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**Twenty Third Sunday  
 in ordinary time  
 5 September 2021**

The combination of “the eyes of the blind shall be opened” in Isaiah 35:5 and the Psalm’s “the Lord gives sight to the blind” seems to be preparing the way for an account of the restoration of sight in the Gospel (*Mark 7:31-37*), but its focus is instead on restoring hearing and speech. In this story, which is shared with Matthew, as with the raising of the young girl (Thirteenth Sunday this year) told also by Matthew and Luke, Mark alone reports the Lord’s command in Aramaic (a Syriac dialect). In this case the Lord’s word is transmitted in Greek transliteration as *Ephphatha*, but correctly it should be *Ethphathach*. The mispronunciation perhaps points to a particular fascination with the Lord’s own words in Mark’s Greek-speaking circles, and also to the attribution of magical power to such words that may then be borrowed in magical folk-medicine; think similarly of the conjectured origin of *Hocus pocus* in *Hoc est Corpus* from Mass in Latin. However, the Aramaic word is richly connected to the mission of Jesus. The Hebrew in the first reading (*Isa 35:4-7*) has two synonymous verbs in verse 5 for *opening*, respectively applied to the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf. The first is not common (it is used eighteen times) and is always said of eyes, except in Isaiah 42:20, where it is used of ears. The second verb is common and refers to the opening of eyes and ears and mouths, but also to the untying of cords and to setting free. This is clear in the Syriac Peshitta’s use of a single verb for both Hebrew verbs in Isaiah and the word Mark reports Jesus using, where it is applicable both to *opening* the man’s ears to hear and to *freeing* his tongue to speak clearly. The Septuagint’s version of Isaiah has “will hear” instead of the Hebrew’s second verb, “will be opened”, while the added translation in Mark matches only the Septuagint’s translation of Isaiah’s first verb. That Greek verb is fitting only for the ears, not for the tongue, so that the man’s becoming able to speak clearly seems to be merely a consequence of the miraculous opening of his ears. Reading both passages via the Syriac, and reading them in parallel as the Lectionary has us do today, reveals the Gospel’s encounter to be more than simply a story of a healing: the episode points to Christ’s redeeming mission as one of liberation, the scene becoming a fulfilment of Isaiah’s prophetic passage in a demonstration of Christ’s mission in the flesh and in the life of an actual person. Furthermore, Mark’s transmission of the Aramaic commands *Ethphathach* (Be opened/unbound/freed!) and *Kūm* (Arise!) in 5:41 together sum up Christ’s twofold work: to redeem and raise those doomed to die. Both stories show this at work in the here and now of people’s lives and not merely as a future hope for the end of time. If our mission as Church is to continue Christ’s work, then it is likewise to be carried out among people in our own time. Thus the historical impetus to establish such works as schools, since education sets free from ignorance (which explains why missionaries were so often resisted by the agents of colonial commerce), and hospitals, since curing the sick frees them from ills or caring for them brings relief in time of suffering. But we should not think only in such institutional modes; not every parish can or should establish a school or hospital or hospice, or other such major works, but the question remains for each: What does this community do to proclaim Christ’s saving mission in the lives of real people both near and far?

*Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B*



Happy  
 Father's Day  
 Prayers and blessings  
 on this special day

**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

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

### First Reading

*Isaiah 35:4-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 145:7-10*

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**



### Second Reading

*James 2:1-5*

A reading from the letter of St James

*Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Matthew 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Mark 7:31-37*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

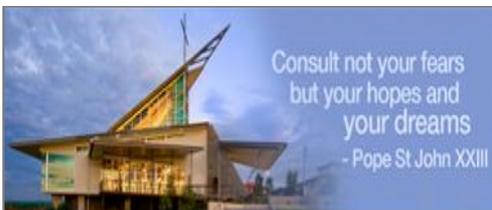
### Deceased:

### 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

### September

Mon	6	8:30am - <b>no</b> Mass
Tues	7	9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help via Whatsapp
Wed	8	<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)</i> 9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass
Thurs	9	9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass
Fri	10	9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass
Sat	11	No masses
Sun	12	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

### For those who care for the sick

Father of mercies, we thank you for all who care for the sick.

When they diagnose, give them patience.

When they protect the vulnerable, give them your protection.

When they work to heal, give them strength.

When they comfort, give them consolation.

When they are tired, give them rest.

When they are discouraged, bring them your hope.

May we welcome and respect them as we support one another in this time of trial.

*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](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	14	21	28	
	<b>Manalo</b>	Tangunan	Erasmus	Javelosa	
Oct	5	12	19	26	
	<b>Erasmus</b>	Sebastian	Shalini	Jacob	
Nov	2	9	16	23	30
	<b>Gan</b>	Barnouti	Ring	Jacob	Melva
Dec	7	14	21	28	
	<b>Jacob</b>	Richards	Richards	Richards	
Jan	4	11	18	25	
	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	
Feb	1	8	15	22	
	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<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 [andrew@john23rd.org.au](mailto:andrew@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 needs 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 Renuka0414 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**

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

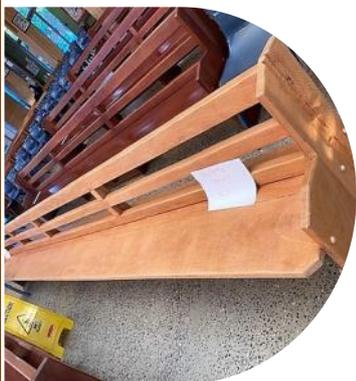
**DUE TO COVID-19,  
PUBLIC MASSES AND CHURCH  
BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**CHURCHES ARE NOT BEING CLOSED.  
BUILDINGS ARE BEING CLOSED.  
YOU ARE THE CHURCH!  
YOU ARE TO REMAIN OPEN.**



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**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?



**EXTENDED**

**Join us on HOME Ground**

OPEN WEEKNIGHTS TILL SEPTEMBER 17

CONNECTION | CONVERSATION | MUSIC | HOT TOPICS

ONLINE GATHERING

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](http://parracatholic.org/homeground)

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

**To Note:**  
Worship Wednesday ALL STARS  
'BE MET' Thursday Nights

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!

**Expressions of interest are now open - sign up today!**

For further enquiries, contact Donnie Velasco – 0432 042140 or [donnie.velasco@parracatholic.org](mailto:donnie.velasco@parracatholic.org)



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



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**Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update**

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

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

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

**Parish Online Ministry during COVID**

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

**Manage your Fertility Naturally!**

Are you looking for a natural effective method to manage your fertility? Are you trying to achieve pregnancy? Are you breastfeeding and looking for a natural way to space your children? Natural Fertility Services – Diocese of Parramatta might just have the answers you’re searching for. For more information, or to book an appointment, contact Catherine on 0400 427 605 or [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or visit [www.parralmf.org.au](http://www.parralmf.org.au)

**Office for Worship Resources available**

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

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

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

**Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses**

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office’s in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2021 are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call (02) 8838 3460.

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

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



**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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

### BLAZE

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

#### Youth Coordinator

Amanda Lee - 0413 545 318

#### Assistant Youth Coordinator

Caitlin Green - 0425 579 594

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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

Jonathan Montaos 0401 478 733

## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

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

### John XXIII & St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

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

### Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

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

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

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



## PARISH OFFICE

### Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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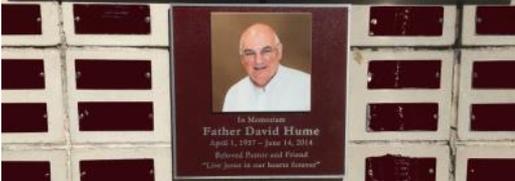
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