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**Twenty Fifth Sunday
in ordinary time
19 September 2021**

The four week inclusion of the Bread of Life discourse from John 6 resulted in the need to omit parts of Mark. Thus between last Sunday's passage (Mark 8:27-35) and today's (Mark 9:30-37) most of chapter 9 has been omitted, including the transfiguration, a discussion on death and Elijah's return, and the difficult case of an epileptic boy. Our edition of the Lectionary changes the opening's "that place" (wherever the boy was healed, wherever the other disciples had been left before and Jesus and the three re-joined them after the transfiguration episode) to "the mountain" that had framed the transfiguration account (Mark 9:2,9). It is the only clue to the omission, without which the passage almost appears to continue last Sunday's teaching on the cross (the final part of which was omitted) with Jesus now telling the disciples more about what is to come. The third instance of Jesus' telling them of his approaching passion and death (Mark 10:32-34) will be omitted between the Twenty-Eighth and Twenty-Ninth Sundays. The repeating of this theme in such a brief span makes clear to the reader (when reading the whole Gospel as intended) that the path of Jesus leads to the cross. This guided the choice for the Lectionary of today's first reading of excerpted passages from Wisdom.

Isolated from its context, the Wisdom pericope (2:12,17-20) could be interpreted as a prophecy about Christ, "the virtuous man" condemned by the godless "to a shameful death", taunted that if he "is God's son [or servant], God will take his part". However, "the virtuous" refers to anyone who holds to righteousness or virtuousness. All such persons are called *pais* (child/servant) of God. That "the virtuous" applies to others is evident in later passages from the same section, often heard at funerals, "The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God" (Wis 3:1-9), also used for the feast of St Andrew, and "The virtuous man, though he die before his time, will find rest" (Wis 4:7-15). If we do read today's passage as being about Christ, then it should be so as to emphasise his true unity with us, for he suffers at the hands of the powerful, just as the poor of this world do. In yet another example of there being nothing new under the sun, the nihilism that Wisdom's author describes is prevalent in our own times. He links it to that tendency, especially of the wealthy and powerful, to become less God-fearing, to the point of denying anything beyond what is experienced here: they declare that there is nothing more than this life, nothing after this life, and so anything can be done with impunity. Denying any meaning or purpose in this world and life, they look to their own capacity as sufficient reason to satisfy any desire and to enjoy this temporary state as much as possible. For them, might is right. This is what drove the perverse social Darwinism of Nazism, which claimed to itself the right to dominate others simply because it could. There is an inherent contradiction in such a position, for in denying meaning and purpose they make self-enjoyment (or self-fulfilment) alone meaningful and raise the pursuit of their own pleasure to the status of life's guiding purpose. In short, contradictorily, they elevate their temporary selves as the world's meaning and purpose.

The second reading (James 3:16-4:3) echoes similar concerns, so evidently even God-fearing Christians struggle at times to keep things in perspective, and so sometimes they let their own desires rule them. The teaching of Christ and the lesson of the cross is different; to win the world is to lose one's life (Mark 8:35-37), and to follow him requires denying oneself and taking up his cross (8:34). Even the Twelve struggle to understand what he is teaching; instead they take to arguing on the road about who among them is the greatest, notwithstanding the even clearer indication of how Jesus himself is to suffer, that is, that he, their master, who teaches with authority, who has authority over unclean spirits, the Lord of the Sabbath, and the one whom the winds and seas obey (all pointing to him as having divine authority), will himself submit to the powerful and die to show the emptiness of their way. The greatest must be as servant to all.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 25th 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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6, 8

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. **R.**

But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

Second Reading

James 3:16 - 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Anna Kounnas, Dr Dante Santiago

Deceased:


Anniversary:

Domenico Surdich, Mario Zec

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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, Sophie De Leon, Zenira D'Souza, Isagani Ocampo, Virginia Santos, Dragica Julich

Thanksgiving:



Consult not your fears
but your hopes and
your dreams
- Pope St John XXIII

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

September

Mon	20	<i>Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and companions (M)</i> 8:30am - no Mass
Tues	21	<i>Saint Matthew (F)</i> 9:15am - no Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help via Whatsapp
Wed	22	9:15am - no Mass
Thurs	23	<i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (M)</i> 9:15am - no Mass
Fri	24	9:15am - no Mass
Sat	25	No masses 7:30pm - Fellowship Night
Sun	26	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.

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](https://www.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

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 <i>Tanganan</i>	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

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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.

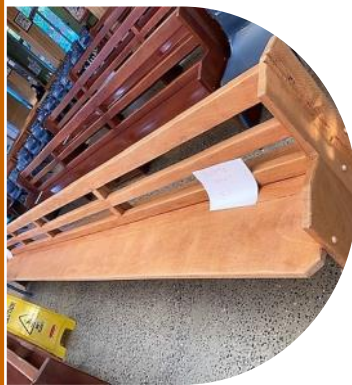
SECOND COLLECTION - used to meet our parish running costs of the church and provide for ministry expenses; it is also needed to pay off our church mortgage.

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.

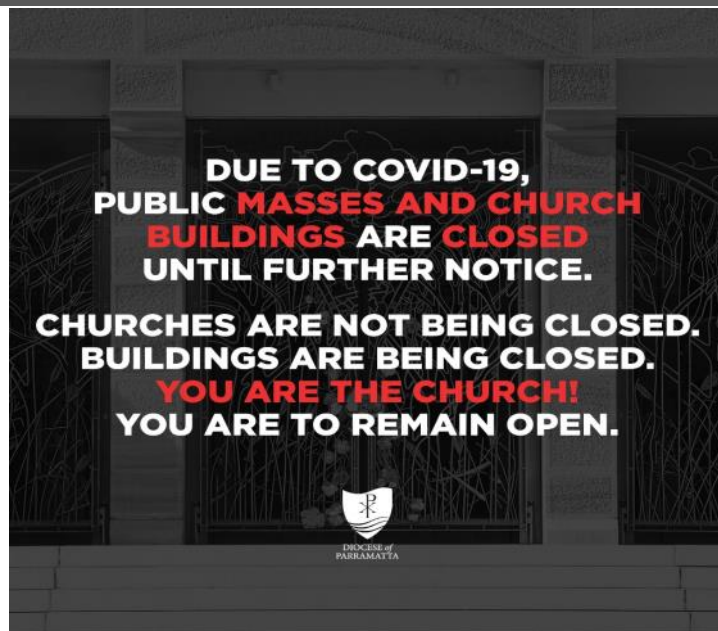


SPONSOR A PEW

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



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.

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.parralnf.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.

"I will cause my Spirit to enter you, and you shall live" (Ezekiel 37:5)

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.

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.

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

EXTENDED

Join us on HOME Ground

OPEN WEEKNIGHTS TILL SEPTEMBER 17

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. 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

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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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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John XXIII & St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

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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.

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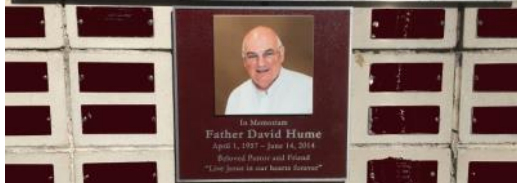
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