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**Twenty Seventh Sunday  
in ordinary time  
3 October 2021**

When some people struggle or fail to live up to an ideal, is it to be abandoned? The simple answer is *No*. So, how do we maintain the ideal yet deal well with failure to reach it? Though not put in those words, that is one of the questions in the ongoing difficult discussions about divorcees who then wish to marry another. The fact that sometimes a husband and wife separate and divorce is not new; it is well testified to throughout history, including in Jewish Law, though the biblical foundation for the actual practice is found only in Deuteronomy 24:1-3 which prohibits marrying a former wife if she had remarried in the meantime. It refers to the practice of issuing a written document of divorce, known by its later Aramaic term as a *Get*, but there is nowhere in the Law that directly permits divorce. The use of the *Get* is otherwise only referred to analogously in Isaiah 50:1 and Jeremiah 3:8, and in the New Testament in Mark 10:4 in today's reading (10:2-16) and Matthew 5:31 and 19:7. This all shows that it was accepted, but not the rationale for its acceptance. At least in later Jewish understanding marriage is not merely an arrangement or contract between a man and woman but a uniting of souls. However, it allows that just as they entered into the union freely, so can they can dissolve it when the husband officially gives, and the wife officially receives, the *Get*. This is not done lightly. The difficulty for us is that the teaching of Jesus in today's gospel (and Matthew 19:3-12, supported in Luke 16:18) seems very clear in closing this off since he teaches that only God can unbind what God has bound (or literally *yoked together*). It is this teaching and not inventive rule-making by the Church that causes our difficulty. But notice also this language of joining and separating is linguistically related to binding and unbinding (or loosening, remitting and forgiving) in the disciples' commission in Matthew 18:18. Those who would more readily accept divorce and remarriage do not adequately explain how we are to observe faithfully Christ's own teaching; at the same time, literal readers of these passages should ask if we have properly or fully understood his meaning and intent.

Rather than dwell on the difficulties of some cases, we should also note the positives. The text that Jesus alludes to is provided as our first reading (Gen 2:18-24) and it is positive, except when misused by too a literal reading that assigns primacy to *the man* and inferiority to *the woman*. The story is typically mythological and so is rich with poetic insight. At one level it conveys the human awareness of the kindred nature of animals, which here are made and presented as "friends, not food" (borrowing from Bruce, the vegetarian shark who says this of fish in *Finding Nemo*). It also acknowledges that while we find companionship with other animal species, nothing can equal that with another human, especially that which is shared between a husband and wife. An element too often overlooked is the place from which something was taken to be built into the woman: his side. An insightful rabbinic interpretation emerges after asking: Why did God take the rib and not a part from the foot or the head? Answer: To show that she is not under him, nor above him, but beside him as his equal. The story itself enshrines the equality between Adam and Eve, husband and wife; much would have been gained, and much misery averted, if that equality, and the respect it demands, had been upheld and practised by society throughout the ages. Our Lord's teachings were not given so as to inflict injustice and harm, but to uphold those ideals that are right and good for all human relationships.

*Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 27th 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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

### First Reading

*Genesis 2:18-24*

A reading from the book of Genesis

*They were two in one flesh.*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 127*

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! by the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **R.**

### Second Reading

*Hebrews 2:9-11*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

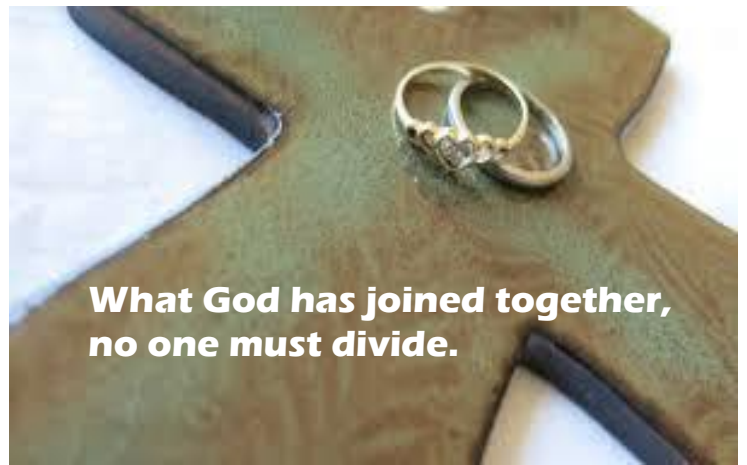
*He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**What God has joined together,  
no one must divide.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*1 John 4:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Mark 10:2-16*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*What God has joined together, no one must divide.*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them. 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Carlos Alierno, Jessica Briboneria

### 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:

## 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.***

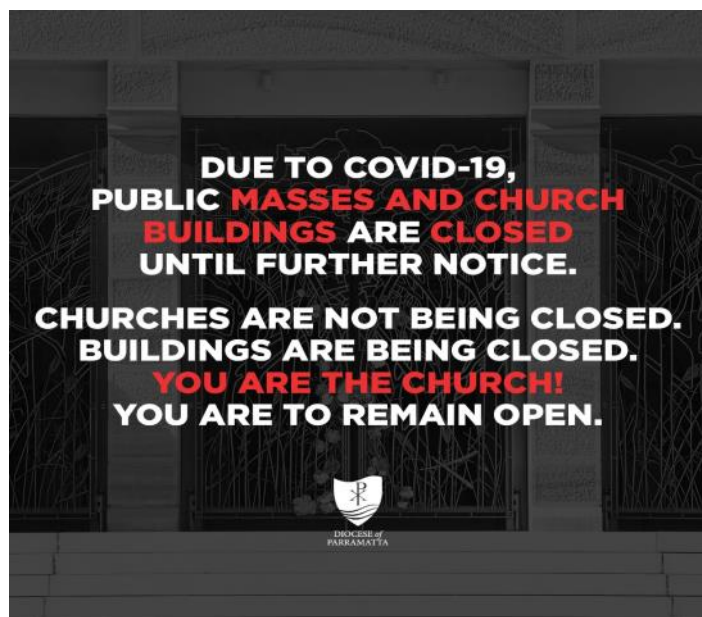
***INSTEAD, OUR SUNDAY 10:30am MASS WILL BE STREAMED LIVED VIA OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND FACEBOOK PAGE.***

### 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 humility

Merciful Lord, we stand before you in our human weakness.

We confess that we have been caught up in the pride and presumption that drives our worldly society. Free us from the arrogance that afflicts our age, for now we stand confounded by conditions beyond our control or understanding.

Give us humble and honest hearts to discern the greater mystery of your providence in creation. May we accept your justice and trust your redeeming mercy.

Amen



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	4	<i>Saint Francis of Assisi (M)</i> 8:30am - <b>no</b> Mass 7:30pm - Rosary via Zoom
Tues	5	9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help via Whatsapp 7:30pm - Rosary via Zoom
Wed	6	9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass 7:30pm - Rosary via Zoom
Thurs	7	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary (M)</i> 9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass 7:30pm - Rosary via Zoom
Fri	8	9:15am - <b>no</b> Mass 7:30pm - Rosary via Zoom
Sat	9	No masses 7:30pm - Rosary via Zoom
Sun	10	10:30 - Mass Live-streamed 7:30pm - Rosary via Zoom



## 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

	5	12	19	26	
Oct	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	
	Tanganan	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 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 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>	<b>Members</b>
Gary Lee	Bing Catabas
<b>Dep Chairman</b>	Chris Drummond
Bernadette Virwani	Margaret Harrison
<b>Secretary</b>	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=N1FRQWF0VEhpWHNtQVlybDdjYDBoUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 986 6860 2031      **Passcode:** 395838

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

## 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

## 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.

### 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)

### 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.



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As your Bishop you are all constantly in my prayers, especially during this difficult time. Our Diocese has been working with the health authorities and other religious leaders towards the day when we can once again tangibly express our faith through gathering in our dear churches to celebrate the Eucharist.

Given the recent announcements by the NSW Government of the easing of restrictions between 11 October and 1 December, I write to provide you an update on how this will impact the Diocese of Parramatta.

It is to the core of our ministry that we resume our pastoral care of the people as soon as that is practicable. In order to accommodate all the People of God, I have determined that we should wait until the 80% threshold has been achieved before we reopen our churches as this would then permit all Catholics to attend regardless of vaccination status. The projection is that this is likely sometime towards the end of October.

Once a date has been finalised by the NSW Government as to when 80% fully vaccinated has been achieved an advice to reopen will come from the Chancery.

With my prayers for you and your communities,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv

Bishop of Parramatta

1 October 2021

*The Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus*



**Plenary Council**  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

### First Assembly of the Plenary Council 3-10 October 2021

Read and share the First Assembly agenda. Reflect on, and discuss the questions.

The livestream can be seen at the National Plenary Council website

[Download the agenda here](#)



## 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)

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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

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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

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160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

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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



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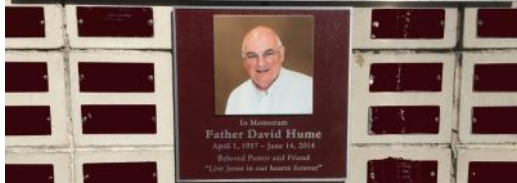
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