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St John
XXIII
Catholic Church

**Second Sunday
of Advent
5 December 2021**

A characteristic feature of Luke's Gospel is that of Jesus on a journey as from chapter 9 he resolutely heads to Jerusalem; of the more than eighty verses naming Jerusalem in the New Testament only a handful are not in Luke—Acts (Matthew has one, Mark none, and John twelve). Last Sunday's gospel reading was taken from the last day of teaching given after entering Jerusalem and reclaiming the Temple, and before the Passover and arrest. But Jesus is not the only one to whom the journey motif applies. Last Sunday reference was made to the Son of Man coming in power, and the exhortation to the disciples to stand ready is akin to that of people prepared for a journey. Today we return to just before the commencement of the public ministry, with John the Baptist exhorting people to prepare a way for the Lord. A simple reading of this text seems to suggest that it is the way on which God proceeds that needs making straight, but it is not: it refers to the path on which those rescued by God are brought in procession. This is the procession referred to in the first reading (Baruch 5:1-9), for which mountains are levelled and the valleys filled in so that Jerusalem's captive children may be brought back safely from the land of bondage, Babylon.

In Luke, each of the three times John the Baptist enters the story he heralds Jesus: in the sequence of conceptions, by his leaping in the womb at the presence of Jesus, and at the baptism that preludes Christ's public ministry. Here, however, the journey motif borrowed from Isaiah (the source of Baruch's image) is modified, for the place of bondage is not another land: it is within each person. John proclaims a baptism of repentance, which readies the heart's path for the sinner to return with God—and note that important distinction: they return not to God (who is never absent), but with God as he leads them from one place to another, from sin to life. According to Baruch, God guides them and they will have "his mercy ... for escort".

A similar sentiment was heard through the 2014-2015 Synod on the Family, in the German-language group's submission that stressed the fact that people are at differing stages on their faith journey, and that the Church's role is to assist the individual's journey with God. Certainly this does not mean simply approving all that people do, but it takes seriously the wide variety of positions people are in on the journey. This seems to echo the thoughts of Pope Francis who in opening of the Year of Mercy said in the Bull of Indiction, *Misericordiae Vultus* 4:

With these sentiments of gratitude for everything the Church has received, and with a sense of responsibility for the task that lies ahead, we shall cross the threshold of the Holy Door fully confident that the strength of the Risen Lord, who constantly supports us on our pilgrim way, will sustain us. May the Holy Spirit, who guides the steps of believers in cooperating with the work of salvation wrought by Christ, lead the way and support the People of God so that they may contemplate the face of mercy.

The ministry of John the Baptist was one of mercy, preparing people for the saving encounter with God in Christ. The mission of Christ, who entered human history truly in human flesh both to accompany people on the journey of faith and to bear them on the journey they are unable to accomplish alone, is above all one of mercy. The feast of his birth, for which we prepare and which draws most heavily from Luke's account so as to emphasise Jesus as a baby, leads us to ponder the extent to which God will go to accompany his people; it appears that "the light of his glory, with his mercy and integrity for escort" is to be embodied as one like us, beginning as for all of us, as a defenceless baby. Those who welcome him must be prepared for a journey that will end God knows where.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

No mother or child should be homeless and without support at Christmas. Catholic Care's Houses to Homes provides hope for vulnerable women and children facing abuse and hardship. Your kind donation today will help change the lives of homeless young women, who like Mary, seek a safe haven to raise their newborn child.

Please give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal giving envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal
Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.

**This Christmas,
will you *help*
homeless women
and children?**

Please give generously to the Bishop's
Christmas Appeal

PLAY VIDEO

GIVE A GIFT

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."*



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

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Iturea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Deceased:

Mr Hector Serpes, Yvonne Redden

Anniversary:

Vince Perrone, Sebastian & Emy Livolsi,
Father Atanasio Gonelli, Brother Peter Tullis,
Rachel Caberte, James Youngman,
Pauline Fernandes

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,
Christina Properzi, Geoffrey Robinson,
Elizabeth Newnes, Florentina Elisura,
Anshu Mala Nand, Deidre Thomson,
Greg Marcellana, Zenira D'Souza,
Mavie Dela Cruz, Perla Magculang,
Sophie De Leon, Isagani Ocampo,
Gloria Bueno, Elvis D'sa, Hilary Regan

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

December

Mon	6	8:30am - Mass
Tues	7	<i>Saint Ambrose (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	8	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Thurs	9	9:15am - Mass
Fri	10	9:15am - Mass 6:30pm - Holy Communion
Sat	11	9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	12	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 job 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.

You can attend a funeral or memorial service anywhere in NSW.

If you are fully vaccinated you can attend a funeral or memorial service, 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.

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

	2	9	16	23	30
Nov	Gan	Barnouti	Ring	Jacob	Melva
Dec	Jacob	Richards	Richards	Richards	
Jan	Deang	Lozada	Javelosa	Cano	
Feb	Tangunan	Sebastian	Ring	Jacob	
Mar	Jayakody	Paguinto	Richards	Shalini	Jacob
Apr	Barnouti	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

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

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.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena Mass



We're back!

Come and join us as a parish family, growing together in faith by praying together.

7:00pm - Rosary Prayer

7:30pm - Novena Mass

A sign in sheet is available at the entrance for prayer intentions for the sick and dearly departed family and friends.

You can also write your own personal petition to our Lady on a sheet of paper (provided) and drop this in the box to be presented during the mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

MASS OF THE ROOSTER

Christmas season is upon us and it is that time of year, 16th December till 24th December at 6am novena mass. Mark your calendar.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

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

15th to 18th December - After the morning Mass

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



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 CPIC

via **zoom**



Job Vacancies

- Could you share the stories of suffering Christians?
- Are you looking for flexible part time work?

Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across the Archdiocese.

For all details visit, www.aidtochurch.org/work

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.



This Christmas,
will you *help*
homeless women
and children?

 **PARRAMATTA
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION**

Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

Homeless young mothers desperately need our help this Christmas

For more than 30 years, CatholicCare'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

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

Jonathan Montaos 0401 478 733

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ 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

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160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

✉ celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au

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



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

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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Techie Sarlabus

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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

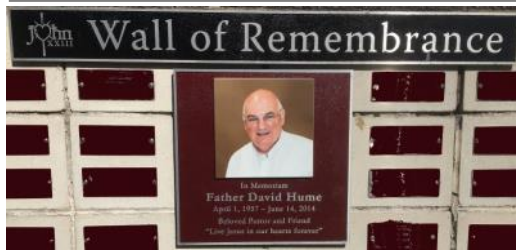
www.facebook.com/john23rdparish

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



St Vincent de Paul Society
Meets 2nd and 4th
Thursday at 7:00pm *good works*



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

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