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Thirty Second Sunday in ordinary time 7 November 2021

Dear Parishioners,

You will agree with me it was a joy for all to have Deacon Andrew Rooney with us for the last 6 months. He is a big help to the parish community in many ways and we all appreciate and thank him for all the little acts of kindness he did to parishioners.

Now our Bishop has appointed Andrew to St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, effective 9th November. This is the last weekend Deacon Andrew is will be with us.

On behalf of the parish community of St John XXIII (together with our school communities) we wish him all the best.

As we express our gratitude to him for his ministry in the parish, let us also pray for him. May the Lord bless him and mould him in the likeness and image of Jesus Christ as he continue his journey towards the priestly ministry.

A special thanks for his care and encouragement to our school children and the youth of the parish. Fr Jolly.

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
 by

Devotions & Prayers

Mon 7.30pm Christian Meditation via Zoom Frances Pegram 0417 406715 Tues 7pm Rosary and Novena

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."

Reclaiming Evangelisation Down Under with Bishop Barron

Bishop Robert Barron launches Sydney's Reclaiming Evangelisation Series, Saturday 13 November 2021, 11am – 12:30pm

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.

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 at <u>gomakedisciples.org.au</u> Enquiries: parishrenewal@.sydneycatholic.org



For further updates with regards to our parish activities, check the following website <u>http://john23rd.com/</u> and Facebook <u>https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish/</u>

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.""

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God



R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

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

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

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



God we are yours

Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 5:3*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark *This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.*

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Timothy John Bayfield, Norma Estrada, Aureen Dunn

Deceased:

Anniversary:

Sick: Names published with permission.

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

Thanksgiving:

Father Jeffrey Fernandes



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

| November | | | | | | | | |
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| Mon | 8 | 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass | | | | | | |
| Tues | 9 | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (F) 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help via Whatsapp 7:30pm - Mass | | | | | | |
| Wed | 10 | <i>Saint Leo the Great (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 6.30pm Holy Communion | | | | | | |
| Thurs | 11 | <i>Saint Martin of Tours (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 6.30pm Holy Communion | | | | | | |
| Fri | 12 | <i>Saint Josaphat (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 6.30pm Holy Communion | | | | | | |
| Sat | 13 | 9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass | | | | | | |
| Sun | 14 | 7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass | | | | | | |

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/Pageslatest-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 <u>10 fully vaccinated singers</u> may perform in places of worship and at religious services.

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

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.

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@jobn23rd.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.

PARRAMAT'TA 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

Pastoral/Minist Parish

FAITH FORMATION

\Rightarrow 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

| - | ministry corner | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights | | | | | | | | |
| | Nov | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | | | | |
| | INOV | 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 | Erasmo 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.



\Rightarrow SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FACILITATORS

We require assistance at the children's baptismal rites during Sundays 12pm. For interested parties please contact Deacon Andrew on andrew@john23rd.org.au or the Parish Office.

\Rightarrow 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

\Rightarrow 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.

\Rightarrow 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.

\Rightarrow 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 available to attend induction training and upon commencement.

For more information on joining the SJ23rd Vinnies Van team, please contact Naomi Reynolds at naomi1.rey@gmail.com



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Members Bing Catabas Chris Drummond Margaret Harrison Nanette Gamboa



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



VIRTUAL Praise & WORSHIP Night - THANKYOU

On behalf of the organising team of the PPC, I would like to thank all the groups who contributed to making our Praise & Worship night last Saturday a success. Thank you for giving up your time to provide our community with an uplifting and spiritual experience. A massive thank you to all those who helped put the night together and worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

Also, thank you to the Liturgy team for organising the Rosary prayers for the month of October and all the groups who led us into prayer.

Finally, this was intended to keep the parish community united, supported and strong through this challenging time. And looking at the turn out each day it was great to see how we all connected in a virtual world!

Looking forward to your continued support in our parish in the coming months!

God bless! Bernadette



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 crco

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For more events please go to *parracatholic.org/events* or *https://catholicoutlook.org/*



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) 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,

+ Myraulou

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv Bishop of Parramatta "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 <u>blaze@john23rd.org.au</u>

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 YOU'TH LEADERS** Rojith de Silva - 0405 956 3210 Nimeshi Fernando -0417 101009 YFC (Youth for Christ) YFC YOUTH LEADERS YFC International Vince Erasmo - 0406 253 698 YFC Australia Jonathan Montaos 0401 478 733

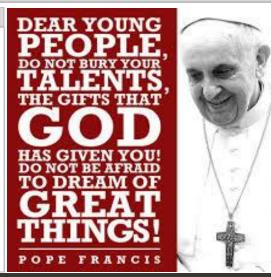
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49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood
Principal: Louise O'Donnell

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160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens
Principal: Dr Peter Webster
(02) 9852 0500 *stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au*Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens
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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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NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance. Visit our website <u>http://john23rd.com/</u> Like our Facebook page <u>www.facebook.com/john23rdparish</u> View our livestreams via YouTube https://www.youtube.com/c/StJohn%20 XXIIIGlenwood-StanhopeGardensParish

SUGGESTION BOX

We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

If you would like to advertise your business please contact the parish office. St John XXIII Parish cannot take responsibility if the service provided by an advertiser does not meet expectations.



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