

Cnr Perfection Ave & Bentwood Tce, Stanhope Gardens

<http://john23rd.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish/>



## Fourth Sunday Ordinary time 30 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.

Today's gospel continues the episode begun last Sunday in the synagogue in Nazareth when Jesus read from Isaiah to announce the Jubilee, the Lord's year of favour. It begins with a contextual adaptation of last Sunday's last line. The people were impressed with Jesus, and approving. Then things turn sour. By mentioning their having "heard all that happened in Capernaum" Luke indicates that Jesus had already begun his public ministry, and where his focus had been. The two verses before last Sunday's reading indicate that he had returned from Judea (where John was baptising) to Galilee, and had been preaching in the synagogues, but without telling us what he had been saying. Matthew and Mark both say he began with proclaiming that "the kingdom of heaven/God is near", but both place this scene at Nazareth (without the Isaiah text) much later in the ministry. By placing this scene at the beginning, Luke identifies Jesus from the outset with the outcast and marginalised; his home town casts him out, and takes him to the very margin, the cliff, to throw him over. It is also a summary, a foretaste, of what is to follow, his ministry beginning with approval and ending with rejection and death. He will similarly be taken out of a city, Jerusalem, and killed on a hill. The Nazareth townspeople's reaction is surprisingly extreme, moving irrationally quickly from approval to violent rejection. The parallel in Matthew and Mark simply say Jesus could do little there because of their unbelief. It thus appears that Luke has exaggerated the event specifically to prime the reader for what will unfold throughout the ministry. Within the material unique to Luke, in the provocation we will turn to shortly, we find one of Luke's characteristic features; many of his stories come in pairs, one about a man with one about a woman. Women appear to be marginalised in various ways, either in fact or simply in their silence in historical the records, but Luke carefully presents a balance between the sexes.

The story is also a reminder that people are not killed for being nice, but for upsetting things and annoying others. As Luke tells it, Jesus did provoke the Nazareth folk. He did so in a manner consistent with the non-exclusive mission to all people that I referred to last week. The provocation arises as he draws on episodes from their heroic past; it was with no Jewish woman that the prophet Elijah found refuge and in whose home he worked miracles, but rather it was a Sidonian widow at Zarephath, presumed gentile; it was no Jewish man who was cleansed of leprosy in the time of the prophet Elisha, but rather it was gentile Naaman from Syria. Provocatively, Jesus reminds his compatriots that the Jews have no exclusive claim on God's favour, and that gentiles are also suitable subjects of the Kingdom and are also the objects of God's merciful work. The Lord's year of favour and its mercies are for all.

The Lectionary appears to strengthen this connection by its choice of the first reading from Jeremiah with its reference to him having been appointed "as prophet to the nations". This is an abbreviated version of the call, to which he protested with good reason if the aim in life is to be left in peace. As the pericope continues we find that he was appointed "to confront all this land... its country people; they will fight against you", and it is in this that we hear fore echoes of Christ as presented in Luke's story. Jeremiah was indeed ill-treated: he was rejected by his own kin, beaten and put in stocks by a priest, imprisoned by the king, threatened with death, and dropped in the muddy cistern. Ultimately, the line "but they shall not overcome you" proved true and Jeremiah was freed from the miry pit and he outlived the fall of Jerusalem. The mission of Jesus did, however, end in death, and yet even death did not overcome.

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

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

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

### 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."*



### Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

### First Reading

*Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.*

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17*

**R. I will sing of your salvation.**

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. in your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. **R.**

Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. **R.**

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. **R.**

My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. **R.**

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13*

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

*There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.*

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

### Gospel Acclamation

*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:

Gladys Viera

### Deceased:

### Anniversary:

**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, Rosamma John Pellissery, Isagani Ocampo, Virginia Santos, Wira Peiris, Dragica Julich Elizabeth Candame, Raymond Lanzona, Geoffrey Robinson, Anshu Mala Nand, Christina Properzi, Elizabeth Newnes, Florentina Elisura, Deidre Thomson, Mavie Dela Cruz, Perla Magculang

### Thanksgiving:

Bernadette Virwani

## 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.parramattacatholic.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 hope,  
your Gospel enables us to sense that,  
even in dark times,

God wants us to be happy.  
And the peace in our hearts can make  
life beautiful for those around us.

*Brother Roger of Taizé*

## Church Calendar

### January

Mon 31 *Saint John Bosco (M)*

### February

Tues 1 9:15am - Mass  
7:00pm - Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wed 2 *The Presentation of the Lord (F)*  
9:15am - Mass

Thurs 3 9:15am - Mass

Fri 4 9:15am - Mass

Sat 5 *Saint Agatha (M)*  
9:00am - Mass

Sun 6 7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass  
6:00pm - Mass

## Gospel

*Luke 4:21-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.*

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to the widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.



## 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](mailto:bart.sarlabus@gmail.com) or Melva Paguinto [emcpi85@yahoo.com.au](mailto:emcpi85@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.

### ⇒ 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)

## Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

Feb	1	8	15	22	
	Tanganen	Sebastian	Ring	Jacob	
Mar	1	8	15	22	29
	Jayakody	Paguinto	Richards	Shalini	Jacob
Apr	5	12	19	26	
	Barnouti	Erasmus B	Ring	Shalini	
May	3	10	17	24	31
	Javelosa	Paguinto	Erasmus B	Shalini	Jacob
Jun	7	14	21	28	
	Shalini	Richards	Barnouti	Jacob	
Jul	5	12	19	26	
	available	available	available	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*




### ⇒ 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](mailto:maintenance@john23rd.org.au)

### ⇒ 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.




**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Chairman  
Gary Lee

Dep Chairman  
Bernadette Virwani

Secretary  
Julienne Crasto

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.

## 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).

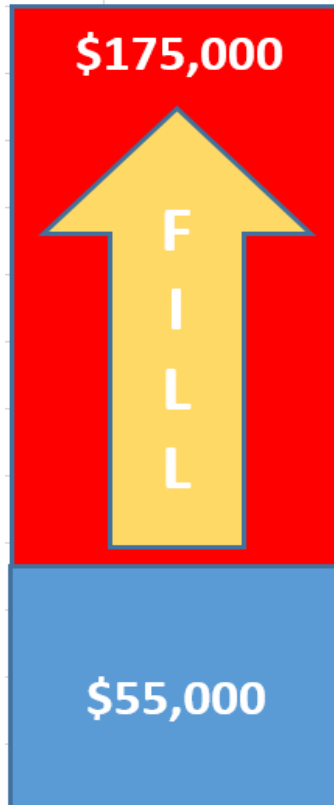
We will have the pews finished by the end of March 2022. All pews will be coated with quality polyurethane 2 pack in a matt finish with kneelers covered with good quality vinyl and high density foam to make kneeling more comfortable and smooth.

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 at the church foyer for those who wish to donate towards the cost of the pews'.**



### PARISH OFFICE

#### Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

#### Office Contacts

☎ (02) 8883 5981

📞 0423 160567 (AH Emergency)

160 Perfection Avenue,

Stanhope Gardens, 2768

#### MAILING

PO Box 23, Stanhope Gardens,

NSW 2768

#### CLERGY

##### Parish Priest:

Fr Jolly Chacko

✉ [jolly@john23rd.org.au](mailto:jolly@john23rd.org.au)

☎ 0417 541 637 (for emergency only)

##### Assistant Priest:

Fr Zvonimir Gavranovic

✉ [Zvonimir@john23rd.org.au](mailto:Zvonimir@john23rd.org.au)

#### STAFF

##### Secretary:

Tanya Gatt

✉ [secretary@john23rd.org.au](mailto:secretary@john23rd.org.au)

##### Finance:

Renuka Soosaipillai

✉ [accounts@john23rd.org.au](mailto:accounts@john23rd.org.au)

##### Sacramental Coordinator:

Helen Zammit

✉ [sacramental@john23rd.org.au](mailto:sacramental@john23rd.org.au)

##### Operations Manager:

Daphney Fernandes

✉ [operations@john23rd.org.au](mailto:operations@john23rd.org.au)

#### OTHER CONTACTS

##### Maintenance issues:

David Gorkic

✉ [maintenance@john23rd.org.au](mailto:maintenance@john23rd.org.au)

##### Columbarium queries:

Daphney Fernandes

✉ [columbarium@john23rd.org.au](mailto:columbarium@john23rd.org.au)

## 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%20XXIII%20Glenwood-](https://www.youtube.com/c/StJohn%20XXIII%20Glenwood-StanhopeGardensParish)

[StanhopeGardensParish](https://www.youtube.com/c/StJohn%20XXIII%20Glenwood-StanhopeGardensParish)

## 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**.

### **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 (02)8838 3456 or email [anne.stanton@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.stanton@parracatholic.org)

### **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](mailto: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/](http://catholicoutlook.org/were-hiring-pastoral-formation-facilitator/) or email Deanne Martin at [parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au)

Youth Coordinator	Asst Youth Coordinator	Youth Leaders	
Amanda Lee 0413 545 318	Caitlin Green 0425 579 594	Anna Todhunter Taylor Coutinho Natasha Surjanto	Charlotte Todhunter Johnathan Soosaipillai



For all youth ministry enquiries,

✉ [blaze@john23rd.org.au](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au)

or visit our FB page

[www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/](https://www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/)

[blazeyouthsj23/](https://www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/)



**BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM**

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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **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

**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



#### **OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

**Catholic Early Learning Centre**

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

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

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

**Holy Cross Primary**

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

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

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

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

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

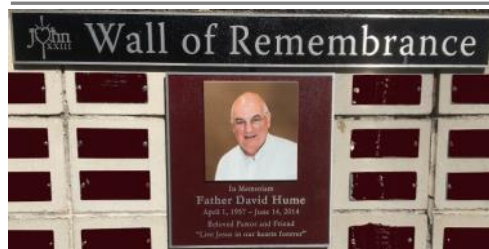
Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

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

🌐 [www.stjohn23stanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stjohn23stanhope.catholic.edu.au)





### 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*



**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](mailto:cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com)

**ADVERTISE HERE**

**ADVERTISE HERE**

**ADVERTISE HERE**

**Thinking of Selling or  
Buying a property?**

**JULIA STELLA**  
Licensed Real Estate Agent  
0403 342 265  
[julia.stella@lsre.com.au](mailto:julia.stella@lsre.com.au)  
Go above and beyond  
Laing + Simmons | Kellyville

**ADVERTISE HERE**

**ADVERTISE HERE**

**ADVERTISE HERE**

**ADVERTISE HERE**

**ADVERTISE HERE**