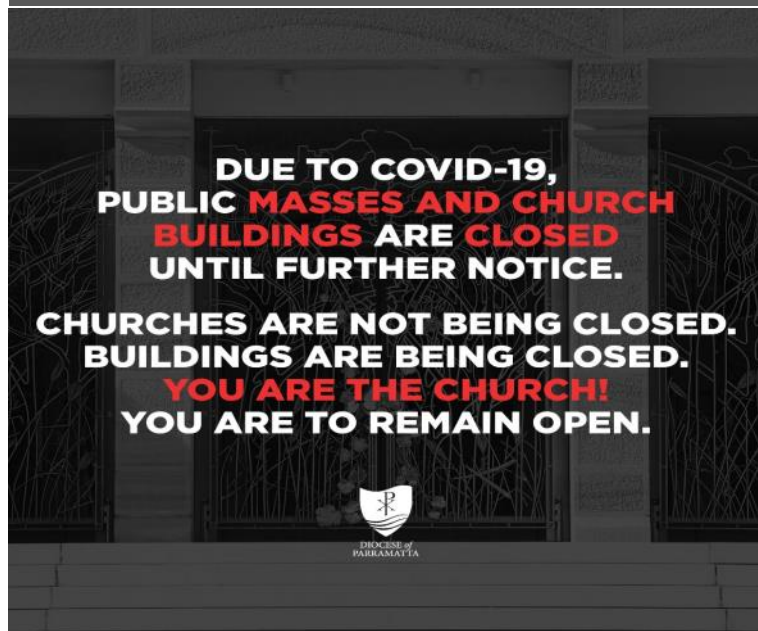
**SECOND COLLECTION** - used to meet our parish running costs of the church and provide for ministry expenses; it is also needed to pay off our church mortgage.

**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.**



The architect of NSW's terrible abortion laws, Independent MP Alex Greenwich, has today released a bill that would introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide in this state.

There is never a good time to introduce laws that sanction the killing of our most vulnerable human beings. However, it seems that a pandemic, which is affecting the lives and livelihoods of millions of people won't stop Mr Greenwich from introducing state-sanctioned killing in New South Wales.

The community is currently accepting significant restrictions on our personal autonomy in order to protect those most at risk.

The people of NSW have already spent a month in lockdown, with many unable to visit elderly parents at home, in hospital or in aged care facilities. Our sick and elderly are already experiencing increased isolation with no definite end in sight, small business owners are struggling, as are those with reduced working hours: a pro-suicide message is not what they need to hear.

To help stop precious parliamentary time and health resources being diverted to those with a pro-death agenda, I need you to take two important steps today.

First, please sign a petition to Premier Gladys Berejiklian, asking her to reject euthanasia and assisted suicide, and instead focus parliamentary time and precious health resources on repairing the social and economic cost of this latest outbreak.

#### Sign the petition here

Second, please email your NSW State Member of Parliament and ask them to oppose the introduction of these dangerous laws.

#### Find contact details for your State MP here

Vulnerable sick and elderly people in NSW need your help to ensure these lethal laws are not passed in this state. Please sign the petition and email your MP today, and ask friends and family to do the same.

**Don't forget to register for the Euthanasia Talk - 7:30 - 8:30pm**

**2 Aug 2021 - 'A theological view on suffering and death'**

**9 Aug 2021 - 'Debunking the myths around palliative care'**

**16 Aug 2021 - 'How to speak about euthanasia with friends and family'**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

**ZOOM links will be sent out after registration.**



#### 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. Once restrictions are eased, new dates will be planned and will be communicated accordingly .**

**Please watch this space or go to our website for further updates or contact Helen Zammit, Sacramental Coordinator via email [sacramental@john23rd.org.au](mailto:sacramental@john23rd.org.au)**

#### 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)**



## 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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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)

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#### Assistant Youth Coordinator

Caitlin Green - 0425 579 594

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#### YFC YOUTH LEADERS

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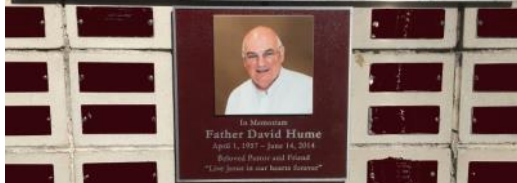
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