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**Twenty Fourth Sunday
in ordinary time
12 September 2021**

Fr Joe's new book draws on the prophets to make sense of the pandemic

By Christina Gretton, 5 September 2021

Seeing how distressed his parishioners were at being locked out of their church, Fr Joseph (Joe) Lam, parish priest of St Finbar's Parish in Glenbrook has written a book of reflections to help them cope and even find goodness that might come from the pandemic. He's also donating the proceeds of the book, *I Will Cause My Spirit To Enter You And You Shall Live: Biblical Theological Essays on the Pandemic* to the Diocese of Parramatta's Clergy Support Foundation, which is having its major fundraising appeal this weekend.



Fr Joe describes the distress caused by the closing of churches during lockdown.

"They asked whether they could receive communion and whether they could enter the church to pray privately," he says. "They found it hard to live without the sacraments and were saddened by the closure of the church. Some were really angry with the whole situation. Some parishioners were financially drained. Some could not farewell their loved ones at the funerals due to the restrictions.

"As Parish Priest, I also was struggling and experience doubts and powerless," he admits.

The book of four essays, *Where is God in the Pandemic? Is God angry? On Ecology and Economy*, and *On the Value of Life and the question of Euthanasia* draws on the wisdom of the prophets, who themselves lived in challenging times. Fr Joe's favourite is Ezekiel.

"Ezekiel was a Temple priest and a member of the elite class of Jerusalem," says Fr Joe.

"He received his prophetic call in a foreign land while being in exile in Babylon, far from Jerusalem. He had to deal with questions concerning the place of worship (Jerusalem Temple was destroyed in 587BCE), about God's anger, about economic and financial hardship and about the value and hope of a new life. He saw his life as a refugee in a foreign land not as a defeat, but as a new opportunity to grow in faith and righteousness.

"Through the lens of Ezekiel, I tried to reflect on our current life with the pandemic," he says.

The book's message will also apply post-pandemic.

"The questions we are being faced with right now are actually perennial," he says. "We face them daily: What is the image of God and the presence of God? How do we do business ethically? What is the value of life?"

Fr Peter G. Williams, Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia of the Diocese of Parramatta and Lecturer at the Catholic Institute of Sydney recommends the book. He writes in the forward:

As Fr Joseph Lam remarks: "A crisis is not always bad."

As Christians we believe that the God we worship is dynamic – not static, and thus the theologian will always be challenged by the changing circumstances of our world and like Kushner to constructively engage with difficult questions which are likely to surface in the minds of believers in a time of crisis, such as the pandemic which currently afflicts our world.

How do we locate and relate to God at a time when our church buildings are shuttered? Is this a result of the God's anger? Does our current predicament have any relationship to questions around climate change and other environment and economic concerns? And in Australia where almost every jurisdiction has made provision for voluntary assisted dying, what is the value of human life and the process of dying itself in a society fixated on the denial of mortality?

Fr Joseph systematically addresses these questions as all good theologians do by having recourse to the Sacred Scripture and referencing the Church Fathers and more contemporary theological voices.

I commend these essays to the reader and thank him for his ongoing contributions to the "queen of the sciences".

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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

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:1-6, 8-9

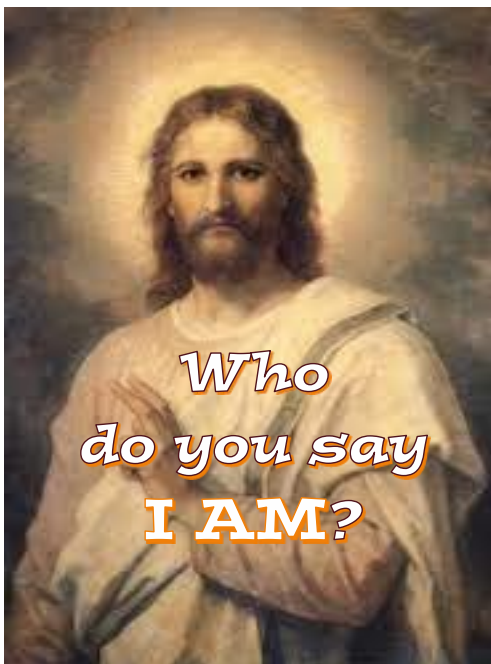
R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me! **R.**

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R.**



Second Reading

James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Deceased:


Felicisimo R Esteban, Melvin Corpuz

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, Jessica Briboneria, 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.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update 3rd September 2021

Given the current debate on COVID-19 vaccines, the Diocese of Parramatta will be sharing information from the Catholic Church on this topic.

We have made available in 12 foreign languages the position of the Catholic Church – from the Holy Father to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith – on COVID-19 vaccines. This information has been supplied via social media tiles you can share with your faith communities and for those whom English is a second language.

These tiles can be downloaded here: parracatholic.org/covid19/#vaccine

We know that some Catholics have might have legitimate concerns about the ethical origins of some vaccines. The Catholic Church, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, has declared that 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.

See: vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_notavaccini-anticovid_en.html

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Vincent, and several other bishops have also been vaccinated.

Of course, any decision regarding vaccines is to be left to the individual and should only be made in consultation with their doctor and health professional.

I encourage you to share these social media tiles with your parishioners, staff, and volunteers.

Yours in Christ,



Very Rev Peter G. Williams

Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia

Church Calendar

September

Mon	13	<i>Saint John Chrysostom (M)</i> 8:30am - no Mass
Tues	14	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F)</i> 9:15am - no Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help via Whatsapp
Wed	15	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows (M)</i> 9:15am - no Mass
Thurs	16	<i>Saints Cornelius and Cyprian (M)</i> 9:15am - no Mass
Fri	17	9:15am - no Mass
Sat	18	No masses
Sun	19	10:30 - Mass Live-streamed

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>

PRAYER DURING PANDEMIC

For those seeking a cure for the virus

Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten the minds of women and men of medical science who are working to find a solution to this viral infection.

Guide their research and help them discover what you provide in creation, sure ways of control, protection, inoculation and healing.

Strengthen them in their tiring work and enrich in them the virtue of hope.

Amen.

Sydney Catholic Org

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

Sep	7 <i>Manalo</i>	14 Tanganan	21 Erasmus	28 Javelosa	
Oct	5 Erasmus	12 Sebastian	19 Shalini	26 Jacob	
Nov	2 Gan	9 Barnouti	16 Ring	23 Jacob	30 Melva
Dec	7 Jacob	14 Richards	21 Richards	28 Richards	
Jan	4 <i>available</i>	11 <i>available</i>	18 <i>available</i>	25 <i>available</i>	
Feb	1 <i>available</i>	8 <i>available</i>	15 <i>available</i>	22 <i>available</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 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

<u>Chairman</u> Gary Lee	<u>Members</u> Bing Catabas
<u>Dep Chairman</u> Bernadette Virwani	Margaret Harrison
<u>Secretary</u> Julienne Crasto	Nanette Gamboa



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

**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.**



Praying the Rosary in October



October is a special month on the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar. It is the month of the Holy Rosary, dedicated to the veneration of the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus.

The Liturgical Ministry will be running rosary prayers every night in October at 7:30pm. Come and join us for a virtual night of prayer hosted by different parish groups.

Watch this space for further details.



Fellowship Night

It has been a while since we connected as a parish community.

Join us for a night of fellowship, singing and worship, Saturday 25th September at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Save the date and watch this space for more details.

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Fr Joe's new book draws on the prophets to make sense of the pandemic (cont'd)

"I will cause my Spirit to enter you, and you shall live"

(Ezekiel 37:5)

Biblical-Theological Essays on the Pandemic.



For over 15 years, Fr Joe has lectured theology in Germany, Italy, Belgium, Africa and the US. He has authored six monographs and over 60 peer-reviewed articles in German, English, Italian and Spanish.

He explains why he is donating proceeds from the book to the Clergy Support Foundation. "Our priests have cared for our faith community's spiritual nourishment and wellbeing for all their lives, asking little for themselves. When their time comes to retire, many are without family to support them and assist with the everyday essentials for a retirement."

I Will Cause My Spirit To Enter You And You Shall Live: Biblical Theological Essays on the Pandemic by Fr Joseph Lam costs \$AUD9.99 plus postage. It can be purchased directly from Fr Joe. To order a copy, email Fr Joe at joseph.lam@parracatholic.org.

Donate to the Clergy Support Foundation's Bishop's Father's Day Appeal [here](#).

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.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.

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. 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

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.

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.

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.

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!

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

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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YFC YOUTH LEADERS

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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%20XXIII%20Glenwood-StanhopeGardensParish>

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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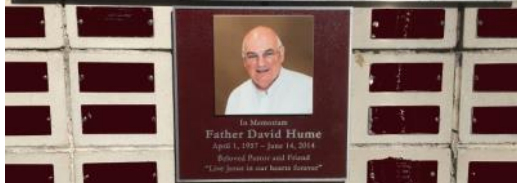
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