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**Twenty First Sunday  
in ordinary time  
22 August 2021**

The opposition identified by “the Jews” in the pericopes of the previous two Sundays is manifest today among his “followers”, which is used instead of “disciples” to avoid confusion with the Twelve. As explored in last Sunday’s reflection, this opposition stems not from presumed allusions to cannibalism but from the poetically encoded teaching that Jesus is one with God the Father and unites believers within himself and so to the Father. Incidentally, that very idea is clearly expressed in the Prayer over the Offerings on Thursday in the third week of Eastertide, in which week this discourse is also read: “O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead...”. In today’s pericope some of the followers of Jesus find this teaching intolerable and complain or mutter about it, and they leave him. The references to muttering form one of those previously mentioned types of Johannine repetition and here links verses 41-58 and 61-63 as two variants or facets of the same scenario. The first covers “the Jews”, those opposed to his teaching. In this second one some of his followers fit that description, as also will one of the Twelve.

Today’s statement that “the flesh has nothing to offer” (v.63), as mentioned in last Sunday’s reflection, appears to contradict the preceding passages concerning the necessity of eating “my flesh... the flesh of the Son of Man”. The flesh in this new passage is clearly stuff of this world, whereas in the former passages it is Christ himself, who in our time is the risen and glorified Lord. But when we include the following part, “The words I have spoken... are spirit and... life”, we find a typically flexible Johannine reworking of another passage. The Johannine Jesus is strong and unwavering, utterly certain, knowing what will happen; he does not have temptations. In the post-baptismal temptations scene in Matthew and Luke we find Jesus quoting Deuteronomy 8:3, “Not by bread alone does man live, but by every word [or *everything*, in Hebrew] that comes forth from the mouth of God.” In the creation stories in Genesis, the life-giving Spirit, God’s Breath, comes forth from God’s mouth, speaking the words that shape the world and breathing life into the creature of clay. We have again in John none less than the claim to equality with God. And many former followers then leave Jesus.

Then Jesus, who “knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him”, turns to the Twelve, one of whom is the betrayer, the worst kind of opponent. He asks them if they too will leave him, and in response Peter utters a statement of faith (v.69), saying “You have the message [or words] of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God”, which in some ancient manuscripts and modern editions variably combinations of “the Christ”, “the holy one of God”, “the Son of God” and “Son of the living God”. The remarkable variety within this verse in the tradition indicates that it was recognised in ancient times as the same statement Peter gives elsewhere in the Synoptic Gospels, but it is worded differently by John to fit his own goal. If the majority tradition is correct, Peter addresses Jesus with an expression normally applied only to God, “Holy One”, and he identifies Jesus as the one from whose mouth comes everything that gives life, echoing in a different way Christ’s claim in verse 63 that his words are spirit and life. On Easter Sunday, the first thing the risen Christ does in John’s Gospel when he appears to the disciples is breathe on them and say “Receive (the) Holy Spirit” and give them their and the Church’s mission.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 21st 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

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

### First Reading

*Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18*

A reading from the book of Joshua

*We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 33:2-3, 16-23*

#### **R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

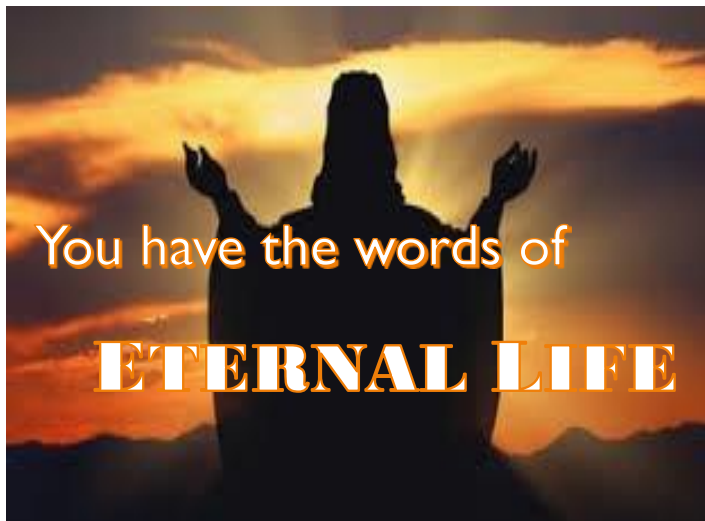
I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**



### Second Reading

*Ephesians 5:21-32*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives submit to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*cf John 6:63, 68*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*John 6:60-69*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.*

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

## Recently Deceased:

Fr Mladen Vukasovic (in Croatia),  
Celestine Jinaco, William Gunderson

## 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, 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.

## Church Calendar

### August

Mon	23	8:30am - no Mass
Tues	24	<i>Saint Bartholomew (F)</i> 9:15am - no Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help via Whatsapp
Wed	25	9:15am - no Mass
Thurs	26	9:15am - no Mass
Fri	27	<i>Saint Monica (M)</i> 9:15am - no Mass
Sat	28	<i>Saint Augustine (M)</i> No masses
Sun	29	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.

## PRAYER IN A PANDEMIC

### GOD ON HIGH

We rejoice with the angels as we celebrate Mary's assumption into Heaven. May her example lift our hearts to things above, that, always attentive to the things that are above, so that one day we too will share her glory.

Almighty and Merciful father, who show your love to all your creation, we come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus here in Australia and in various parts of the World.

Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and the consolation to the bereaved families. We pray for the relevant Governments and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people.

We ask this through Jesus Christ with the Holy spirit, for ever and ever, Amen.

## 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>



## 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					
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](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**


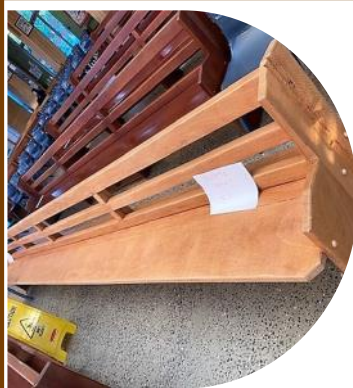
A Planned giving Program is in place to help us with the planning/budgeting for the church expenses. To register, an **SJ23rd form** is available at the church foyer or the website.

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.**

**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.**

### 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

During this time of lockdown, are you looking for spiritual nourishment?

**Join us on  
HOME Ground**

Opens every weeknight 26 July to 20 August -




Weeknight gatherings to get us through lockdown together  
CONNECTION | CONVERSATION | MUSIC | HOT TOPICS

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](http://parracatholic.org/homeground) Email [MET@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG](mailto:MET@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG) which sessions you'd like to attend for a unique Zoom link

**REFLECTIVE  
MINISTRY  
ONLINE**

A PROGRAM FOR PERSONAL  
FAITH DEVELOPMENT & MINISTRY  
LEADERSHIP SKILLING

**SIGN UP TODAY**  
KICK-OFF TUESDAY 24 AUGUST



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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](mailto:donnie.velasco@parracatholic.org)



### **Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update**

Due to stay-at-home orders from the NSW Government, all church buildings, adoration chapels and other buildings used for prayer and religious services are closed. Public Masses have ceased. Many parishes around the Diocese are celebrating Masses online. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website [www.parracatholic.org/covid19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19)

### **‘The Well’ offers spiritual nourishment during lockdown**

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese’s ‘on demand’ streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Check it out on [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

### **Parish Online Ministry during COVID**

There are an extraordinary amount of initiatives taking place online across the Diocese in a number of parishes. These include games nights, trivia competitions, formation, scripture studies and wellbeing check-ins. If your community is willing to share these opportunities beyond your own Parish, the Mission Enhancement Team (MET Parramatta) would love to hear from you and help connect others who are struggling at this time. Email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@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 [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or visit [www.parralmf.org.au](http://www.parralmf.org.au)

### **Office for Worship Resources available**

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child’s baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

### **UPDATE: Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive**

During lockdown, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and House of Welcome (HoW) cannot receive physical food and toiletry donations. However, many refugee families are still relying on their foodbanks or the provision of food vouchers. In this difficult time, please support JRS and HoW with a cash donation if you can. Find more information at [parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive](http://parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive) or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.

### **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.

### **Donate to Caritas’ Emergency Response Appeal for Haiti**

Caritas Australia’s thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake. Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more left injured. There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground. Donate to Caritas Australia’s Emergency Response Appeal by visiting [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413 toll-free.



### **Pastoral Formation Reflective Ministry Program: Begins 24 August**

The Reflective Ministry Program is an online self-paced leadership development program to renew or encourage people in ministry. Produced by the Pastoral Formation team, the program covers biblical spirituality, ministry skilling and pastoral theology. Kick off for the program is 24 August 2021. Express your interest today via <https://tinyurl.com/RMIFM>

### **Pastoral Council Formation and Training Session: 25 August**

The next Parish, Deanery and Diocesan pastoral council formation and training session will be held on Wednesday 25 August from 7.30pm to 9pm via Zoom. This session will be on ‘Listening to the hopes, needs, ideas and concerns of Parishioners’ and presented by Sr Ailsa Mackinnon RSM, Chancellor for Ministries in the Diocese of Parramatta. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/erb692mm>. For any further information, please contact Tanya Quinn on [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org) or call (02) 8838 3441.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

### BLAZE

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

#### Youth Coordinator

Amanda Lee - 0413 545 318

#### Assistant Youth Coordinator

Caitlin Green - 0425 579 594

#### Youth Leaders

Anna Todhunter

Taylor Coutinho

Johnathan Soosaipillai

Natasha Surjanto

Charlotte Todhunter

For all youth ministry enquiries, ✉ [blaze@john23rd.org.au](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au) or  
visit our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/> 🍷



# Come and Join !

## MORE YOUTH GROUPS

### CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

#### CRL YOUTH LEADERS

Rojith de Silva - 0405 956 3210

Nimeshi Fernando -0417 101009

### YFC (Youth for Christ)

#### YFC YOUTH LEADERS

##### *YFC International*

Vince Erasmo - 0406 253 698

##### *YFC Australia*

Jonathan Montaos 0401 478 733

## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

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

### John XXIII & St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

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

### Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

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

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

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



## PARISH OFFICE

### Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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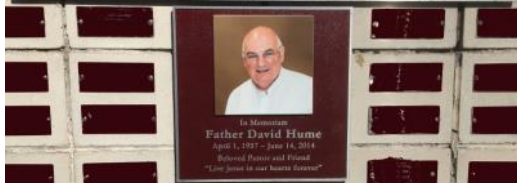
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