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**Thirtieth Sunday  
in ordinary time  
24 October 2021**

Today's Gospel reading (Mark 10:46-52) seems to stand on its own as a whole story, but there are links before and after it that show this episode to be integral to a fuller story. Here we hear Mark's first use of the title "Son of David" that proclaims Jesus to be King and Messiah, though he later (12:35-37) contests this title as applicable to the Messiah, yet is then called by, and suffers and dies under, the title of "King of Israel". The story of Bartimaeus, though without the name, is found also in Luke 18:35-43 and in two forms in Matthew 9:27-31 and 20:29-34. The accounts by Matthew and Mark agree in setting the story as Jesus, heading to Jerusalem, leaves Jericho with a multitude following him. It might be considered that there would have been many heading that way for the approaching feast of Passover, but Mark puts it in specific language to indicate their following him, not merely their being on the same road; he gives us a picture more like a triumphal procession, and indeed the following story is of the triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Mark is the only evangelist to put the units into this precise order, and with the threads that tie it into one story in another of his "sandwiches", the sub-unit of Bartimaeus being framed by the beginning and end of the procession from Jericho to Jerusalem. The nature of that procession is so obvious that even blind Bartimaeus recognises it and hails Jesus with the regal title, "Son of David".

The fickle crowd first scolds and shushes blind Bartimaeus, but then encourages him when Jesus summons him. Just like the disciples, these people do not understand Jesus. In the face of this lack of understanding Mark gives us another unique feature: Bartimaeus, throwing off his outer garment, leaps to his feet and walks to Jesus. It is often conjectured that his casting aside of his cloak was an act of faith, manifesting his belief he would not need it for begging anymore, because it is thought to have functioned either as the sign of a beggar or as a receptacle to collect money. The first at least is not convincing, for the *himation*, an outer garment, is common to all and is not the prerogative of beggars. Indeed, before long (11:7-10), some of the crowd will throw their own cloaks on a colt while others will spread theirs on the road, and all will acclaim Jesus as the one who brings the kingdom of their father David.

The description of Bartimaeus casting off his cloak may still betoken putting off an old way of life, an image Paul uses well, but more striking is the blind man walking to Jesus through the crowd. It is in having leapt to his feet and walking that he is most vulnerable, and while the crowd may now willingly assist, it is in any case a walk of faith similar to the walk of faith of Jesus himself. Jesus asks him the same question he asked the brothers James and John: "What do you wish (that I may do)?" Mark then transmits the Aramaic address, *Rabbuni*, otherwise found only in John, before he states his wish, "That I may see." When he is told to go, his faith having saved him, he instead follows Jesus on the way. Jesus now has one disciple shown to understand, and a whole throng who do not—a throng and disciples who will desert him. Bartimaeus is here the model disciple. But is he also the young man dressed only in a linen shift, without *himation*, the only one left after all the others flee (14:50-52), who then flees naked? That is conjecture for another time. The scene of today's passage forms part of the fuller story showing the path of Jesus to be decidedly and purposely fixed on Jerusalem and the cross. It is a journey that deeply challenges his disciples, shaking them all to their core.

*Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B*

**1st NOVEMBER - ALL SAINTS MASS WILL BE 8.30AM AND 7.30PM**

**2nd NOVEMBER - ALL SOULS DAY WILL BE 9.15AM AND 7.30PM**

**NOVEMBER BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE IS NOW IN THE CHURCH  
TO OFFER PRAYERS FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED  
PLEASE PLACE YOUR MASS OFFERING ENVELOPE IN THE SPECIAL  
NEEDS BOX BY THE SACRISTY DOOR**

#### 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

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

### First Reading

*Jeremiah 31:7-9*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I shall lead them back in mercy - both the blind and the lame.*

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout! 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 125*

**R.** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

### Second Reading

*Hebrews 5:1-6*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Walking with Jesus



BLIND  
FAITH

### Gospel Acclamation

*cf 2 Timothy 1:10*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Mark 10:46-52*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Master, grant that I may see.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaëus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### Communion Antiphon

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Drianne Deang, Jesus Calvo

### Deceased:

### Anniversary:

**Sick:** Names published with permission.

Fr Kevin Walsh, Rev Fr Jeffrey Fernandes, Natividad Reyes, Pat Doyle, Maria Romeo, Kristy Arceo, Iyrika D'Cruz, Tony Muscat, Elizabeth Candame, Colleen McCunnie, Raymond Lanzona, Geoffrey Robinson, Anshu Mala Nand, Florentina Elisura, Elizabeth Newnes, Christina Properzi, Deidre Thomson, Mavie Dela Cruz, Perla Magculang, Sophie De Leon, Greg Marcellana, Isagani Ocampo, Zenira D'Souza, Virginia Santos, Dragica Julich, Gloria Bueno

### Thanksgiving:

## 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.



### NSW reaches 80% full vaccination

It is with great joy that we prepare ourselves to open the doors of the churches to celebrate the Eucharist as a community.

It is mandatory to wear the mask and the 4sq metre rule will be applied.

To accommodate everyone for the weekend masses, booking is essential.

We welcome everyone of you. May Christ open our spiritual eyes, to see our call to love others in action and worship.

**Stage 2: When 80% of the double dose vaccination target is achieved by the state**

### Weddings and religious services

- Wedding ceremonies permitted with no person limit (5-person limit for people who are not fully vaccinated), density limit still applies.
- Wedding receptions permitted with no person limits (not permitted for people who are not fully vaccinated), eating and drinking while standing, and dancing is permitted, density limit still apply.
- Funerals permitted with no person limit (10-person limit for people who are not fully vaccinated) and eating and drinking allowed while standing, density limits still apply.
- Places of worship reopen for people who are not fully vaccinated with density limits.
- Up to **10 fully vaccinated singers** may perform in places of worship and at religious services.

The full details of the 80% roadmap can be found here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/easing-covid19-restrictions/80-percent>.

At this stage of the roadmap, our churches are to open to our entire community. There is no requirement from the Government to check the vaccination status of people attending our churches.



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

### October

Mon	25	8:30am - Mass 7:30pm - Rosary via Zoom
Tues	26	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help via Whatsapp 7:30pm - Rosary via Zoom
Wed	27	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Rosary via Zoom
Thurs	28	<i>Saints Simon and Luke (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Rosary via Zoom
Fri	29	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Rosary via Zoom
Sat	30	9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary via Zoom 7:30pm - Praise and Worship
Sun	31	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass 7:30pm - Rosary via Zoom

We are excited to welcome you back to church from this weekend. Registration for this weekend's masses can be accessed from the link below.

Registration capacity is currently up to 95. If you are unable to attend, please ensure you cancel your booking to allow other parishioners to attend. If you are unsure how to cancel please contact the parish office on 8883 5981 or email [eventbrite@john23rd.org.au](mailto:eventbrite@john23rd.org.au).



Accordingly, you are required to wear a face mask in order to enter the Church. Children under 12 are exempt but are highly encouraged to wear a face mask as well.

## 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.parramattacatholic.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					
Oct	5	12	19	26	
	Erasmus	Sebastian	Shalini	Jacob	
Nov	2	9	16	23	30
	Gan	Barnouti	Ring	Jacob	Melva
Dec	7	14	21	28	
	Jacob	Richards	Richards	Richards	
Jan	4	11	18	25	
	Paguinto	Lozada	Javelosa	Cano	
Feb	1	8	15	22	
	Tangunanan	available	Ring	Jacob	
Mar	1	8	15	22	29
	available	Paguinto	Richards	Shalini	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**

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



**Parking Reminder**

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

## Paying our debt together

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

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

**Planned Giving Program as part of the second collection**

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

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

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

## 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=N1FRQWF0VEhpbW5HNTQVlybDdjYDBoUT09>

Meeting ID: 986 6860 2031      Passcode: 395838

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

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Commencing from the 9th - 12th November  
and from 16th - 19th November

WE PRAY FOR ALL THE CHILDREN  
PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF  
HOLY COMMUNION



## VIRTUAL Praise & WORSHIP Night

**30/10/2021  
Saturday**

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, right after the rosary prayer. Open to everyone to join via Zoom.

<https://zoom.us/j/98668602031?pwd=N1FRQWF0VEhpbW5HNTQVlybDdjYDBoUT09>

Meeting ID: 986 6860 2031      Passcode: 395838

## 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

## SACRAMENTAL NOTICE

There will be no Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Confirmation to be celebrated this year.



## XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

This coming Sunday, 17 October 2021, dioceses around the world will launch local preparations for the XVI Synod of Bishops. The Synod, themed “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”, was solemnly opened in Rome last week by Pope Francis. If you haven’t already done so, you may be interested to watch the Mass and read Pope Francis’ homily as published on [Catholic Outlook here](#).

[Click here to access the preparatory document for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.](#)

## Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.

Amen.



This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023.



**Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia  
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15 October 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

### Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

As was previously communicated, when the 80% double dose vaccination target is achieved by the state of NSW, our churches will be able to open to our entire community from the following Monday. From that time, all religious services will only be limited by the 4 sqm rule.

It was previously anticipated that the state would reach this milestone two weeks after the reopening at the 70% double dose target. However, the Premier reported this morning that we are likely to reach the 80% target today or certainly by tomorrow.

This would mean that our churches will be able to reopen to our entire community from this Monday 18 October 2021. While this cannot be confirmed until the weekend, for parishes, now would be a good time to start preparing for potentially reopening earlier than expected.

Yours in Christ

Very Rev Peter G. Williams  
Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia



## 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

#### Youth Leaders

Anna Todhunter

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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

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## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Holy Cross Primary

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☎ (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

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### Catholic Early Learning Centre

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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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## 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

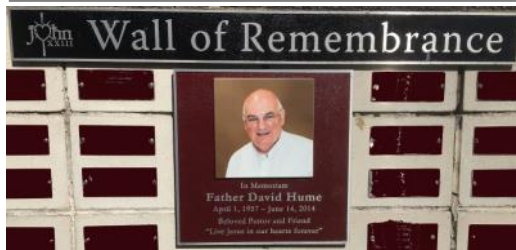
[www.facebook.com/john23rdparish](https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish)

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.



### MEMORIAL WALL

The wall in front of the church is devoted to the memory of our deceased family and friends, especially if they are buried overseas. For any enquiries please email [columbarium@john23rd.org.au](mailto:columbarium@john23rd.org.au)  
The plaques cost \$350.00.



**PRAISE AND WORSHIP**  
**3rd Saturdays at 7:30pm**  
*SJ23rd Prayer Group*



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
Meets 2nd and 4th  
Thursday at 7:00pm *good works*



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