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**Thirty First Sunday  
in ordinary time  
31 October 2021**

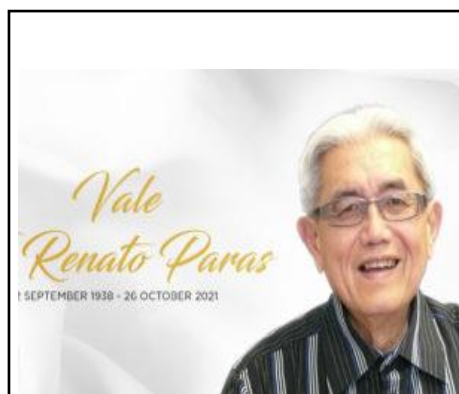
A difficulty with dividing each synoptic gospel into sequential pericopes for a year's reading from January through to November is that the feasts of the Lord's birth and death, along with their preparatory periods, are then always read out of sequence. Mark's account of blind Bartimaeus that was read last Sunday is the immediate prelude to Jesus entering Jerusalem that we read also on Palm Sunday. So from last Sunday the Lectionary leaps over the whole of chapter 11, which includes the account of the cleansing of the temple, itself framed by the story of the fig tree that portends the end. We take up again half way through chapter 12.

Mark's scene for the question about the first or greatest commandment of the Law differs in one significant way from Matthew's (read on the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A) and Luke's (read on the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C). While all three locate it in the midst of contentions with various Jewish parties, Matthew and Luke have it arise as challenge to test Jesus. Mark, in a detail unfortunately omitted from the opening verse in the Lectionary's pericope, has the scribe observe Jesus arguing with the Sadducees and he admires how well Jesus answers them. This context suggests simply that he appreciates what Jesus says, and his question lacks any sense of challenge; he is presented as one honestly seeking an opinion for its hoped for insight. Moreover, after Jesus answers the scribe approvingly repeats it and adds that this double commandment is more important than any holocaust or sacrifice – an observation that would put him at odds also with the Sadducees, a sect associated with the Temple and its priesthood and sacrifices. Jesus in turn notes that the scribe has spoken wisely. We have here in a context of contention a peaceful episode of mutual recognition and appreciation that is quite fitting for the nature of the commandment to love God and others; these two have found a common ground.

By coincidence that gospel episode is linked now in our Lectionary to the Christian rejection of the Temple and its worship as testified to in the second reading, Hebrews 7:23-28. Hebrews does not, however, completely reject priesthood and sacrifice, but rather makes the case for the temporary earthly forms now being replaced by the real thing, Christ the eternal and only sinless priest whose self-offering is therefore incomparably more effective than any of the former dispensation. This association allows us to read the two-fold first of the commandments in a new way: loving the neighbour as one's very self and offering one's whole self in love to God is the sacrifice par excellence and the fulfilment of the Law. This Christ does, and since we too easily fail in it ourselves, it is accomplished for us in him.

In the Eucharist the ordained priest and the people together offer the sacrifice of praise because they are the body of him who offers himself perfectly.

*Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B*



#### R I P

Fr Renato Paras, Pastor Emeritus of St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill and chaplain to the Filipino Catholic community in Australia, died the morning of 26th October at Melva McDonald Lodge, Rooty Hill.

A Pontifical concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial Funeral will be celebrated on Thursday 4th November at 11am at St Patricks Blacktown. There will be a viewing from 9.30am to 10.30am, which will be organised in accordance with health regulations.

Following the Mass, the cortege will proceed to Pinegrove Cemetery, Kington St, Minchinbury.

#### 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

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

### First Reading

*Deuteronomy 6:2-6*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.*

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51*

**R.** I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

### Second Reading

*Hebrews 7:23-28*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.*

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Greatest commandment



God &  
Neighbour

### Gospel Acclamation

*John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Mark 12:28-34*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more..

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### Communion Antiphon

Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me shall have life because of me, says the Lord.



## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Fr Renato Paras, Jean-Lucien Pouzet,  
Esprella Alvarez, Mary Goldfinch

### Deceased:

### Anniversary:


Kathy Kovac, Amante Bueno

### 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,  
Owen Rogers, Gloria Bueno, Dragica Julich,  
Deidre Thomson, Mavie Dela Cruz,  
Perla Magculang, Sophie De Leon,  
Greg Marcellana, Isagani Ocampo,  
Zenira D'Souza, Virginia Santos

### Thanksgiving:

Father Jeffrey Fernandes



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

Welcome to the community of the Catholic Parish  
of St John 23rd Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens  
where the love of Christ is shining in so many  
ways.

## 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.

## Church Calendar

### November

Mon	1	<i>All Saints (S)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Tues	2	<i>The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help via Whatsapp 7:30pm - Mass
Wed	3	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	4	<i>Saint Charles Borromeo (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	5	9:15am - Mass
Sat	6	9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass
Sun	7	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

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					
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	
	Deang	Lozada	Javelosa	Cano	
Feb	1	8	15	22	
	Tangunan	available	Ring	Jacob	
Mar	1	8	15	22	29
	available	Paguinto	Richards	Shalini	Jacob
Apr	5	12	19	26	
	available	Erasmio B	Ring	Shalini	

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.**



## **SACRAMENTAL NOTICE**

**First Reconciliation and Confirmation** will not be celebrated this year.

### **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**



## *Celebrating*

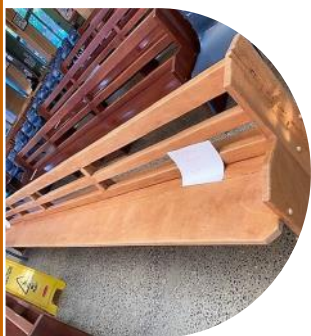
**ALL SAINTS DAY** 1st November

9:15am and 7:30pm

**ALL SOULS DAY** 2nd November

9:15am and 7:30pm

### **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

## **Are you looking for answers to infertility?**

**Come and see! Be amazed!**  
**Women's health science that has  
the potential for you to unravel  
the mystery of your cycle**

Husbands, you're welcome too!

7.30pm | Wednesday 17 November 2021



**TO REGISTER CONTACT:**  
catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org  
or call **0400 427 605**

Vinetta Lobo CFCP

via **zoom**





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### **Pastoral letter to the People of Parramatta on the return to worship**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Praised be to our God who as St Paul says is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him (Romans 8:28).

Next, I want to say a big thank you to all the families and parish communities in our Diocese of Parramatta!

During the long months of necessary lockdown, you have all risen to the challenge of sustaining one another through times of great isolation, loneliness, and grief in an impressive variety of ways, spiritual, emotional and practical. Thank you for bearing all these things with patience and for promoting the common good so responsibly.

I especially thank all who have worked tirelessly, in hospitals, aged care homes and across the nursing and medical profession for giving of yourselves so generously.

I thank all who have worked valiantly in our schools, facing unforeseen demands, and meeting them with characteristic professionalism, a sense of duty and dedication.

So many laity, consecrated persons, deacons, and priests have given so generously of their time and energy to keep open our churches here in the Diocese of Parramatta, as havens of peace and prayer.

In this pandemic crisis so many have creatively developed diverse new patterns of outreach - of prayer, catechesis, study, and spiritual solidarity; all who have made participation in the Mass possible through the internet. A special thanks to our Diocesan team who have provided us with The Well ([thewell.org.au](http://thewell.org.au)) which has nourished so many in these trying times, including those from far and wide.

Perhaps, some may be concerned that when things finally return to 'normal,' many Catholics will have grown accustomed to staying home and either watching Mass online or not participating at all.

But as we all know deep down, 'virtual' worship can never really replace the in-person celebration of Mass.

Livestreamed liturgies should remain available for the sick and the elderly. But, even then, parishes should try to reach out to them in a personal way so that they remain connected to the community.

And how can we fail to thank all those in the outreach agencies of our Diocese who serve the Body of Christ in the poor, the refugees, the lonely and all on the 'peripheries'? They have contributed magnificently to the immense effort of providing food for those most in need. The generosity shown in the distribution of so very many meals and other acts of solidarity has given eloquent expression to the mercy, love and compassion which are at the very heart of the Gospel.

What will be the pace of our emerging from this pandemic remains as yet unclear. However, one challenge is certain.

Sometimes in times of stress like these, our work, shopping, sport, and entertainment media can capture our hearts. Let's all now take special care to recover a sense of sacred time as we emerge from this pandemic.

May we all, as the People of God in the Diocese of Parramatta, recommit ourselves to awaken in people a grateful love for the gift of the Eucharist as well as the Lord's Day.

When we go to Communion, we receive Christ in the most intimate way possible during our life — allowing him to become one with us — so that we actually become what we receive, the Body of Christ.

May we again devote ourselves to the grace and beauty of the Eucharist. Our Risen Lord is so close to us in the Eucharistic mystery.

Strengthened by His Body and Blood, our Saviour Jesus of Nazareth, constantly sends us out on mission, to live the Gospel afresh.

In Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv  
Bishop of Parramatta

## 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

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

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## 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

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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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## 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)

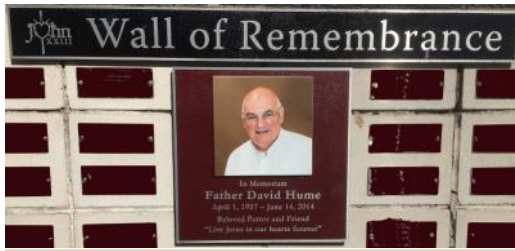
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## SUGGESTION BOX

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.



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