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**Thirty Third Sunday
in ordinary time
14 November 2021**

Gospel images about the eschaton draw from the few apocalyptic sections of the Old Testament, especially Daniel, and various apocryphal works. Even outside classically religious circles fascination abounds with this topic, or at least with some of the common images. Some of these images have been figuring repeatedly over the last few years exploring ideas about what it would be like if people returned to life. But the Zombie genre is really quite different. End of the world scenarios are common, even though they usually are depicted as resulting from natural causes. Perhaps these all do point to less-than-clear fears simmering in the collective imagination, or to some intangible concerns. But even science's mathematically deductive cosmologies generally have a cataclysmic end in mind for the universe in the conjectured Big Bang's putative opposite Big Crunch. Since that will ever remain unverifiable, as also will our own Earth's end (unless there is to be a *Doctor Who* type witness by its descendants living elsewhere), such events are an item of a form of scientific faith. Our own end-time materials have entirely different layers to them that point to something other than a cataclysmic world's end, although that will always remain an obsession in fanatical circles of fundamental literalists. Our end-time materials remind us that our own end will come, perhaps when we least expect it. In the Gospels they overlap references to what we recognise as past historical events, such as the persecutions of Christians in the early centuries, or the siege of Jerusalem and destruction of the temple in AD 70, or the later wars between 117 and 136 when Israel and Judah were extinguished. When those historical elements are filtered out of the Gospels' apocalyptic material, we find a layer concerned with each one's own personal end, featuring judgement and each one being held responsible for one's own life. The end was more nigh than the disciples realised, and despite the following advice to "Be on your guard" and to "Stay awake"—which immediately precedes the beginning of the passion account, with the hatching of the plot against Jesus—the disciples will be caught sleeping in the garden when Jesus is arrested.

In the Southern Hemisphere we are indeed in the early stages of summer, the season of mangoes and other fruits, and of storms. For those in its tropical regions it is the time to prepare for the most feared of storms, cyclones. In many southern areas in Australia awareness turns to the threat of bushfires. Even in those areas not threatened by the mere possibility of natural catastrophes, it is the time to wind up some of the year's works, perhaps to evaluate matters in preparation for the next year. All these link with our readings in easy ways as we hear the various ways of saying "Be ready" in our liturgies and in our media, though each has a different danger or need in view. This convergence may nonetheless be useful to us, but always with the reminder that, rather than being rendered anxious by the destructive image, the focus should be as the Psalm 16(15) has it, as it sounds the hope of those who go even to death knowing this must be, but trusting in the all-powerful love of God.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 33rd 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

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:5, 8-11

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter of to the Hebrews

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

STAY AWAKE!



of that day or hour, no one knows

Gospel

Mark 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Amen, I say to you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Kelvin Quarsingh, Maria Lilia Quarsingh,
Deacon Owen Rogers, Gemma Thompson,
Amante Bueno

Deceased:

Fr Marie Joseph, Timothy John Bayfield,
Victor Prakash, Norma Estrada,
Vinod Kumar

Anniversary:

Sick: *Names published with permission.*

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

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

Church Calendar

November

Mon	15	8:30am - Mass
Tues	16	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help via Whatsapp 6:30pm - First Holy Communion
Wed	17	<i>Saint Elizabeth of Hungary (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 6:30pm - First Holy Communion
Thurs	18	9:15am - Mass 6:30pm - First Holy Communion
Fri	19	9:15am - Mass 6:30pm - First Holy Communion
Sat	20	9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	21	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

**Mass booking via Eventbrite not
required due to the easing of rules by
NSW Health.**

**First come first served will apply.
Mask still required.**

Weddings and Funerals, if not fully
vaccinated, by NSW regulations only
10 people will be allowed.

COVID-19 NOTICES

Please check out the following sites for any and all updates:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/latest-updates.aspx>

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>



Check in and help keep everyone safe

For ease on contact tracing, as per NSW
COVID regulation, a QR Code is displayed
at both church doors for scanning
purposes.



Doors to swing open as NSW continues to get the jab done

In response to the faster-than-expected rate of vaccination, the NSW Government will further **ease rules for those who are fully vaccinated** by bringing forward many of the roadmap changes scheduled for 1 December to Monday 8 November.

These **freedoms will only be available for people who are fully vaccinated**, including those who have medical exemptions and children under the age of 16. **COVID Safe check-ins and proof of vaccination will still be required.**

Those who are not fully vaccinated must still abide by pre-roadmap restrictions until the State reaches the 95 per cent double vaccination target, or 15 December, whichever happens first.

The current settings for masks, which apply to everyone, will remain in place until the State reaches the 95 per cent double vaccination target, or 15 December, whichever happens first.

Weddings

Weddings in NSW may have up to:

- 1 person per 2 square metres of space for indoor and outdoor areas.
- All people attending a wedding must be fully vaccinated (except for small wedding services).

Do not attend a wedding that exceeds the capacity limits.

People who are fully vaccinated do not have to be seated while consuming food and drink.

Dancing is permitted.

You can attend a wedding anywhere in NSW.

- **If you are fully vaccinated** you can attend a wedding, so long as the capacity limit is not exceeded. You must:
- carry vaccination evidence with you and produce it for inspection to a police officer or authorised officer if requested;
- check in with the Service.NSW app or provide your contact details to the occupier
- follow the face mask rules.

Funerals and memorial services

Funerals and memorial services in NSW may have up to:

- 1 person per 2 square metres of space for indoor and outdoor areas.
- **All people attending the funeral service must be fully vaccinated**, (except for small funeral or memorial services).
- Do not attend a funeral or memorial service that exceeds the capacity limits.
- People who are fully vaccinated do not have to be seated while consuming food and drink.

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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 or Melva Paguinto 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	Sebastian	Ring	Jacob	
Mar	1	8	15	22	29
	Jayakody	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 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

⇒ 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



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.



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

Reclaiming Evangelisation Down Under with Bishop Barron

Bishop Robert Barron launches Sydney's Reclaiming Evangelisation Series, Saturday 13 November 2021, 11am – 12:30pm. The series will continue in 2022 with Dr Mary Healy (12 February), Fr Jacques Philippe (23 March) and other inspiring speakers leading a conversation about why and how our parishes can be renewed through living more fully Christ's evangelising mission.

Register for Bishop Barron's live online address to the faithful of Sydney as he launches Reclaiming Evangelisation: How Jesus' Great Commission Will Renew Our Parishes.

To register gomakedisciples.org.au

Enquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org



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7.30pm | Wednesday 17 November 2021



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

Vinetta Lobo CPCP

via **zoom**





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9 November 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

As you are aware, we communicated to you last week that the NSW Government has shifted density limits from 1 person per 4 sqm to 1 person per 2 sqms.

For places of worship, all can attend regardless of vaccination status. However, we have now received further advice from NSW Health that there are some exceptions to the rule in relation to weddings and funerals which were not previously clarified. According to the new information sent to us, *"the number of unvaccinated at a funeral or wedding is the lower number allowed based on the venue type OR the activity type"*.

This means that a wedding or funeral will have capped numbers if there are people who are not fully vaccinated in attendance even when held inside a place of worship. The following will apply:

Weddings:

- If all attending are fully vaccinated: Weddings in the church are permitted capped only by the 2sqm rule.
- If there are attendees who **are not** fully vaccinated: 5 guests can attend. This does not include the couple getting married, the priest celebrating the wedding, two witnesses and a camera operator recording the ceremony. This means a total of 11 people can be present.

Funerals:

- If all attending are fully vaccinated: Funerals in the church are permitted capped only by the 2sqm rule.
- If there are attendees who **are not** fully vaccinated: a 10-person limit will apply if people who are not fully vaccinated are in attendance. This does not include the priest and funeral company representatives.

A person is considered "fully vaccinated" if they have had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, or has a medical contraindication certificate, or a medical contraindication recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register.

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

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 or
visit our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/> 🍷



Come and Join !

MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

CRL YOUTH LEADERS

Rojith de Silva - 0405 956 3210

Nimeshi Fernando -0417 101009

YFC (Youth for Christ)

YFC YOUTH LEADERS

YFC International

Vince Erasmo - 0406 253 698

YFC Australia

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



If you or a family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please contact the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE

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Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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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

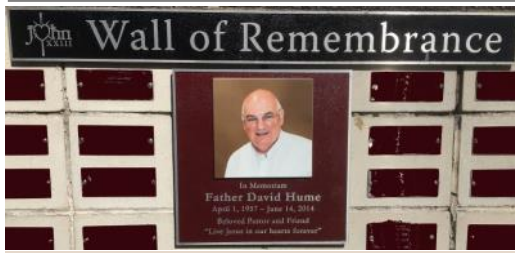
www.facebook.com/john23rdparish

View our livestreams via YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StJohn%20XXIIIStanhopeGardensParish>

SUGGESTION BOX

We welcome your comments and
constructive suggestions.



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
The plaques cost \$400.00.



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



Join and be
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Cake Angels
contact Madeline Huang
cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com

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