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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15 August 2021

The feast of the Assumption, or Dormition as it is called in the Eastern Churches, has a long history, but it is without uniformity of understanding, especially since no such event is mentioned in Scripture; variant accounts were put forward among the apocrypha. Even while defining the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that is, that at the completion of the course of her earthly life she was assumed body and soul into heaven, Pope Pius XII made no attempt to say what happened as an historical event. The earliest Christian authors unhelpfully made no mention of it, and indeed no further certain reference to her is found in the Acts of the Apostles after the mention of her being united in prayer with the nascent Christian community in the first chapter. Thus the various scenarios of the end of her bodily life, as also of her birth and childhood, emerge in the apocrypha and conjecture, and some people now think that these are somehow approved with the dogma. While some elements of from those texts have been included in icons and folk stories, they were not adopted in the liturgical texts and celebrations, all of which Pius XII drew his greatest support from, texts that remained sober in their tone and aspects. As a whole they dwelt on her graced unity throughout her life with the Word of God, incarnate of her body in Christ Jesus her son, the conqueror of sin and death. This unique relationship and role was seen as the cause of her exemptions from two general rules of life, that is, the spiritual corruption of sin and corporal corruption in death. The second reading (1 Cor 15:20-26), without mentioning Mary, most clearly draws these together in its recognition of sin and death as the common lot of human beings, but also it asserts that resurrection in Christ is the common goal of all who belong to him. Our Lady is upheld as an example of this already fulfilled, and therefore as a sign of hope to us all.

A significant point of difference in various claims arising concerning whether or not Mary died, some holding that she did not die but was taken to heaven, others that she died, was buried and like Jesus was raised on the third day and thence assumed into heaven. The first is not without precedent, since the peculiar reference to Enoch's end (Gen 5:22) led to an ancient belief that he was assumed into heaven without dying; Moses is also often said to have been taken up to heaven; the prophet Elijah was snatched up in a whirlwind (2 Kgs 2:11). While much of Western art in the last few centuries depicts the Assumption in a manner consistent with that understanding, the texts of our liturgy make no such claim and only repeat that she was assumed into heaven; they do not specify exactly what that entailed in history. Eastern traditions consistently hold that Mary did die, was buried, and was raised, but there are different versions of what happened between those steps, many of which are influenced by other otherwise unrelated episodes in Scripture. However, in iconography, which we first must note does not represent a snap-shot view of an event but depicts many things in a single view, we often find Mary laid on a bier in death, with Christ behind holding her soul as a newborn child, thus receiving her into heaven. We see a similar depiction of this, but with her body not on a bier but being entombed, in the lower half of the thirteenth century psalter's image reproduced in the British and Australian edition of the Missal, page 980. In the top half, the adult Mary is crowned and seated beside Christ, but deferring to him.

The first reading, excerpted from Revelation 12:1-17 and prefaced by 11:19, is read by some as the scriptural source, but it is hard to deduce anything certain from much of the weird and wonderful world of ancient Jewish and Christian apocalypses. While this passage is readily understood to refer to our Lady giving birth to Jesus, and his being snatched to the heavenly throne, it says of her only that she fled to a place prepared for her in the wilderness, but it covers that twice, in a short and a long form (v.6 and 13-16). It is the various apocryphal accounts that has most informed iconography and art over the centuries, though elements from Revelation 12 are often included.

It is in this feast's Preface for the Eucharist that we find the strongest suggestion that she died, but also that God did not "allow her to see the corruption of the tomb". It is also here that we find the benefit of the Assumption to us is in having Mary as "the beginning and image" of the "Church's coming to perfection".

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 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 Pegram
 0417 406715
 Tues 7pm Rosary and Novena
Prayer in the church
except for 1st Tues
 Fri 6.30pm Christ Catholic
 Community Prayer Group
 Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039

Our Parish Mission

The parish of St John XXIII is a faith community with the Eucharist as its heart.

Inspired by John XXIII's prophetic opening of the windows of the Church, we welcome the fresh air of the Holy Spirit, inviting every person to share in the responsibility of enriching the life and faith of our community by sharing their gifts and talents."



Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of the Virgin Mary, at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

First Reading

Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon beneath her feet.

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 44:10-12, 16

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. **R.**

So will the king desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

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

As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first, and after him all who belong to him.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Accl

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy - according to the promise he made to our ancestors - of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me



Recently Deceased:

Melvin Roy Corpuz, Felicisimo R. Esteban,
Father Peter Mark, Fr Peter Caruana,
Colin O' Flynn

Deceased:

Anniversary:

Winsil Peiris, Aleykutty Sebastian

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, Rebecca Shields,
Dung Phan, Praba Daniel, Marvi Antonino,
Gustavo Montenegro, Benjamin Munson Jr,
Marcelino Matteazzi, Epifania Samaniego,
Elizabeth Candame, Geoffrey Robinson,
Anshu Mala Nand, Raymond Lanzona,
Elizabeth Newnes, Florentina Elisura,
Christina Properzi, Deidre Thomson,
Mavie Dela Cruz, Greg Marcellana,
Zenira D'Souza, Sophie De Leon,
Isagani Ocampo, 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.

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>

Church Calendar

August

Mon	16	8:30am - no Mass
Tues	17	9:15am - no Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help via Whatsapp
Wed	18	<i>Saint Clare (M)</i> 9:15am - no Mass
Thurs	19	9:15am - no Mass
Fri	20	<i>Saint Bernard (M)</i> 9:15am - no Mass
Sat	21	<i>Saint Pius X (M)</i> No masses
Sun	22	10:30 - Mass Live-streamed

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 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					
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
Dec	7	14	21	28	
	Jacob	Richards	Richards	Richards	
Jan	4	11	18	25	
	available	available	available	available	

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 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 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



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairman	Members
Gary Lee	Bing Catabas
Dep Chairman	Chris Drummond
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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.

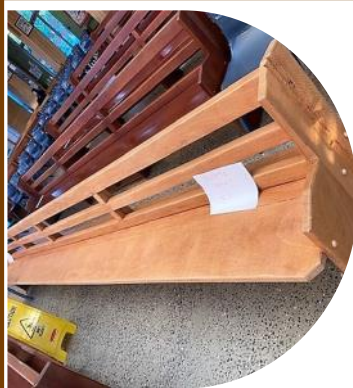
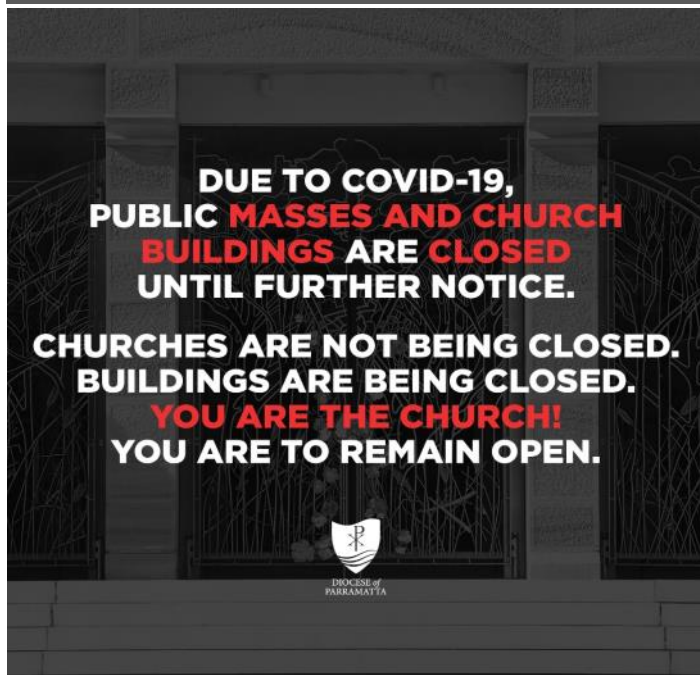
SECOND COLLECTION - used to meet our parish running costs of the church and provide for ministry expenses; it is also needed to pay off our church mortgage.

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.



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

HOME Ground is a schedule of new and pre-existing online gatherings to support the wellbeing and connection of people of our diocesan family each evening for the next four weeks starting Monday 26 July at 7.30pm.

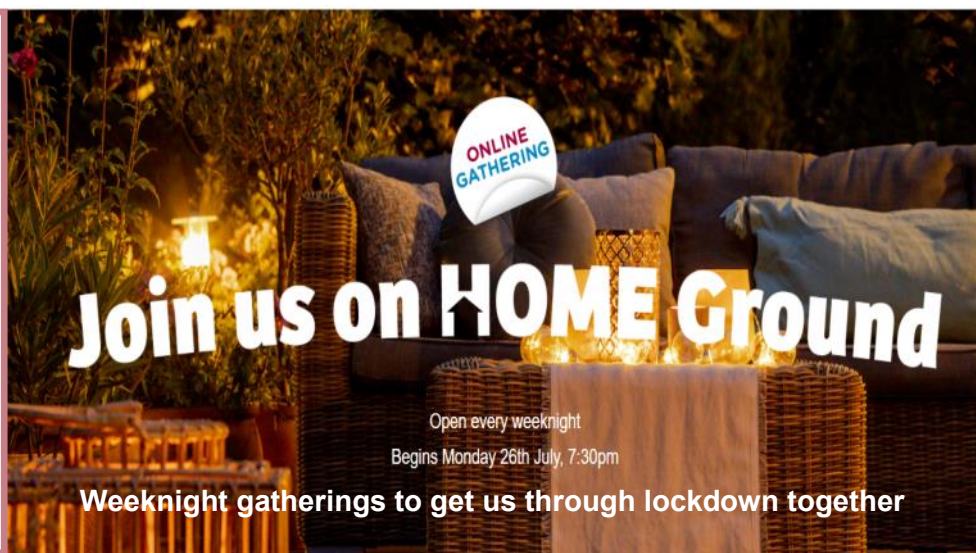
The Diocesan website will offer unique Zoom links for each day. For more details,

visit parracatholic.org/homeground

Email

MET@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG

which sessions you'd like to attend for a unique Zoom link



Reflective Ministry is self-paced learning program that gives you the opportunity to journey with others and grow in your faith, leadership skills and relationship with God.

This 10 session program, from August to November 2021, free of charge, all online and will cover the themes of Biblical spirituality, discipleship and pastoral skilling & insights. The program is designed with new content to be released on week-to-week basis to assist in the self-paced online experience!

Expressions of interest are now open - sign up today!

For further enquiries, contact Donnie Velasco – 0432 042140 or donnie.velasco@parracatholic.org



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS
CONFERENCE

The President

**Message from the Australian Catholic Bishops
Conference**

Dear Friends,

Over the coming days, millions of Australians will fill in their census forms. Some in the media have been making an ideological push for Australians to tick the “no religion” box. This sells many people short. We all know people of faith who practise irregularly or who connect to God and the Church in ways other than Mass attendance.

They are all part of our family.

Knowing where people of faith are, whatever their level of practice, allows us to plan for essential infrastructure such as churches, schools, hospitals and aged care services. It allows us to do what the Church has always done: to care for the local community.

For very practical reasons, then, you might urge all your people to mark “Catholic” on the census form and to encourage their family and friends to mark their religion on the form as well.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Archbishop of Brisbane

President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

**Online Table Talk “Future Dreaming for
Blacktown LGA”**

In the lead-up to this year’s local council elections, numerous faith-based and community organisations across Sydney have joined forces to organise Community Forums to give people a chance to engage with councillors that are running for office and jointly ask them to commit to important social and environmental action in the next 5 years.

Good Shepherd Parish Plumpton and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Seven Hills social justice groups are involved in the planning for this forum.

It will be an opportunity to:

- get connected during lockdown,
- learn about and discuss the asks that will be put forward to councillors in November,
- be part of a local movement for more social justice and care for creation.

Come, join and be involved.

When: 19 August, 7:00pm – 8:15pm

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87590654657>



Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen
OFM Conv DD STL Bishop of Parramatta

**Pastoral letter to the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on
the COVID-19 vaccination**

Dear brothers and sisters,

As the COVID-19 Delta variant is spreading through Australia, particularly in Western Sydney, with deadly consequences, I am writing to reiterate the importance of vaccination as a means to protect yourselves and others.

It is overwhelmingly evident that the virus is spreading largely among the unvaccinated population. Hence, being fully vaccinated is an important step in not only keeping us safe but also our families and others in the broader community safe, and enabling us to get back to some sort of normality.

I understand some people have concerns about the ethical origins of some vaccines. The Catholic Church, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, has declared that even the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with abortion. Therefore, all vaccines which are recognised as clinically safe and effective may be taken by Catholics in good conscience.

Pope Francis himself has encouraged Catholics to take the vaccine saying in an interview earlier this year, “I believe that morally everyone must take the vaccine. It is the moral choice because it is about your life but also the lives of others.”

Indeed, Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI and many cardinals and bishops have already received their COVID-19 vaccines. For my part, I am fully vaccinated since the end of July.

I call on you to heed this clear and strong message from the Pope. I also alert you to the anti-vaccination movement and those who spread misinformation on social media, and regrettably even some clergy.

Their opposition to vaccines and public health orders is not in accordance with the Catholic Church.

The pandemic has caused much uncertainty, pain and suffering to the whole world. Let us pray, however, that it can be an opportunity for renewal and transformation for the human family.

May we grow in the spirit of solidarity and compassion for all who are vulnerable, here and beyond. May we emerge out of this crisis a better people for a better world.

The Diocese and partners are working with health authorities in facilitating the vaccine rollout to members of the community in more vulnerable areas. Let us do our part for the common good and work together to end the pandemic.

In Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta

Given at Parramatta on 6 August 2021

The Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord

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

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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

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Nimeshi Fernando -0417 101009

YFC (Youth for Christ)

YFC YOUTH LEADERS

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160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

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TO DREAM OF
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NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish
community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack
from the front entrance.

Visit our website <http://john23rd.com/>

Like our Facebook page

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View our livestreams via YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/c/StJohn%20XXIIIStanhopeGardensParish>

SUGGESTION BOX

We welcome your comments and
constructive suggestions.

If you or a family member is homebound and would want to receive
communion in your home please contact the parish office.

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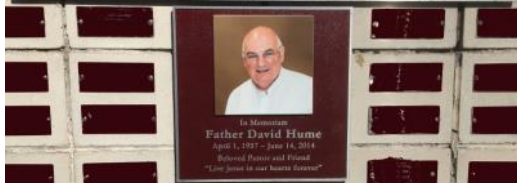
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