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Third Sunday Ordinary time 23 January 2022



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.

The Lectionary takes us back to the very beginning of Luke's gospel, to the introductory address to "your Excellency" Theophilus – *friend or lover of God*, or even *beloved of God*. We cannot know whether Theophilus, an actual name, was an actual person or is a polite reference to the reader. It does not hurt for preachers to think of each listener as the friend of God. This Sunday each year begins a programmatic reading of our Lord's public ministry that lasts until the end of November, with of course a detour for Lent and Easter. Matthew and Mark both testify to Jesus proclaiming at the beginning "The Kingdom of Heaven/God is near". Luke takes us back to Nazareth instead, to the Synagogue where Jesus reads from Isaiah 61:1-2 to announce the year of favour, a passage understood to point to Leviticus 25:10-13 that describes the Jubilee. We must wait until next Sunday to hear of the following reaction to his teaching on it. Matthew and Mark have a similar scene set in "his own country", but much later in the story. Only Luke has it in this precise form and place, and it needs to be understood as an expansive equivalent of Matthew's and Mark's opening proclamation "The Kingdom of Heaven/God is near"; here Jesus says, in effect, this prophesy is even now being fulfilled. The episode is read annually at the Chrism Mass in conjunction with the Isaiah pericope that otherwise appears only in Advent in Year B. Instead duplicating that combination today the Lectionary gives us Nehemiah's account of the reaffirmation of the covenant during the post-exilic restoration of Jerusalem – which is actually the subject of the full passage from Isaiah 61. The reaffirmation was conducted by Ezra the priest reading the Law, its contents then being made clear, or translated and interpreted so all could understand. He did as Jesus would do in the synagogue – as we are to do in our liturgies with the homily breaking open the readings it follows.

Jesus declared Isaiah's passage was being fulfilled there and then. He had no legal authority to declare the nationwide Jubilee, so we must interpret it as already indicating another kind, or as pertaining to another realm. The Jubilee practice reset property ownership and debt. Since on entering the Holy Land all were made equal sharers in the land within their tribes, how is it that later some have more land than others, or that some were even dispossessed? No society and economic system is perfect, and complexities in primarily agricultural societies gradually lead to the shift of the originally shared wealth, some losing direct access to land, becoming labourers for others. The Jubilee cancels spiralling debt and restores land distribution. One can imagine just how disagreeable such a proposal may be to those who are wealthy, especially if so not by nefarious means but through the inheritance of wealth accumulated over the generations courtesy of an imperfect economy. But the Jubilee proclaimed by Jesus is not imposed from on high; it emerges with the Kingdom from the grass roots level, freely enacted by the people who seek the Kingdom.

Each society and economy has its flaws, and produces its own inequalities, so the Jubilee work will never end, even as we strive constantly to redress them. There will always be dispossessed, to whom the active missionary work of mercy must be directed. This does not mean simply giving things in temporary assistance, which maintains the status quo, but striving to improve the situation itself. In this "year of Luke" there will be many reminders of his particular concern for the dispossessed and the fringe-dwellers, and so while a true reset of land ownership will never be achieved, we in Australia need to be particularly attentive to the dispossession of this land's first nations peoples. A

jarring note arises from the use of Nehemiah: the restoration was exclusionary; it cast off those who had impure ancestry and rebuffed the welcoming Samaritans thus setting up centuries of animosity between the two peoples. The Second Temple period it inaugurated was by no means universally exclusivist, and Christianity emerged from or was shaped by inclusivist strands. As our gospels make clear, perhaps Luke most clearly, the mission of Jesus is to all.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

**There will be no Monday morning Masses for the next 7 weeks
Monday 7th March Mass will recommence.**

Sunday Mass Times

Sat Vigil 6pm
Sun 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

Weekday Mass Times

Mon No Mass till the 7th March
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
Or upon request

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 sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:8-10, 15

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **R.**

Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

cf Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Maria Gloria Fisher, Gladys Viera

Deceased:

Angelo Chiouetta, Joseph Calabria

Anniversary:

Rosario Hili

Sick: Names published with permission.

Fr Kevin Walsh, Natividad Reyes, Pat Doyle, Colleen McCunnie, Tony Muscat, Bev Lewis, Greg Marcellana, Elvis D'sa, Zenira D'Souza, Sophie De Leon, Hilary Regan, Gloria Bueno Maria Romeo, Kristy Arceo, Iyrika D'Cruz, 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:

COVID-19 NOTICE

Please check out the following sites for any and all COVID updates <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

COVID19 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 and remain important for NSW Health contact tracing.



Mask

Masks are required to be worn in all indoor settings, including places of worship.

Pope Francis Calls Health Care a 'Moral Obligation,' Encouraging COVID-19 Vaccination

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>

SUGGESTION BOX

We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

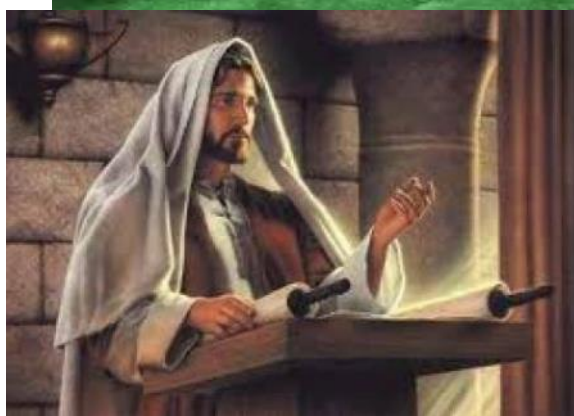
If you or a family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please contact the parish office.

PRAYING in the SILENCE of the HEART

Jesus our peace, by your Gospel you call us to be very simple, very humble.

You give growth within us to an infinite gratitude for your constant presence in our hearts.

Brother Roger of Taizé



so that you may know the **EXACT TRUTH** about the things you have been taught

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the down trodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Church Calendar

January

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| Mon | 24 | <i>Saint Francis de Sales (M)</i> |
| Tues | 25 | <i>Conversion of Saint Paul (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help |
| Wed | 26 | <i>Australia Day</i> 9:15am - Mass |
| Thurs | 27 | 9:15am - Mass |
| Fri | 28 | <i>Saint Thomas Aquinas (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass |
| Sat | 29 | 9:00am - Mass |
| Sun | 30 | 7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass |

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 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

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.

⇒ 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.

⇒ 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

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

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| 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 |
| Jun | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | |
| | Shalini | Richards | Barnouti | 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


⇒ 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

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| <u>Chairman</u> | <u>Members</u> |
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Parking Reminder

Please make sure when you come to Mass, let us consider our neighbours. Do not block the neighbours' driveway.

SPONSOR A PEW

Dear Parishioners,

As you are aware, we had been planning and discussing for a while to 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).

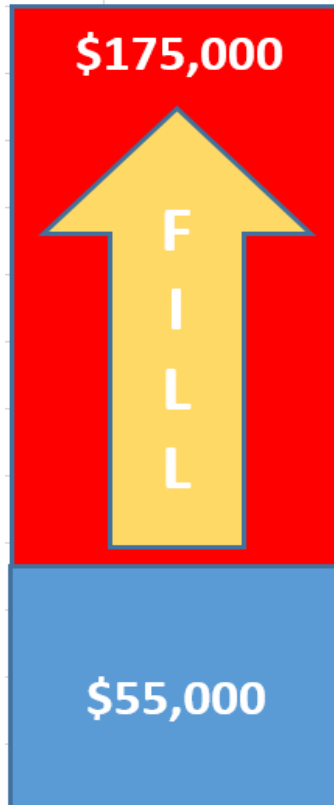
We will have the pews finished by the end of March 2022. All pews will be coated with quality polyurethane 2 pack in a matt finish with kneelers covered with good quality vinyl and high density foam to make kneeling more comfortable and smooth.

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

'Forms are available in the foyer for those who wish to donate towards the cost of the pews'.



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Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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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

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View our livestreams via YouTube

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Paying our debt together

FIRST COLLECTION goes to support the priests and deacons of the Diocese.

SECOND COLLECTION provides for the running costs of the church and ministry expenses; it also goes to pay off our church mortgage.

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 using the **TapnGo** machines by the entrances or online via **BPoint**.

Youth Ministry Leadership Course – 29 January 2022

A new pathway for leadership in youth ministry is here! Duc In Altum is an initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta designed to provide practical youth ministry training, build community between youth leaders across the Diocese, and offer intentional time for prayer and reflection. It is a year-long journey with the first Leaders' Summit to be held on Saturday, 29 January 2022 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. For more information and details to sign up visit parracatholic.org/ducinaltum or email quayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are opening their doors for private prayer, Reconciliation and for the celebration of Mass and sacraments such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. Please contact your local parish to check Mass and liturgy times and the COVID-Safe arrangements in place.

Livestreamed Masses from across the Diocese of Parramatta are still available on the Diocesan website <https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#online>. For more info, please visit the Diocesan website www.parracatholic.org/covid19

'The Well' offering on-demand spiritual nourishment

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with. In the lead up to Christmas, check out our featured range of videos and resources for children, families and young people to prepare us to welcome Our Lord at Christmas. Visit www.thewell.org.au today.

Young people of the Diocese – we are with you

"I am with you always" Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

Office for Worship Resources available

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child's baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

UPDATE: Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

Under the remaining influence of the COVID-19 pandemic, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and House of Welcome (HoW) cannot receive physical food and toiletry donations. However, many refugee families are still relying on their foodbanks or the provision of food vouchers. In this difficult time, please support JRS and How with a cash donation if you can. Find more information at parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.

Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2022 are now available, with the Smart Loving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2022

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will begin in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or email anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au>

Annual Legal Red Mass: 3 February 2022

The Annual Red Mass, which gives thanks for the work of those who serve the law, will be held on Thursday 3 February at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm, followed by a light supper. It is also an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance by emailing mili@stpatscathedral.com.au or by phone to (02) 8839 8400.

World Day of the Sick Mass 2022: 11 February 2022

The Annual World Day of the Sick Mass will be celebrated by Vicar General Fr Peter Williams and clergy of the Diocese on 11 February 2022 at 11am at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. The Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated and will include the Rite of Anointing of the Sick and prayer of blessing for all carers. Refreshments will be available after Mass. For catering purposes, please RSVP to anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or (02) 8838 3456.

RCIA Lenten Seminar 2022: 16 and 23 February 2022

The Office For Worship will be conducting an RCIA Lenten Seminar early next year on Wednesday nights of 16 and 23 February for RCIA coordinators and teams. This seminar will focus on the understanding of Lent, and will take a closer look at the Scrutiny Readings. To register or for more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org

Vinnies Support Centres are still available to those in need

St Vincent de Paul Support Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centres in Blacktown on (02) 8861 9777, Harris Park on (02) 8861 9757 and Penrith on (02) 8861 9770. To find out more about what support is available, visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

POSITION VACANT

Pastoral Formation Facilitator.

In this full-time role you will be supporting Catholic communities in the Diocese of Parramatta. Applications close 31 January 2022. For a job description go to catholicoutlook.org/were-hiring-pastoral-formation-facilitator/ or email Deanne Martin at parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org, Julie on 02 4787 8096.

YOUTH MINISTRY

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

BLAZE

Blaze is a youth group, Yrs 4 - 12, with the mission of creating a space for teens to learn, grow, serve and live out our Catholic faith. We facilitate the understanding and growth of our faith through various activities exploring the catholic perspective on a variety of themes such as social issues, teen challenges and faith-related topic.

Join us for a fun night filled with music, games, discussion, prayer and of course pizza. BLAZE youth session runs from 7:15 to 9pm and is held every second Friday throughout the school term in the St John XXIII school hall.

If you would like to come along to one of our sessions, please contact the team at blaze@john23rd.org.au



For all youth ministry enquiries,

✉ blaze@john23rd.org.au

or visit our FB page

www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/



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~ ~ **Come and Join!** ~ ~

UPCOMING EVENTS

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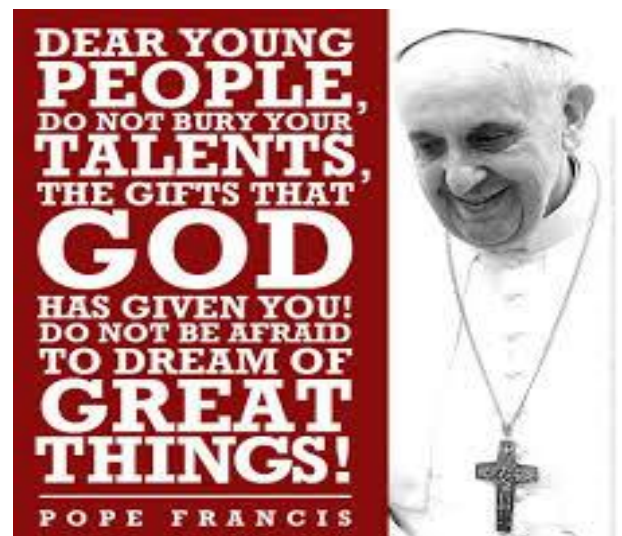
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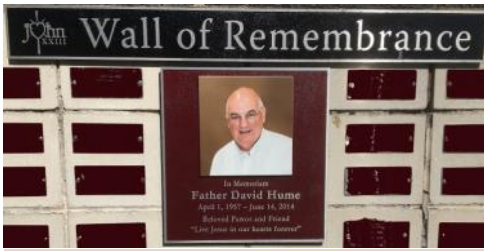
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MEMORIAL WALL

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



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3rd Saturdays at 7:30pm
SJ23rd Prayer Group



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