



Fourth Sunday of Lent 27 March 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 reading (Luke 15:1-3,11-32) includes one of the eleven parables unique to Luke; it is also one of the most well-known, but is often said to be misnamed in its common designation as "the Prodigal Son" (15:11-32). Many parables are similarly named in ways that appear to miss the point of their telling, but this tendency actually points to how we engage with all stories, and thus to the power of Christ's storytelling. We need to realise that the mind does not distinguish between reality and fiction, for all viewing and understanding of the world takes place inside our heads. Thus we respond emotionally and even physically in the same way to what we see unfolding, be it real-time events in the world or in depicted events, historical or fictional, as mediated by actors and machinery at the movies. In the same way we do not distinguish between reports of actual happenings and fictional stories. Should there be any doubt about this, answer this: "Have you ever cried at a movie, or laughed, or grown angry, or felt anything, or ducked, jumped or reacted in any way at all?" At a recent viewing of Les Misérables someone at the end of the row was overcome with uncontrollable sobbing as the movie drew to an end. This distraction provided suitable cover for not a few people to sneak hankies out of pockets and return them before lights returned. If we did not respond to movies there would be no point in seeing them. Similarly with novels. They are also fodder for our imaginations, where we in a sense try on the experiences of others, imaginatively inhabiting the bodies and feelings of others. This is the basis of empathy, and the source of the power of storytelling.

In our naturally fertile imaginations we overlay the real or imaginary characters we are trying on with our own experiences and expectations, and since stories lack the details of pictures and reality they are much more open to being filled in by the mind. Once after pointing out to a senior religious sister that this parable does not in fact say what I had just heard a primary school teacher say to her students, she protested "But, no, he would have gone out and looked each day, hoping for his son's return!" She spoke as if he was not fictional and as if the parable reports an historical event. Not only did he actually exist for her, he now acted as she hoped a father would, or even as she herself might. This is the function of some parables; they draw us in to identify with those different from ourselves.

The context for telling this parable was the Pharisees' and scribes' complaining about Jesus welcoming sinners and eating with them. The parable in effect skips over a father to present first the younger son, who is clearly wayward, but who later comes to his senses and repents; his experience receives the most graphic details so that we may identify with him, and perhaps feel some compassion. Then we meet the father more properly; in our minds he sees the returning son and is moved to pity, and welcomes him, and feasts him. The most powerfully emotive language is attached to him, who in sequence is moved, runs (an undignified behaviour for mature men in that culture), embraces, kisses, and is clearly joyful. Then we meet the righteous but aggrieved elder son and brother, but there is nothing that endears us to him unless we recognise ourselves in him and remain obstinately self-righteous.

The parable closes without a conclusion; it is an open question. With whom do you identify? The penitent son, the forgiving father, or the indignant brother? One pathway leads to a religion of self-righteousness, self-satisfaction, and of holding others' faults against them; the other leads to one of the duality that is compassion and redemption.

Call the parable what you will, but it is about you.

Sunday Mass Times

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

Weekday Mass Times

Mon 8:30am
Tues-Fri 9:15am
Sat 9:00am

Masses for Special Occasions

1st Tues 7.30pm Novena Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
1st Fri 7:30pm 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

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you."

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-7

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; In the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. "This man," they said, "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he spoke this parable to them:

"A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

"When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

"Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

"The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Communion Antiphon

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Father Joseph Vranesh, Kenneth Fogarty, Franklin Pietersz, Glenn Medenilla, Nicholas Saliba

Deceased:

Mary Ann & Joseph Bugeya

Anniversary:

Martin Alvarez, Felicidad Relayson

Sick: Names published with permission.

Johnathan Gemin, 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, Virginia Santos, Mavie Dela Cruz, Wally Atie, Raymond Lanzona, Geoffrey Robinson, Anshu Mala Nand, Christina Properzi, Elizabeth Newnes, Florentina Elisura, Deidre Thomson, Perla Magculang, Dragica Julich, Jenat Perera

Thanksgiving:

Cremona family

If you or a family member is homebound and would like to receive communion in your home please contact Bob Agbulos on 0422 106 525 or the parish office.

PRAYING in the SILENCE of the HEART

Holy spirit,
You have a call for every one of us.
So come, prepare our hearts to discover what it is that you expect of each of us.

Brother Roger of Taizé

MARCH Church Calendar

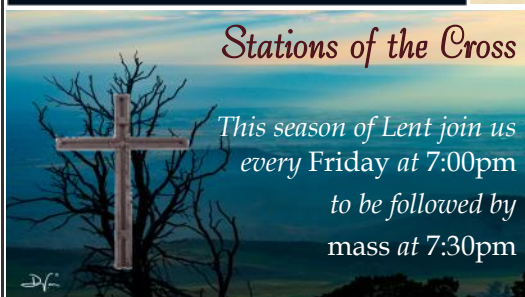
Mon	28	8:30am - Mass
Tues	29	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	30	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Thurs	31	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Lenten Program via Zoom

APRIL

Fri	1	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Stations of the Cross 7:30pm - First Friday Novena Mass - Sacred Heart of Jesus 7:30pm - Lenten Program - St Mark's College Hall
Sat	2	<i>Saint Francis of Paola (OM)</i> 9:00am - Mass 5:15pm - Confession 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	3	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

PARISH NOTICES

Let us prepare this Lent. Join us in any of the **Lenten Program** activities available at the Parish. Spare some time for our spiritual development.



Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group

Join us on Friday evenings at 6.30pm, Parish Office Staff room, to look at the Gospel readings during Lent and pray THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Everyone is welcome. Any queries call Pauline 0407 417039

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The parish of St John 23rd, Stanhope Gardens would like to invite you to a **Parent Information Evening** for children in years 4 and above who wish to be enrolled in the sacraments of First reconciliation/ First communion. Thursday 7th April at 7.00pm in the church. You are not required to bring your child to this meeting. There will be a list of dates for these sacraments available on this night for you to select the date you wish.

Below are the dates for these sacraments:

First reconciliation

18th May Wednesday OR
19th May Thursday

First communion

8th June Wednesday
9th June Thursday
10th June Friday
14th June Tuesday
15th June Wednesday



For further information please contact Helen Zammit on sacramental@john23rd.org.au



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA team requests all parishioners to continue to pray for our 2 catechumens, **Jessica and Kevin**, as they go through the final weeks of preparation to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

COVID-19 NOTICE

For any and all COVID updates <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Check-in using the NSW QR Code and record keeping for attendees is no longer required for places of worship.

Masks will no longer be mandatory for places of worship. However, **masks are still strongly encouraged where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others.**

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.

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

	1	8	15	22	29
Mar	Jayakody	Paguinto	Richards	Shalini	Jacob
Apr	5 Barnouti	12 Erasmo B	19 Ring	26 Shalini	
May	3 Javelosa	10 Paguinto	17 Erasmo B	24 Shalini	31 Jacob
Jun	7 Shalini	14 Richards	21 Barnouti	28 Phillip	
Jul	5 Tanganan	12 Jacob	19 Deang	26 Jacob	
Aug	2 Barnouti	9 Ring	16 Sebastian	23 available	30 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.



WE NEED YOU BACK

⇒ 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

Now that the church is open for celebrations, its floors need to be swept of dust, cobwebs brushed off, candle stands cleaned and garden kept green. We would like to request all our volunteer cleaners and gardeners to come back and continue their ministry.

For more information contact maintenance@john23rd.org.au or the parish office.

⇒ CALLING ALL CHOIRS

Sing from the heart - Ephesians 5:19-20

Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We miss you!!!!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - GOOD FRIDAY

Dear Parishioners,

The Easter season is fast approaching and we are preparing for our traditional Way of the Cross service to be held on the morning of **Good Friday, 15th April at 10am.**

We are looking for school aged youth to participate in the service by acting as characters, reading and singing.

We will be holding practices on Saturday 2nd and Saturday 9th of April at 10am.

If you or your child is interested, please contact:

Helen Festejo E: helen.festejo@gmail.com
M: 0401 671665 or

Taylor Coutinho E: taylor.coutinho1999@gmail.com
M: 0426 382 537



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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,

We're almost there, GETTING CLOSER. We are now at 83% of our target. Again, our profound gratitude to our contributors. Let us keep this going and sponsor a pew.

A small memorial or "donated by" plaque will be placed upon request. It can be in memory of a deceased love one or your family or personal gift to the parish community.

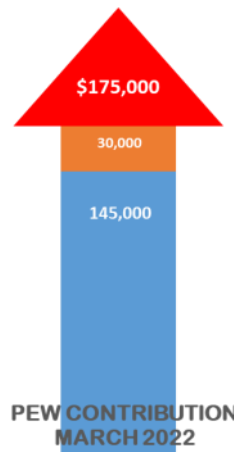
A pew size of 4.6 metres will cost \$2500 and pews at the back will be almost double the size to match the shape of the church.

You can get family and/or friends to pool together or if you cannot afford to sponsor one full pew, any amount you donate will be a big addition to the cost of the pews.

Be a community that cares for 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

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Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY

For our celebration of Palm Sunday, we are asking parishioners to bring your own palm leaves to get blessed. We would also appreciate any donations of palm leaves for sharing. If you are able to donate any leaves, please place them in the box provided at the church foyer by **Thursday, 7th April, 2022.**

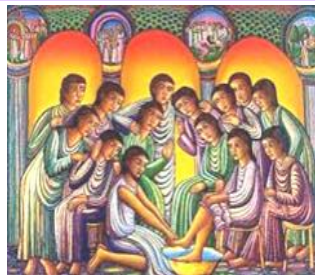
Your help is very much appreciated.

WASHING OF THE FEET

Holy Thursday

We are looking for 12 volunteers to participate in the Washing of the Feet during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, **14th April, 2022.**

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Frank on 0459 504625 or email at frankc@iinet.net.au.



BISHOPS GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Community Drop-In Centres Catholic Care is working hard to reach our neighbours in need and to reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout our community. Will you be a Good Samaritan and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours, so they have safe, welcoming places to connect with others and access support?

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.

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

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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.

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.

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>

What we are doing at Vinnies

The impact of the flooding in northern NSW has been devastating and is a further blow to a community that was adversely impacted by floods in 2021, bushfires in 2020 and the COVID pandemic.

NSW SES teams have received over 8800 calls for assistance, so far, with 300 flood rescues overnight alone. Further evacuations are in place today and you can check the affected areas [here](#) and access a list of current evacuation centres [here](#).

A Flood Response group at Vinnies has been formed and will meet regularly over the coming days to coordinate our response – to both support our people in affected areas and provide the most appropriate care and assistance to communities impacted by the floods.

The Society has launched a [Vinnies NSW Flood Appeal](#) / (St Vincent de Paul Society NSW - Flood Appeal vinnies.org.au) and is getting ready to support the community with financial payments as part of the recovery efforts. Members will lead this response on the ground, offering support at recovery centres and Society locations that are accessible. More information on this work will be shared as we establish our supports in key centres and as the floodwaters recede.



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

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

or visit our FB page

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

🌐 www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

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🌐 www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au

John XXIII & St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

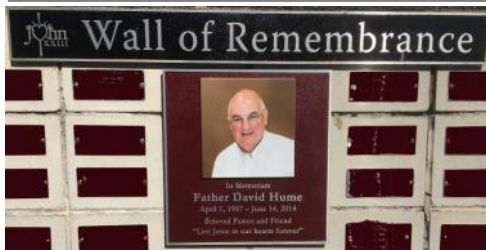
Principal: Dr Peter Webster

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