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**Twenty Second Sunday
 in ordinary time
 29 August 2021**

Stipulations that something not be done are evidence the author believes some actually do it. The author of today's first reading (Deut 4:1-2,6-8) has Moses prohibit adding or taking away from the Law. The dispute in the opening section of today's Gospel pericope (Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23) is cued by Pharisees noting that Jesus' disciples eat without first washing their hands. Yet washing one's hands is good hygienic practice and important for social etiquette, as memories of motherly scolding enforce. It is a source of contention in the Gospel, however, because it appears to have gained the status of a religious duty. Having a major argument over it would seem silly to most outsiders. The Talmud testifies to Pharisaic obsession with purification exasperating other Jews too, specifically because many Pharisaic rules were not prescribed in the Law. The Law's commands for hand-washing were directed only at priests performing sacrificial duties. The Pharisees have opened themselves to the charge of adding to the Law in contravention of the Deuteronomic command; they hold their oral tradition equal to or more noteworthy than the written Law—an idea anathema to the Sadducees and others too. But today's gospel does not elucidate how they have taken the other step and “put aside the commandment of God” since it omits the section (v.9-13) that names a dodgy practice profiting from a loophole in the Law. The next omission (v.16-20) further simplifies it by avoiding the other side of the problem—the evangelist's interpretation, widely shared in the early Church, that Jesus “declared all foods clean”, which takes away from the Law.

Deciding how rules remain binding over time, or how things may change in new circumstances, is often fraught. Once people have invested particular significance in any concept, however irrational it seems to others or even demonstrably mistaken, it is hard to move them from it. The dynamics are the same as for those who rebel against prophets, as seen back on the Fourteenth Sunday this year. Unless motivated by a more captivating idea that triggers an emotional response enabling them to let go of the former and embrace the new (also called conversion), change will be opposed or resented. People are rarely converted by being argued into it.

A similar example is still playing out in our Church. Having cultivated a sense that the Mass was unchangeable, the liturgical reforms emerging in the 1960s disturbed many. Some find support to their opposition in the four-hundred-year-old prohibition against changes in the apostolic constitution (*Quo primum*) published in the 1570 newly revised Roman Missal (which also suppressed the special setting for the feast of the Immaculate Conception). They take it to be, like the Deuteronomist's pronouncement, absolute and binding, even though they happily accept the many revisions made by various popes in the editions of 1604, 1634 (which established a new rite of distribution of Communion that supplanted existing local forms), 1884 (which instituted a revised setting for the Immaculate Conception), 1920, and 1962, as well as many significant changes to its calendar along the way. But many of those changes were less obvious than the recent ones and so went largely unnoticed. The modern reform was not helped at times by the enthusiastically enacted misinterpretations and experimentation beyond what was authorised. Permission to use the so-called “extraordinary form” was finally granted in concern for those who have struggled to accept the reform. But it is interesting to note how oddities never stipulated in the previous Missals have been incorporated as if essential; it is a form of oral tradition that often guides the resumed use more than the previous liturgical regulations. At the same time, some of these new enthusiasts are reluctant to acknowledge that for many priests who embraced or were raised in the reform the expectation that they should now equally happily accept the old form is also intolerable.

Perhaps it is impossible to avert controversy around major changes, but careful preparation oriented to conversion rather than imposition would be helpful. Above all, we should note that the early Church's ability to accept change even to the Mosaic commands was based in acknowledgement of Jesus as Lord. Similarly for us, all changes and grappling with what is needed in current circumstances should begin with seeking him from the heart to know his mission better.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 22nd 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 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

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

Second Reading

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

'This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Brother Peter Coe, Violet Maksimovic

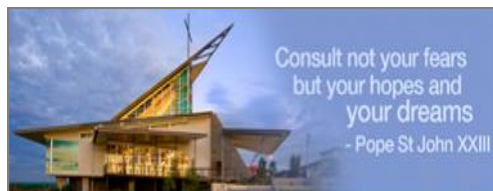
Deceased:

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	30	8:30am - no Mass
Tues	31	9:15am - no Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help via Whatsapp

September

Wed	1	9:15am - no Mass
Thurs	2	9:15am - no Mass
Fri	3	<i>Saint Gregory the Great (M)</i> 9:15am - no Mass
Sat	4	No masses
Sun	5	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 DURING PANDEMIC

In this challenging time

Lord Jesus Christ, our true physician and healer, be merciful to us and bring us your aid in these troubled times. Heal all our sickness and every affliction of your people. Drive out our infirmities of soul and body; free us from all disease and especially from this pestilence. We place in your gentle Heart the elderly, the frail, people with disability, children, young people and families, our indigenous peoples, those who are poor, lonely and isolated. As you walk with us, free them from fear, and give them patience and hope together with our loving care. In your mercy deal also with the causes of our pitiful condition, that in curing our lack of faith and spiritual weakness, you may also remedy our bodily ills. We place our trust in you, the risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Sydney Catholic Org

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 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
Bernadette Virwani	Margaret Harrison
Secretary	Nanette Gamboa
Julienne Crasto	



Parking Reminder

Please make sure when you come to Mass, let us consider our neighbours. Do not block the neighbours' driveway.

Paying our debt together

FIRST COLLECTION - for the support of the priests and deacons of the Diocese.

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

Planned Giving Program as part of the second collection


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

The Parish Finance Committee encourages all parishioners to register for direct debit or credit card deductions instead of the envelope system.

We encourage everyone to contribute financially as you leave by using the *TapnGo* machines or online via BPoint. We have *TapnGo* at both the doors.

**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 Email MET@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG which sessions you'd like to attend for a unique Zoom link

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MINISTRY
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A PROGRAM FOR PERSONAL
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LEADERSHIP SKILLING

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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

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

'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

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

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 or visit www.parramf.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 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 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 or by calling 1800 024 413 toll-free.



Caring for the health and wellbeing of our retired priests

The Bishop's Father's Day Appeal, traditionally held on Father's Day, raises much needed funds for the Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work supporting retired clergy and those in ill health. Due to the current lockdown, the Appeal will be held via mail and online. Your thoughtful donation will mean so much to those who have put the care of others before themselves. Please give generously via the Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or call (02) 8838 3482.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

We celebrate Social Justice on the 29th of August. The Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.

More information; ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 6201 9845.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

BLAZE

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

Youth Coordinator

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Assistant Youth Coordinator

Caitlin Green - 0425 579 594

Youth Leaders

Anna Todhunter

Taylor Coutinho

Johnathan Soosaipillai

Natasha Surjanto

Charlotte Todhunter

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



Come and Join !

MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

CRL YOUTH LEADERS

Rojith de Silva - 0405 956 3210

Nimeshi Fernando -0417 101009

YFC (Youth for Christ)

YFC YOUTH LEADERS

YFC International

Vince Erasmo - 0406 253 698

YFC Australia

Jonathan Montaos 0401 478 733

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Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

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☎ (02) 8664 7100

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John XXIII & St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

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TALENTS,
THE GIFTS THAT
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DO NOT BE AFRAID
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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

www.facebook.com/john23rdparish

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.

*ST JOHN XXIII would like to thank these businesses for their contribution to our parish community
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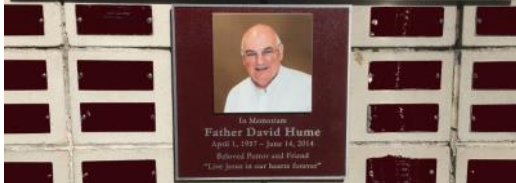
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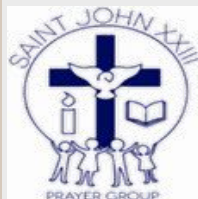
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