

# Seventh Sunday Ordinary time 20 February 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.

A quick word on the second reading: our Lectionary's translation that first Adam became a living soul and the last Adam (Christ) a life-giving spirit seems a little odd. How are soul and spirit different? The first is a quotation from Genesis 2:7 where the Hebrew has the peculiar word nephesh that does not always translate as soul as we tend to use it. In this instance it indicates the earthly body of clay that was lifeless until it received breath (spirit) from God. Consider our use of S.O.S – Save our souls – by which we really mean save our very physical selves. The risen Christ, on the other hand, is a heavenly body whose breath bestow life.

In the gospel, the mission announced in the synagogue in Nazareth on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time and now unfolding in Galilee, and as was indicated in last Sunday's beatitudes, points to a new order based on the ways of the Kingdom of God rather than those of the powerful of the world. The major part (verses 27-35) of today's reading expounds two principles or commands: 1) love your enemies (and do good to them); 2) give (not lend) to all who ask. The rhetorical construction has these mentioned three times, interspersed with examples and expansions, ending in the conveniently summarised third and final mention in verse 35. The first rule might be considered as two (love and do good) but they are variants of each other and are consistently kept together even as other elements are added in the expansions. Rereading the passage from the beginning with these two in mind makes things clearer.

It opens with Love your enemies - the only item repeated later verbatim. The following do good to those who hate you along with bless those who curse you and pray for those who persecute you are examples specifying how one might act well towards enemies, now described in increasing degrees of antipathy - those who merely hate, those who wish or speak harm, and those who do harm. The very specific example is then given of offering the other cheek to one who has struck you, an adaptation of Lamentations 3:30 in a passage not included in our Lectionary; it is used only in the Office of Readings, on Friday of week 23 in Ordinary Time, and so is little is encountered. That context raises two possibilities for interpreting this difficult saying: since in Lamentations the people and prophet are under punishment from God, the ill treatment by others is accepted as part of the just punishment; and, sporadically Lamentations expresses the idea that when the punishment is over it will be God who metes out any punishment on the oppressors. The following advice not to withhold the tunic from the one who takes the cloak fits the pattern of turning the cheek, but seems also to be a segue to the next of the key rules: Give to everyone who asks. Then to conclude the first stating of these rules is Luke's version of the Golden Rule – as you wish to be treated, so also treat others - reminding us also that our actions are indeed our own, and how we are to act is not to be dictated by others' behaviour. Should we let another's actions dictate our own we turn from the ways of God who acts as he wills, that is according to his own principles.

Three examples then follow, in effect saying, if you act towards others only as they do to you, that is by limiting good deeds to those who are good to you, how are you any better than a sinner? In the structuring of these three examples it may appear that the first two, loving enemies and doing good, are distinct, but that is countered by the following summary iterating the first statements in brief: love your enemies and do good, and lend without expectation of return. Here now it should be noted that the verb give has changed to lend, but they need to be read as synonyms, for if you lend something with no expectation of it being returned you have indeed given it away; we do not have here a new rule, but a variant reiteration from the opening section. Importantly, we have a link back to the beatitudes' ending, your reward will be great, and, similar to the point made above, a direct connection to acting to like God who is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

We may consider the next section to open with a reworking of the same point, evoking as it does the many utterances in the Hebrew scriptures of the article of faith, that God is merciful (or compassionate) and gracious (or kind), who is also patient and ready to forgive (see for example Exodus 34:6-7). This leads into another threefold set of degrees of acting that instead of being read separately may perhaps be linked in a way that admits of our own struggle to act like God: do not judge – but if you do, do not condemn – but if you do, forgive.

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

# ASH WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH MASSES 9.15AM AND 7.30PM

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

### **Sunday Mass Times**

Sat Vigil 6pm

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

#### **Weekday Mass Times**

Mon no mass 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**

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

# **First Reading**

A reading the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

# **Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13*

# R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R**.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repays us according to our faults. **R.** 

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R**.



# **Second Reading**

Corinthians 15:45-49

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

# **Gospel Acclamation**

John 13:3.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

# **Gospel** *Luke 6:17, 20-26*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

# **Communion Antiphon**

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

# Special Intentions

# Recently Deceased:

Cliff Hobbs, Lidia Bonic

### Deceased:

### Anniversary:

Bishop Bede Heather, Vences Fernando, Rajan Clemence, Gertrude Silva, Lily Teremi

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, Dr Bronwyn Andrews, Elizabeth Candame, Raymond Lanzona, Anshu Mala Nand, Christina Properzi, Elizabeth Newnes, Florentina Elisura, Geoffrey Robinson, Virginia Santos, Perla Magculang, Dragica Julich, Deidre Thomson, Mavie Dela Cruz

# Thanksgiving:

Marisa, Christopher & Fly, Jacob Feroze, Wira Peiris

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

God of every human being, when we simply desire to welcome Your love, a flame rises up little by little deep in our souls. Very fragile though it be, it always keeps burning.

Brother Roger of Taize

# Church Calendar

# February

Mon **21** 

Tues 22 The Chair of Saint Peter (F) 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wed 23 Saint Polycarp (M) 9:15am - Mass

Thurs 24 9:15am - Mass

Fri **25** 9:15am - Mass

Sat 26 9:00am - Mass 5:15pm - Confession 6:00pm - Vigil Mass

Sun **27** 7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

#### 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 <a href="https://nww.parracatholic.org/covid19/#faq">https://nww.parracatholic.org/covid19/#faq</a>



# HOLY CROSS

Catholic Primary School

49 MEURANTS LANE, GLENWOOD P: 8664 7100















# **2022 OPEN DAYS**

TUESDAY 1 MARCH, 2022 - 9:15AM - 10:45AM WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH, 2022 - 3:45PM - 4:45PM

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST!



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### **SUGGESTION BOX**

We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

#### Parish Pastoral/Ministry Corner

#### 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

	Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights						
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	Jun	7	14	21	28		
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	Aug	2	9	16	23	30	
		Barnouti	Ring	Sebastian	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

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



#### ⇒ 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

#### **⇒ 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).

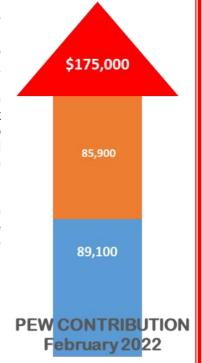
We will have the pews finished by the end of March 2022. All pews will be coated with quality polyurethane 2 pack in a matt finish with kneelers covered with good quality vinyl and high density foam to make kneeling more comfortable and smooth.

The total cost of the project \$175,000. So far, the total amount received from sponsors is \$89,100. We still need to raise \$85,900.

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'.



#### CONTACTS

# PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

#### **Office Contacts**

**(**02) 8883 5981

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# **CLERGY**

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# **BISHOP BEDE HEATHER IST DEATH ANNIVERSARY**

Bishop Bede Heather's First death Anniversary is on Friday, 25th February Mass will be celebrated for him at St John XXIII Parish Church at 9.15am.

#### **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%2

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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.

# 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 <a href="https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#online">https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#online</a>. For more info, please visit the Diocesan website <a href="https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19">www.parracatholic.org/covid19</a>

# '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 <a href="mailto:nry.au">nry.thevell.org.au</a> 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 <u>parracatholic.org/with you</u> 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 <u>parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive</u> 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 inperson 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 <u>num.parracatholic.org/pmp</u> 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 <a href="mailto:anne.stanton@parracatholic.org">anne.stanton@parracatholic.org</a> or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <a href="mailto:https://officeforworship.org.au">https://officeforworship.org.au</a>

# 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 <a href="mailto:anne.stanton@parracatholic.org">anne.stanton@parracatholic.org</a>

# 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 <a href="http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw">http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw</a>

# THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022

The World Day of Prayer 2022 in The Hills is on Friday 4th March at 7.30 at the Wesley Uniting Church, 32 Showground Rd. Castle Hill.

The focus countries are England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The guest speaker will be the Pastor of Wesley Uniting, Carmel Ieraco.

### 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 <a href="mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au">blaze@john23rd.org.au</a>

	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,

in blaze@john23rd.org.au

or visit our FB page

www.facebook.com/
blazeyouthsj23/

**BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM** 



# **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)

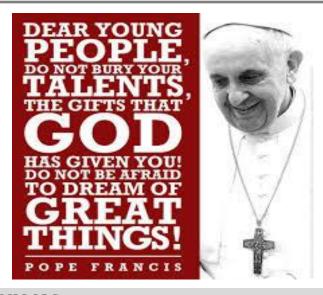
YFC YOUTH LEADERS

YFC International

Vince Erasmo - 0406 253 698

YFC Australia

Ionathan Montaos 0401 478 733



# **OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

# Catholic Early Learning Centre

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**2** (02) 9852 0585

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🔇 www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au

# **Holy Cross Primary**

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood Principal: Louise O'Donnell

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⊠ holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au

www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au

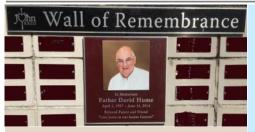
# John XXIII & St Mark's College

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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



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





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