



## First Sunday of Lent 6 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.

The tempting of Jesus that unfolds in the post-baptismal retreat into the wilderness is the focus of the first Sunday in Lent every year. The accounts in Matthew, Mark and Luke all mention the Spirit, the wilderness, forty days, the tempter and temptations. Mark has no specifics concerning the temptations, while Matthew and Luke have the same three in variant orders. The reference to the forty days influenced the development of our Lent, and hence the account always marks its beginning. How exactly we may count the forty days has always been a quirky affair – and it still varies between the three major traditions of the Ambrosian, Roman and Byzantine rites. Examining the various calculation methods may prove for many people more effective in inducing sleep than mentally counting sheep. Suffice it say Lent is a significant penitential period marked by practices informed by excerpts from the Sermon on the Mount that were read on Ash Wednesday: fasting, praying, and almsgiving.

Another relevant count of forty is the post-Exodus number of years in the wilderness before the Hebrews entered the Promised Land. Our first reading (Deuteronomy 26:4-10) does not mention that period, but it stipulates the rite for offering the first fruits once the land was entered and cultivated. It recalls the history of oppression in Egypt, and the rescue by God; it acknowledges the presence of God with them in time of trouble. The response in the attached psalm picks up that idea, but the second and third stanzas contain the reference to the angels being charged with guarding and bearing that is misappropriated by the devil in Luke's third temptation. The changing voice in the psalm is a little confusing; the first stanza speaks about one who abides with God, the second and third speak to that person, and in the fourth God speaks, declaring the intention to save that person.

In the second reading Paul freely cites Deuteronomy 30:14, from Moses' exhortation shortly before the people are to cross the Jordan into Canaan to which they had journeyed for forty years; he urged them to keep the Law so as to live. This citation is therefore associated with the first reading which is also from Deuteronomy, the whole of which work is placed at the end of the forty year journey and on the verge of entry to the Promised Land. Paul's citation closely follows the Hebrew, but it is also close to the proclamation of Jesus that Matthew and Mark report soon after his baptism as he begins his public ministry, "The Kingdom of Heaven/God is near". Paul, however, goes on to point out that "the word" is the faith we proclaim, the confession of Christ Jesus as Lord, crucified and risen. In this way Paul is surprisingly close to John acclaiming that Jesus is "the Word" amongst us in the flesh. But Paul is making another point; the full realisation of the utterance of Moses, "The word is very near to you", comes not by Hebrew descent and the reception of the Covenant's Law but with confession of Christ. In this way Jews and Gentiles are united in Jesus as they could not be under the Law.

Those who now begin the final journey to baptism, the catechumens, are preparing to confess Christ publicly, ritualised in the handing on of the Creed and in the act of baptism itself. The rites that accompanying them, the Scrutinies, are to strengthen them against the temptations that may lead them astray before completing that journey. The language of the prayers (sometimes lost in translation) recalls both the forces pursuing the people in their flight to the Red Sea, and the accompanying protective deeds of God. For those already baptised, it becomes a time to examine our own hearts and deeds, to better understand the temptations to which we fall prey. And we should take solace in the realisation that a temptation is not a sin; Jesus too was tempted, but he did not sin. Temptations are properly the subject of spiritual direction, the spiritual director in his or her wisdom drawing forth lessons from them; sins are properly the subject of the Sacrament of Penance and the recollection of God's mercy.

### 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

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

### First Reading

*Deuteronomy 26:4-10*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*The confession of faith of the elect.*

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 90:1-2, 10-15*

**R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

### Second Reading

*Romans 10:8-13*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Matthew 4:4*

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

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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### Gospel

*Luke 4:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



### Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Lucky Dharmapala, Phillip Ameresequera,  
Bruce Hare

## Deceased:

Anniversary:

Joseph Clarence Duncan

**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, Geoffrey Robinson,  
Anshu Mala Nand, Christina Properzi,  
Elizabeth Newnes, Florentina Elisura,  
Deidre Thomson, Perla Magculang,  
Virginia Santos, Mavie Dela Cruz,  
Dragica Julich

**Thanksgiving:**

Abigail Pragasam

**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 compassion,  
disconcerted by the  
incomprehensible suffering of the  
innocent, we pray for those who are  
experiencing times of trial.

Inspire the hearts of those who seek  
the peace that is so indispensable for  
the whole human family.

*Brother Roger of Taizé*

## MARCH Church Calendar

Mon	7	<i>Saints Perpetual &amp; Felicity (M)</i> 8:30am - Mass
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Tues	8	<i>Saint John of God (OM)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
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Wed	9	<i>Saint Francis of Rome (OM)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
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Thurs	<b>10</b>	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Lenten Program via Zoom
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Fri	11	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Station of the Cross 7:30pm - Lenten Program - St Mark's College Hall
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Sat	<b>12</b>	9:00am - Mass 5:15pm - Confession 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
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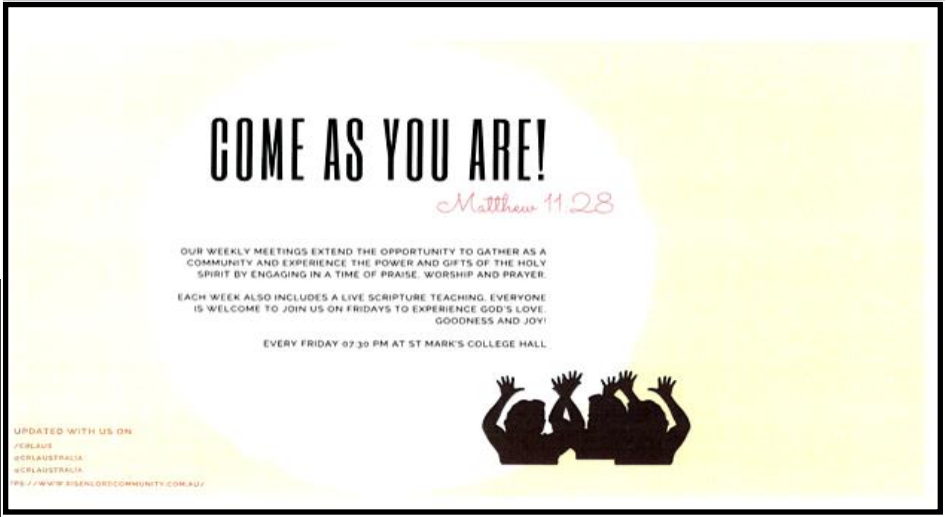
Sun	<b>13</b>	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass
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## LENTEN PROGRAMS

**Do something special this Lent!**

Let's take an hour from our hectic schedules to be with someone who loves us so much. Jesus has so much to tell us. Hear His words from the Gospels and learn to live it throughout Lent this year.

Every Thursday during Lent, join us as we dive deeper into the coming Sunday's Gospel. Make the Sunday mass more meaningful by exploring the deeper message Jesus wants to tell us. Feel free to join in any Thursday of Lent when you can.



COVID-19 NOTICE

Please check out the following sites 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

**THE DIOCESE OF FARRAMACIA 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

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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](mailto:bart.sarlabus@gmail.com) or Melva Paguinto [emcipi85@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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	12	19	26	
	Barnouti	Erasmo B	Ring	Shalini	
May	3	10	17	24	31
	Javelosa	Paguinto	Erasmo B	Shalini	Jacob
Jun	7	14	21	28	
	Shalini	Richards	Barnouti	Jacob	
Jul	5	12	19	26	
	Tanganan	available	available	Jacob	
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](mailto: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 need 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)

### ⇒ 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!!!!**

### Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group

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

Everyone is welcome. 🙏

**Any questions? Call Pauline 0407 417 039**



### 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,

We are getting close to our target amount for the pew replacements.

The total cost of the project is \$175,000 and we are GETTING CLOSE to our target.

We would like to extend our gratitude to those who have made contributions. We request you to keep this going and sponsor a pew. It can be in memory of a deceased love one or your family or personal gift to the parish community.

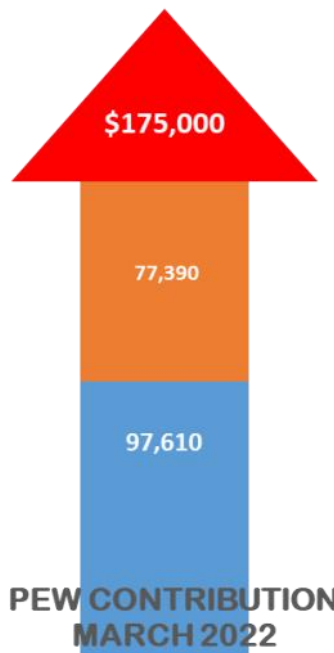
Each pew in the size of 4.6 metres will cost \$2500 and pews at the back will be almost double the size to match with the shape of the church. A small memorial or "donated by" plaque will be placed upon request. You can get family and/or friends to pool together or if you cannot afford to sponsor one full pew, any amount you donate will be a big addition to the cost of the pews.

Our comfort during worship is important so that our minds are centred to prayer and spiritual enrichment.

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

### PARISH OFFICE

#### Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

#### Office Contacts

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# Stations of the Cross

*This season of Lent  
join us every  
Friday at 7:00pm*

## 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](https://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)

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



### '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.

### 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>

### 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.

### 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>

ST JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC COLLEGE

# KINDERGARTEN 2023

## OPEN DAY


Tuesday, 8th March 2022






REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL:


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



**First Sunday of Lent**

**5 & 6 March**






**Anatercia 12**, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports.

Now, Anatercia can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. Anatercia feels better supported by her community, has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.**



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## 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/)

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**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**

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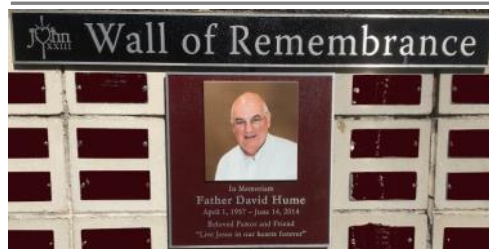
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