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## Fourth Sunday of Advent 19 December 2021

The use of Micah's "And you, Bethlehem..." (Micah 5:1) in Matthew 2:6, which we read on the feast of Epiphany, emerges from a first-century fascination with this prophecy, especially in Christian circles. In other Jewish circles the full prophecy (Micah 5:1-14) was read as applying to the Roman occupation of Israel and a hoped-for liberation from such dominion, rather than from that of the historical Assyrians mentioned in the verses omitted by our Lectionary. The Israeli interpretation expected a warrior king who would forcibly evict the invaders. In Christian circles, however, already informed by their recognition of Jesus as Messiah and by the events around his death, it concerned neither the past Assyrian nor the current Roman occupations, but the powers of sin and death. At least three of its elements readily suggest Jesus and hence confirm the sense that it foretells him: being born in Bethlehem, the phrase "she who is to give birth" (which reminds us of Isaiah 7:14 even though the similarity was not intended), and the shepherd who feeds his flock. There are other connections too that are not so obvious to us now. For example, the last word of our pericope, shalom (peace), equally translates as well-being or salvation, which is most apt for Christ. Furthermore, the word translated here as the remnant does not refer only to a small number of survivors but legitimately reads as all the rest, and then together with the rich range of meaning brothers was understood to mean all other people, that is, the Gentiles. Christians also invested more meaning in the humble birth of Micah's messiah, such that rather than prophesying a powerful warrior arising from humble origins it points to God choosing the weak to shame the powerful and to clothe himself in glory, consistent both with the humble birth of Jesus and the folly of the Cross (1 Corinthians 1:18-28).

A phrase in the second reading suggests itself as appropriate for this liturgical period of preparation for Christ's birth: "You... prepared a body for me". The original line in the Hebrew Psalm 40:6 (LXX 39:7), with which some Greek texts agree, reads "you opened/prepared my ears", a reference to hearing and obeying. Most Septuagint manuscripts have the same reading as Hebrews, in which *ōtia* [ears] appears by scribal error, adding the final S from the preceding word, to have been read as *sōma* [body]. However, study across ancient Jewish and Christian texts reveals that this verse was an object of much interpretation, including interactions with other passages, such that the Greek form cannot be dismissed as a simple error. One interaction is with a phrase two verses later in the same psalm, literally, "Your law is within my abdomen", usually translated as heart. The rich history of interpretation around the ears/body complex includes the sense of one wholly, bodily honouring God's commands, as in one in whom the Law is written on the heart—and this appears to have already emerged in Jewish, not Christian, circles. Even if the substitution of body were simply a scribal error, then it is a happy fault that would later accord with the Christian understanding of the incarnation. Hebrews' author used the psalm as a proof text for rejecting the efficacy of holocausts and their being replaced by the perfect submission to the Father of Jesus, who in being perfectly obedient accomplishes in himself what no other could.

The gospel's account of the visitation continues the theme of the preparation of Christ's body, for he is in utero as Mary journeys from Galilee to Judah to visit her cousin Elizabeth, then six months pregnant. There John the future Baptist, key character of the previous two Sundays and himself now in formation in the womb, already jumps for joy, perhaps we may say in anticipation of seeing the Lord face to face. But there is more to this preparing of a body. In Christian faith, recollection of the reality of the human body of Jesus is always accompanied by awareness of the mystical body of Christ, represented in Church members who joyfully anticipate that day when they will see his face and truly know him as their salvation.

### 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 <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
1st Fri	7pm Novena Mass <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>

### 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 <i>by appointment</i>

### Devotions & Prayers

Mon	7.30pm Christian Meditation <i>via Zoom Frances Pegram</i> 0417 406715
Tues	7pm Rosary and Novena <i>Prayer in the church</i> <i>except for 1st Tues</i>
Fri	6.30pm Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group <i>Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039</i>

### 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

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour..

### First Reading

*Micah 5:1-4*

A reading from the prophet Micah

*Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.*

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**



### Second Reading

*Hebrews 10:5-10*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*I am coming to do your will.*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

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### Gospel Acclamation

*Luke 1:38*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Luke 1:39-44*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Margaret Szoke

### Deceased:

### Anniversary:

Bellen Ortiz, Mark De Jesus

### Sick: Names published with permission.

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

### Thanksgiving:

Lancelot Dias



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

## 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.



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8 December 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

The NSW Government has announced some changes to the reopening roadmap for the COVID-19 restrictions. Based on the announcement, the restrictions will ease further when NSW reaches 95% double vaccination or on 15 December 2021, whichever comes first. For places of worship the following will apply from when the state hits the milestone:

#### Density Limits

There will no longer be any square meter rules applicable for Parishes. This includes the Church and other buildings within the Parish.

#### Weddings and Funerals

Proof of vaccination will no longer be mandatory. All will be able to attend regardless of vaccination status.

#### Choir and Singing

Singing will be permitted for everyone in attendance. Social Events Parish social events can resume with no person limit.

#### Masks

Masks will no longer be mandatory at places of worship. However, this is still strongly encouraged in venues where social distancing is not possible.

#### COVID-19 Safe Check-in and Record Keeping

Check in using the NSW QR Code and record keeping of all attendees are still required for places of worship.

#### COVID-19 Safety Plans

COVID-19 Safety Plans will no longer be mandatory.

Yours in Christ,

Very Rev Peter G. Williams

Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia

## Church Calendar

### December

Mon	20	6:00am - Mass of the Rooster 8:30am - Mass
Tues	21	6:00am - Mass of the Rooster 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	22	6:00am - Mass of the Rooster 9:15am - Mass
Thurs	23	6:00am - Mass of the Rooster 9:15am - Mass
Fri	24	<i>The Nativity of the Lord Vigil (S)</i> 6:00am - Mass of the Rooster 9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Christmas Family Mass 9:00pm - Christmas Vigil Mass
Sat	25	<i>The Nativity of the Lord Day (S)</i> 12:00am - Christmas Midnight Mass 8:00am - Christmas Day Mass 10:00am - Christmas Day Mass
Sun	26	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph (F)</i> 7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

## 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>



## 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

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	
	Barnouti	Erasmo B	Ring	Shalini	
May	3	10	17	24	31
	Javelosa	Paguinto	Erasmo B	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 the Parish Office on 8883 5981.

### ⇒ 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, Thursdays and Fridays. 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
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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

Dear Parishioners,

As you are aware, we had been planning and discussing for a while to change and replace our old, broken, damaged and messy pews of different colour, design and shape to make the church look better and sitting and kneeling more comfortable. After many little experiments of a carpenter and our construction students, this did not work out in the way we expected due to COVID and other reasons. We, then, invited a number of pew making companies to submit quotes. We received a number of quotes and finally, at the satisfaction of everyone in the committee, we decided to go with Grandchester Designs to make the new pews. (They are also making pews for our neighbouring parish Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville).

We will have the pews finished by the end of March 2022. All pews will be coated with quality polyurethane 2 pack in a matt finish with kneelers covered with good quality vinyl and high density foam to make kneeling more comfortable and smooth.

The total cost of the project \$175,000. So far, the total amount received from sponsors is \$55,000. We still need to raise \$120,000.

On this note, we would like to request you to sponsor a pew. It can be in memory of a deceased love one or your family or personal gift to the parish community. Each pew in the size of 4.6 metres will cost \$2500 and pews at the back will be almost double the size to match with the shape of the church. A small memorial or "donated by" plaque will be placed upon request. You can get family and friends to pool together or if you cannot afford to sponsor one full pew, you can donate whatever amount you can to have comfortable pews and be part of the community that care its spiritual home.

*Finance committee, Fr Zvonimir and Fr Jolly*

## MASS OF THE ROOSTER



Join us for a nine day novena mass celebration in preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. These masses will commence on the 16th of December, 6:00am mass and finish in the morning of the 24th of December.

We hope you can join us and bring a plate to share for a breakfast social.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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All masses will be held at St Marks Catholic College Performance Hub

**24th December 2021 mass times**

6pm - Children/family mass - the Hub

9pm - the Hub

12am (midnight) - the Hub

**25th December 2021 mass times**

8:00am - the Hub

10:00am - the Hub

### RECONCILIATION TIMES

21st December - 6:00 to 8:00pm



## Children/Family Mass

We invite children to dress up as shepherds and angels to participate in the mass procession, at 6pm Family Christmas Mass, 24th December.



## Christmas Cookie Sale

These Christmas Cookie Sets consist of sugar cookies (approx. 55g and 7cm-9cm each) decorated with fondant and edible gold cachous, and hand-painted with edible paint. All are produced at a council-registered and fully insured home kitchen.

Each cookie is heat-sealed in a cello bag and then packed as a cookie set in a gift box with clear lid, finished with season ribbons and gift tags.

Only a limited quantity per design set is available. Orders are open until 19 December Sunday or until sold out. Cookies will be available for pickup after the Children's Mass on 24 December outside the St Marks Catholic College Performance Hub.

To order, please contact Kit at [thehungryraccoonAU@gmail.com](mailto:thehungryraccoonAU@gmail.com) or via Facebook [TheHungryRaccoonAU](https://www.facebook.com/TheHungryRaccoonAU) or Instagram [@thehungryraccoon\\_](https://www.instagram.com/thehungryraccoon_)

**100% of proceeds will go to church funds.**





## Bishops Christmas Appeal

Dear Parishioners

Our Parish is proud to support Parramatta Catholic Foundation's Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Funds raised through Parramatta Catholic Foundation will enable Catholic Care's Houses to Homes to support vulnerable young pregnant women who are facing hardship, abuse and homelessness – so that they and their children can face the future with hope, safety and security.

We invite you in this Year of the Family, to show your Christian kindness to vulnerable women and their children in need, by supporting the Bishop's Christmas Appeal. Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation will help pregnant and at-risk young mothers bring their babies into the world in a safe, nurturing and emotionally secure environment, setting them up for the very best start to their family life.

Please give with a generous heart via the Parramatta Catholic Foundation giving envelopes or online.

Thank you.



Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal  
[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

### Homeless young mothers desperately need our help this Christmas

For more than 30 years, Catholic Care's Houses to Homes has been assisting disadvantaged pregnant girls and young mothers aged 16 to 25, who are experiencing abuse, hardship and homelessness.

The need for shelter and support has increased with the pandemic, putting an even greater strain on staff and resources.

Your compassionate gift and prayers today will give marginalised young women like Lucy a safe, secure and loving environment to care for their children and the chance to feel hopeful about their future. Thank you for your kind-hearted generosity.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv

Bishop of Parramatta

### VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

It is Christmas time once again!

We are reaching out for your generosity this festive season to share joy to our less privileged families.

Instead of groceries, may we have donation using our **QR code** hanging at the Christmas tree (at the foyer) or scan it here. Upon scanning and it will direct you to our Vinnies fundraising page.

Please note that the amount displayed on the screen is the total donation to date. Just click on **GIVE NOW** and select your donation amount (at the bottom is an option for any amount) then select **NEXT** to proceed for payment. Include your email address for the invoice to be sent automatically.



## 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**

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#### **Assistant Youth Coordinator**

Caitlin Green - 0425 579 594

#### **Youth Leaders**

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Taylor Coutinho

Johnathan Soosaipillai

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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

##### ***YFC Australia***

Jonathan Montaos 0401 478 733

## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### **Holy Cross Primary**

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☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ [holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au)

### **John XXIII & St Mark's College**

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

✉ [stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au)

### **Catholic Early Learning Centre**

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

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[www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au)

**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](http://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish)

View our livestreams via YouTube

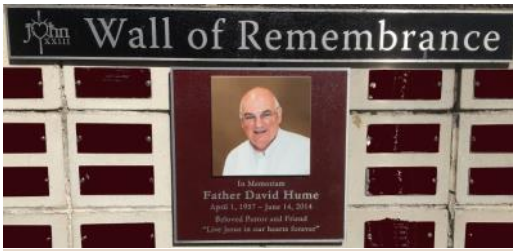
<https://www.youtube.com/c/StJohn%20XXIIIGlenwood-StanhopeGardensParish>

## SUGGESTION BOX

We welcome your comments and  
constructive suggestions.

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

*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.*



### 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 \$400.00.



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



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