



Fifth Sunday of Lent 3 April 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 account of an adulteress being brought before Jesus is widely considered an interpolation; not only do the manuscripts have many irregularities, the grammatical anomalies suggest it is foreign, and yet thematically it is not out of place in the unfolding of John 7-8. There is also abundant evidence of its always being held to be an authentic account and witness to Jesus. As with Luke's parable last Sunday, part of this report's power lies in the reader empathically identifying with its characters. This human ability has a shadow side because readers with negative attitudes towards the scribes and Pharisees may imaginatively inject their own adverse presumptions. For example, take the portrayal in Mel Gibson's film *The Passion of the Christ*; the bare bones of the brief original account have been fleshed out with the men already carrying stones to kill the woman, made clear when these are dropped as they leave the scene. Also, the humiliation we fairly guess her to have experienced when set before the eyes of a crowd is further increased in the film by her being cast on the floor, cringing. These features are contradicted by the text itself. So let's deal with some facts.

Leaving aside politically motivated killings, capital punishment for religious crimes was rare in Israel from well before our Lord's time. The requirements for certainty in Jewish jurisprudence, preferring to set a thousand guilty free than to kill a single innocent, were so stringent that it was difficult to satisfy them. There is no attempt to do so in today's gospel account; this was not a lynch mob, for such a beast does not stop to ask opinions. In addition, the Law stipulates the stoning of both guilty culprits, together, and given the nature of the adulterous act it is not possible to catch only one in the act. Where is the man? Furthermore, execution of the guilty could only be carried out by law-abiding witnesses. Neither culprit need be present to ask the opinion of Jesus, but from the storyteller's point of view the presence of the woman helps intensify the scene dramatically: Jesus is seated, teaching; men enter and they stand her in the middle (they do not cast her to the floor) and then they ask his opinion; Jesus bends forward to write on the ground; at their persistence he straightens up to deliver the famous line "Let the sinless one among you be first to throw a stone" and bends back to writing on the ground; the men leave, and the woman, though unrestrained, remains standing there; Jesus straightens up again and speaks with her; no-one is present to witness against or condemn her, and Jesus says "I do not condemn you". Beyond the missing male culprit there were insufficient witnesses both to satisfy the burden of proof and to be the law-abiders eligible to execute the sentence.

Moreover, the story revolves around Jesus in two striking ways. First, though he is without sin, thus fulfilling his own criterion, he is not, as a man, a witness to the crime and so could not condemn her in a human court. Second, though as God he is a witness, and together with the Father fulfils the criterion of two just witnesses in the heavenly court, he does not condemn her. Part of the case for the second point emerges from the reference to his writing with his finger. Much speculative ink has been wasted on what may have been written. We should note one of the oddities of discontinuity at this point: John 7-8 is set in the Temple's treasury, which was in the Women's Court, but the courts were paved so there was no ground (literally earth or soil). Setting that aside, the only one in Scripture who writes with his finger is God: the Ten Commandments on the stone tablets were written "by the finger of God" (Exodus 31:18 and Deuteronomy 9:10). We may perhaps add the incident in Daniel 5:5.

Even if not original to John, this account is a striking demonstration of a thread running through John: 5:22, "The Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son"; 5:30, "I can do nothing on my own [but] my judgment is just because ... I do the will of him who sent me"; and 8:15-16, "I judge no one, yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid, for I am not alone; I and the Father who sent me judge". The Son's mission from the Father is to heal and save, not to condemn and kill.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year C

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

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises..

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125

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

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

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

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

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

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God



Gospel Acclamation

Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

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

Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Kenneth Fogarty, Nicholas Saliba

Deceased:

Anniversary:

Lolita Tirol

Sick: Names published with permission.

Johnathan Gemin, Pat Doyle, Tony Muscat, Natividad Reyes, Kristy Arceo, Gloria Bueno, Colleen McCunnie, Rosamma John Pellissery, Bev Lewis, Sophie De Leon, Greg Marcellana, Perla Magculang, Dragica Julich, Jenat Perera, Elizabeth Candame, Dr Bronwyn Andrews, Elvis D'sa, Zenira D'Souza, Isagani Ocampo, Hilary Regan, Maria Romeo, Iyrika D'Cruz, Virginia Santos, Mavie Dela Cruz, Wally Atie, Geoffrey Robinson, Anshu Mala Nand, Raymond Lanzona, Christina Properzi, Elizabeth Newnes, Florentina Elisura, Deidre Thomson

Thanksgiving:

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 email bragbulos@gmail.com or the parish office.

PRAYING in the SILENCE of the HEART

God of consolation, you burden yourself with our burdens, so that we can move forward at every moment, from anxiety toward trust, from shadows toward light.

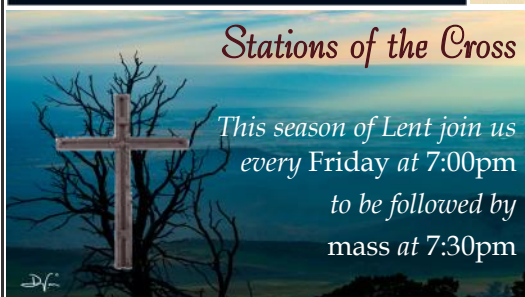
Brother Roger of Taizé

APRIL Church Calendar

Mon	4	<i>Saint Isidore (OM)</i> 8:30am - Mass
Tues	5	<i>Saint Vincent Ferrer (OM)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	6	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Thurs	7	<i>Saint John Baptist de la Salle (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Parent Information Evening 7:30pm - Lenten Program via Zoom
Fri	8	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Stations of the Cross 7:30pm - Lenten Program - St Mark's College Hall
Sat	9	9:00am - Mass 5:15pm - Confession 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	10	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 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

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	Phillip	
Jul	5	12	19	26	
	Tanganan	Jacob	Deang	Jacob	
Aug	2	9	16	23	30
	Barnouti	Ring	Sebastian	available	Jacob
Sep	6	13	20	27	
	available	Tanganan	Erasmo B	Javelosa	

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.

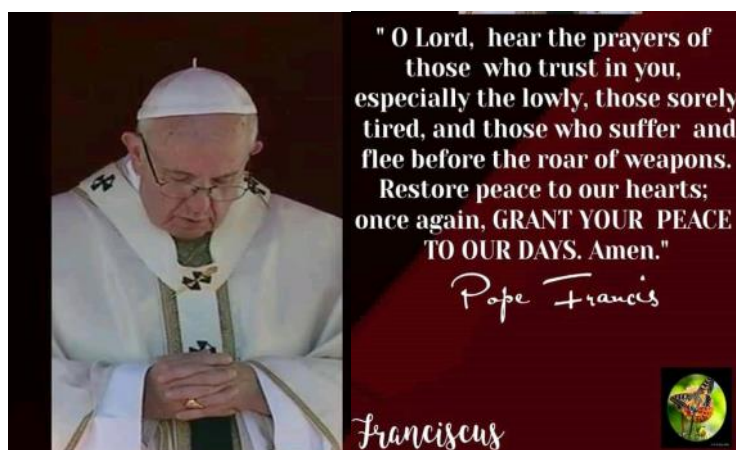
For more information contact maintenance@john23rd.org.au or the parish office.

PPC UPDATE

Gary Lee, the Chairman of the PPC has stepped down due to personal reasons and increased job commitments. Bernadette Virwani has offered to step up as Interim Chairman until the next elections are announced.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Gary for his work and commitment in leading the PPC for the last few years. We acknowledge his contributions, especially in establishing closer communication and involvement with our parish schools.

We will continue to work in creating a community that looks after the spiritual needs of the our parish.



ACIA Let us continue to pray for our 2 catechumens, Jessica & Kevin, as they continue to go through the final weeks of preparation for initiation to the Catholic faith.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL	
Chairman Gary Lee	Members Bing Catabas
Dep Chairman Bernadette Virwani	Chris Drummond
Secretary Julienne Crasto	Margaret Harrison
	Nanette Gamboa

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.

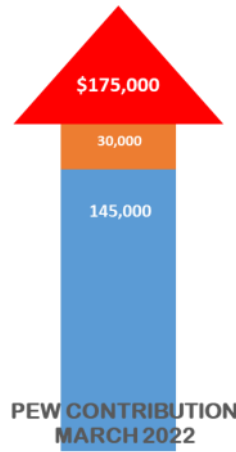
A pew size of 4.6 metres will cost \$2500 and pews at the back will be almost double the size to match the shape of the church.

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'.



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.

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 either of below:

Helen Festejo

E: helen.festejo@gmail.com

M: 0401 671665

Taylor Coutinho

E: taylor.coutinho1999@gmail.com

M: 0426 382 537

CONTACTS

PARISH OFFICE

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Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

Office Contacts

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160 Perfection Avenue,
Stanhope Gardens, 2768

MAILING

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CLERGY

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✉ jolly@john23rd.org.au

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Fr Zvonimir Gavranovic

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Tanya Gatt

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Finance:

Renuka Soosaipillai

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Sacramental Coordinator:

Helen Zammit

✉ sacramental@john23rd.org.au

Operations Manager:

Daphney Fernandes

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Columbarium queries:

Daphney Fernandes

✉ 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

View our livestreams via YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StJohn%20XXIII%20Glenwood-StanhopeGardensParish>

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.

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.



Bishop's 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 your catholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.

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

✉ holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au

John XXIII & St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

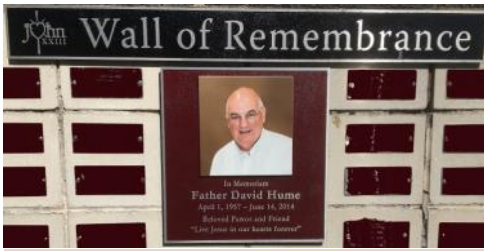
Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

✉ stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.stjohn23stanhope.catholic.edu.au

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St John XXIII Parish cannot take responsibility if the service provided by an advertiser does not meet expectations.*



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



Vinnies
good works

Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday at
7:00pm



Reminder

Please make sure when you come to Mass, let us consider our neighbours.

Do not block the neighbours' driveway.



Join and be
part of the
Cake Angels

contact Madeline Huang
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