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**Twenty Sixth Sunday  
in ordinary time  
26 September 2021**

Today's Gospel reading (Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48) seems an eclectic assemblage. The apparently omitted verses were later insertions found in only one branch of the manuscript tradition, and they clearly do not fit. They repeat the final comment, "where their worm does not die nor their fire go out", which does not fit there either; it is a quote from Isaiah 66:24, which refers to the bodies of those who had turned away from God and were slain at the end. That whole final section of Isaiah is a haphazard collection of apocalyptic items, but that some early Christians valued parts is evident in the borrowing of the now well-known "new heavens and new earth" phrase in 2 Peter 3:13 and Revelation 21:1, and perhaps because parts resonated with their experiences of persecution. The passage's first reference to hell and fire has such inconsistencies in the tradition as to appear dubious too. All these elements intensify the apocalyptic flavour of the last section of the reading, which seems ill-suited to the first two elements. But if we set aside the apocalyptic elements, we are left with something that applies more to the community of disciples as a whole than to individuals. If aimed at individuals, its application would result in a noticeably maimed population, and even the most literal-minded of Christian fundamentalists do not practise it. Rather, it makes more sense when read of the community considered as a body; and it is sometimes necessary to cut off wayward members. Our communities have always had to contend with members who do not behave in accord with Christ's teachings and Christian expectations, and indeed the advice seems most apt in the face of clergy scandals in our own days. However, this may seem to emphasise the community of Christians exclusively, whereas the first two parts of our reading—on the "non-member" casting out devils in Christ's name and on those who give a cup of water to one of Christ's flock—indicate an openness to others. Such inclusiveness is found in Isaiah 66 too, for not only are the dead rebels composed of both Jews and Gentiles, but so too will both Jews and Gentiles worship God on the Holy Mountain, and priests and Levites will be chosen even from the ranks of the Gentiles (Isa 66:20-21). Today's Gospel reading and Isaiah 66 both testify to an inclusive mission, and to the fact that it is doing God's work that fits one for eternal reward, and not membership of a particular group. The first reading (Num 11:25-29) echoes something of this, but its vision is restricted to the Hebrews. It was chosen as the first reading because Joshua's telling Moses to stop the two from prophesying who had not gathered at the tent of meeting, together with Moses' response, is the closest biblical parallel to John's telling Jesus about their stopping a man who was "not one of us casting out devils *in your name*". The response of Jesus fits with the preceding pericope so that Mark gives us a series of sayings: "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children *in my name* welcomes me... Anyone who is not against us is for us... No one who works a miracle *in my name* will soon speak evil of me... If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink [*in (the) name*] because you [*are of*] Christ... he will not lose his reward." Our translation of the last elides the linking thread *in (the) name* because the text is faulty and needs some correction to make it readable; others correct it by adding "my" or by rendering it as "because you bear the name of Christ". To these loosely associated four positive statements Mark attaches four negative ones concerning any who scandalise the little ones and sin against the body in hand, or foot, or eye. From the perspective of the community of disciples, the four positives are outward looking, and the four negatives mainly inward. Perhaps one way of reading this is to say that unless the body retains health and integrity it cannot engage properly in its mission to others. If so, a question for our parishes and religious communities is: How do we attend to our ecclesial body in all its members with a view to fulfilling its inclusive mission of reconciliation and redemption?

*Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 26th 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

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

### First Reading

*Numbers 11:25-29*

A reading from the book of Numbers

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14*

**R.** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. **R.**

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **R.**

### Second Reading

*James 5:1-6*

A reading from the letter of St James

*Your wealth is rotting.*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



### Gospel Acclamation

*cf John 17:17*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Anna Kounnas, Dr Dante Santiago

### 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, Jessica Briboneria, Greg Marcellana, Sophie De Leon, Zenira D'Souza, 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

### September

Mon	27	<i>Saint Vincent de Paul (M)</i> 8:30am - <b>no</b> Mass
Tues	28	9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help via Whatsapp
Wed	29	<i>Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (F)</i> 9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass
Thurs	30	<i>Saint Jerome (M)</i> 9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass

### October

Fri	1	<i>Saint Therese of the Child Jesus (M)</i> 9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass
Sat	2	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels (M)</i> No masses 7:30pm - Fellowship Night
Sun	3	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.***

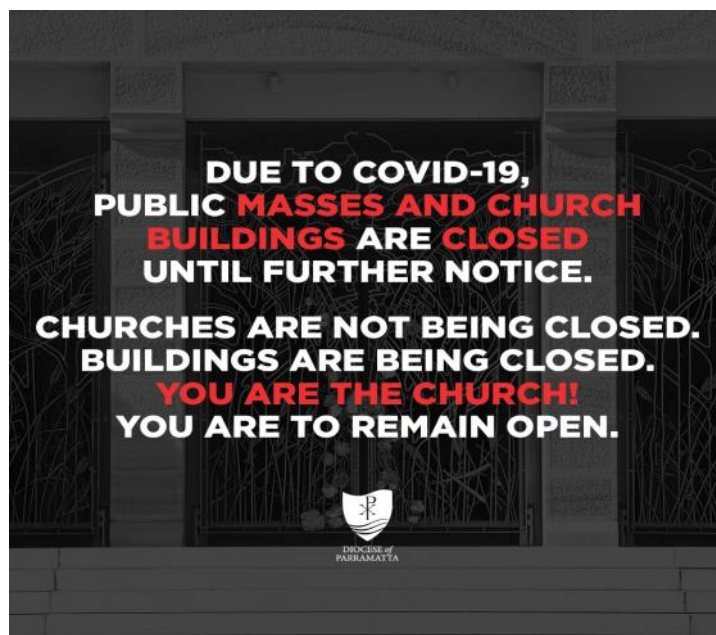
***INSTEAD, OUR SUNDAY 10:30am MASS WILL BE STREAMED LIVED VIA OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND FACEBOOK PAGE.***

### NSW Government announces targets for easing of COVID-19 restrictions

The NSW government has announced a target for the easing of restrictions on churches for all of Greater Sydney, including the Blue Mountains and Wollongong regions.

Churches will be closed to the public until the Monday after NSW passes the 70 percent target of residents having had two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Funerals may proceed at this time, with a maximum of ten members of the congregation, following a four square metre rule.



### 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 who govern and represent us

Eternal Wisdom, guide our leaders called to serve us in our Nation. May they respond to the challenges of this affliction with prudence and sound judgement. With foresight, may their planning alleviate the economic burdens, compensate for losses, protect employment and ensure ample food for the poor and isolated.  
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](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

Sep	7 Manalo	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 Paguinto	11 Lozada	18 Javelosa	25 Cano	
Feb	1 Tanganan	8 available	15 Ring	22 Jacob	

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**

<b>Chairman</b> Gary Lee	<b>Members</b> Bing Catabas
<b>Dep Chairman</b> Bernadette Virwani	Chris Drummond
<b>Secretary</b> Julienne Crasto	Margaret Harrison
	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.**

### THANK YOU

To everyone who joined us during the Fellowship night especially to our parishioners who shared their thoughts and experiences in this time of pandemic.

Let us all continue to pray for one another, for healing of those who have been afflicted with the disease but most especially for healing around the globe.

The closer we get to the government's target of 70% for fully vaccinated people, the closer we get to going back to church and hear mass.

### 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.

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98668602031?pwd=N1FRQWF0VEhpWHNtQVlybDdjYDBoUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 986 6860 2031

**Passcode:** 395838

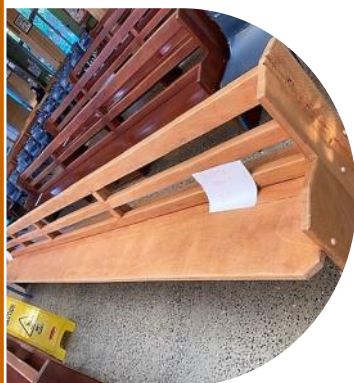
**Note:** 30th October, rosary will start at 7:00pm followed by Praise and Worship night.

### VIRTUAL

### *Praise & WORSHIP* Night

**30/10/2021**  
**Saturday**  
**7:30pm**  
**Via Zoom**

Let us keep the momentum on our virtual parish community activity. Join us for a virtual Praise and Worship Night hosted by the multiple parish choirs. It'll be an enjoyable night of singing and worship, 30th October, Saturday, 7:30pm right after the rosary prayer. Open to everyone to join via Zoom.



### 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

### 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.parralnf.org.au](http://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.

### 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](http://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](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.

*"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](mailto:joseph.lam@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](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au)

#### Youth Coordinator

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#### Assistant Youth Coordinator

Caitlin Green - 0425 579 594

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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*

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## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

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### 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

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

DEAR YOUNG  
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

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Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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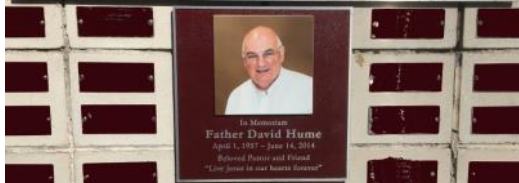
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