



## Third Sunday of Easter 1st May 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 readings are rather disparate. The gospel passage (John 21:1-19) has John's greatest number of disciples being named or specified and is the last of John's post-resurrection accounts yet it appears related to 1:35-51 in which Jesus gains his first disciples, Andrew and Philip who promptly introduce Peter and Nathanael. The other gospels say that at least four of the twelve, including Andrew and Peter, were fishermen, but John has no mention of fishing until this final scene. Luke's gospel is the only other one to have an extraordinary haul of fish at the Lord's direction after a fruitless night of fishing, but he sets it early in the gospel alongside the call of the first disciples, three of whom are named as Peter and the sons of Zebedee. This is the only time John mentions the sons of Zebedee. It all suggests that John's telling loops back to the beginning. But unique to John is the attached commission of Peter to "*pasture my lambs... tend my sheep... pasture my sheep*", each following Christ's question, "*Do you love me?*" and Peter's response "*You know I love you*". Some make much of the fact that two words translated "love" are used, changing in the third question from the claimed more excellent *agapō* to the supposed lesser *filō*. However, it is consistent with the pattern of changes of each of Christ's key words, and John uses these two words for love interchangeably, *filō* also of the Father for the Son (5:20), of Jesus for Lazarus (11:3, 36), of the Father for the disciples and them for Jesus (16:27), and of Jesus for the unnamed Beloved Disciple (20:2); thus suggestions of particular implications in the change in this scene are unconvincing. On the other hand, Peter's response is constant. There is merit in imagining it as the antidote for Peter's earlier denial, both scenes taking place near a charcoal fire, the New Testament's sole instances of the word. The scene also has an often overlooked feature: Jesus took the loaf and gave it to them, and he does the same with the fish. Lacking only a verb for blessing, this is a direct parallel to the feeding in John 6:11. My extensive research also reveals that John reflects a dialectic construction that uses one verb to cover both breaking and giving. It fits with the curious mention by Justin Martyr (c. AD 150) that Christ taught the Eucharist after the resurrection.

The second reading (Revelation 5:11-16) is the first in a series of four excerpts of heavenly visions read over four Sundays. Here the visionary, traditionally held to be John the Evangelist, hears the heavenly throng's loud praise of the Lamb, with all creatures of the earth joining in. These visions are frequently filled with the downright weird, and are read too literally by too many, but we can see in them images that correspond to the eucharistic liturgy as it later developed, suggesting the likely influence of Johannine texts not only in trinitarian theology but also in ritual evolution; the eucharistic prayers and rites of fraction and distribution are indeed punctuated with phrases and images borrowed from Johannine texts, not the least being the choirs of singing angels and all the references to the Lamb. This points to the power of the Johannine school—that its poetic, mystical, literary and theological complexity that can make it so hard for preachers to work with is what so wonderfully feeds liturgical texts and rites, and art. One might even imagine the composer Handel having shared this vision, borrowing the song to form the magnificent conclusion to his oratorio, *Messiah*.

It is in the first reading that we find the reference to the mission of the Church: to witness to Christ who was exalted, literally translated, "*to grant repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins*". The conclusion does not properly fit due to the omission of Gamaliel's advice against further persecuting the disciples and their being given a mere flogging. Even their joyfully going from their flogging witnesses to the primacy of their message of forgiveness.



### 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

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### First Reading

*Acts 5:27-32, 40-41*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.*

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13*

**R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R.**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R.**

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

### Second Reading

*Revelation 5:11-14*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.*

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*John 21:1-19*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.*

Jesus showed himself again to his disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No,' he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt around you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

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

### Communion Antiphon

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Father Ray John, Lorna Miranda,  
Morris Rooney, Vicente Arrieta

### Anniversary:

Peter Flannery, Ante Janezic, Sofia Janezic,  
Anica Peric

### 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, Ben & Etta Berusa

### 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](mailto:bragbulos@gmail.com) or 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*

**COELIACS** Those who are gluten  
intolerant may receive communion with  
a gluten low host.

Please inform the acolyte before Mass.

### MAY Church Calendar

Mon	2	8:30am - Mass
Tues	3	<i>Saint Athanasius (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	4	<i>Saints Philip and James (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Thurs	5	9:15am - Mass
Fri	6	9:15am - Mass
Sat	7	6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	8	<i>Mother's Day</i> 7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

## COVID UPDATE



Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia  
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18 February 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

### Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

The NSW Government recently announced changes with regards to restrictions and isolation rules. Close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case will no longer be required to isolate, provided they comply with NSW Health guidelines.

The seven-day isolation requirement remains in place for anyone who has recorded a positive RAT or PCR result.

From 6pm on Friday, 22 April 2022, the following will apply:

1. Close contacts (defined as a household contact or an individual deemed by NSW Health to be a close contact) will not have to isolate, as long as they have no symptoms and comply with the following guidelines: They
  - Do not visit aged care, hospitals, disability, and correctional facilities unless a special exemption applies;
  - Wear a face mask in indoor settings outside the home;
  - Undertake daily RAT tests before coming into close contact with people outside their household, where practicable;
  - Avoid contact with elderly and immunocompromised persons where possible; • Work from home where practical; and
  - Notify their employer/ educational facility that they are a close contact, and that they are not required to isolate as long as they comply with the above.
2. Close contacts will need to comply with the above guidelines for 7 days from the time a person in their household tested positive for COVID-19.

Please consider which of the above guidelines apply in relation to specific activities being undertaken in your community e.g. sacramental preparation, etc.

The basic rules of hand hygiene, wearing a mask when you cannot socially distance and staying at home if you have symptoms still apply as we are still in a pandemic. Individuals still need to exercise extra caution to protect vulnerable members of our community.

Yours in Christ,

Very Rev Peter G. Williams AM

Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

### 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>

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.

For more events please go to [parracatholic.org/events](http://parracatholic.org/events) or <https://catholicoutlook.org/>



## 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**

*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.

## Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

	3	10	17	24	31
May	Javelosa	Paguinto	Erasmus 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	Erasmus B	Javelosa	
Oct	4	11	18	25	
	Jacob	Ring	Shalini	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*

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES

### 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

16th June Thursday



For further information please contact Helen Zammit on [sacramental@john23rd.org.au](mailto:sacramental@john23rd.org.au)

### ⇒ 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

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

## PEW UPDATE

We are now almost close to our target. Our profound gratitude to our contributors. 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. Let us keep this going and sponsor a pew.

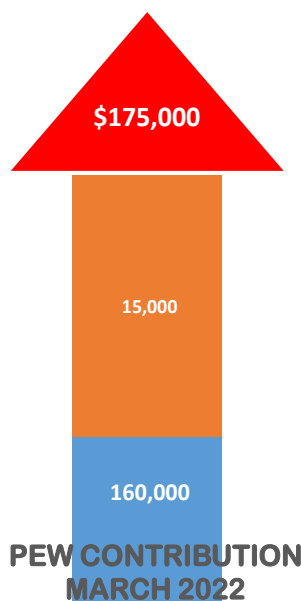
You can get family and/or friends to pool together or if you cannot afford to sponsor one full pew, any amount you donate will be a big addition to the cost of the pews.

If any one still would like to contribute, please do, so the additional amount raised will be used to also flourish the pews at the left side sitting area of the church.

*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'.**

**Our first set of new pews are expected to be in the church by next week.**



## CONTACTS

### PARISH OFFICE

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Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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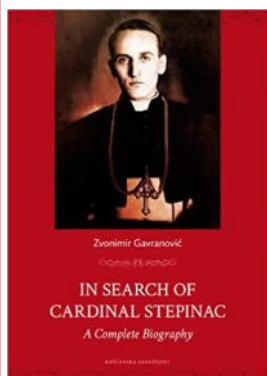
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## IN SEARCH OF CARDINAL STEPINAC

### BY FATHER ZVONIMIR

A complete biography of a Croatian Cardinal who was put on a famous trial by the communist in 1946.

He was beatified by St. John Paul II in 1988. The reader will learn not only of his heroic life but gain an insight into why the former Yugoslavia collapsed.

Obtainable from Parish Office

Price \$40 dollars.

## Rest in Peace †

We pray for Father Ray John, recently deceased on 16th April 2022

Ordained into the Priesthood on 21 July, 1962. Teacher at St Columba's Catholic Seminary, Springwood. Parish Priest of St Anne's Catholic Church, Strathfield South for 28 years.

## 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%20Glenwood-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**.

### **'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. Visit [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au) today.

### **Young people of the Diocese – we are with you**

"I am with you always" Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website [parracatholic.org/withyou](http://parracatholic.org/withyou) contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

### **Office for Worship Resources available**

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child's baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

### **UPDATE: Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive**

Under the remaining influence of the COVID-19 pandemic, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and House of Welcome (HoW) cannot receive physical food and toiletry donations. However, many refugee families are still relying on their foodbanks or the provision of food vouchers. In this difficult time, please support JRS and HoW with a cash donation if you can. Find more information at [parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive](http://parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive) or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.

### **Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses**

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2022 are now available, with the Smart Loving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more info 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>

### **Caritas Project Compassion 2022**

Caritas Australia's Lenten Project Compassion campaign has begun and will lead us all the way towards Easter. This year's theme For All Future Generations comes from the biblical story of the great flood (Genesis 9:12-15). It reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Find out more at [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or contact our Diocesan Director of Caritas: [Sebastian.Salaske-Lentern@parracatholic.org](mailto:Sebastian.Salaske-Lentern@parracatholic.org) or 0409 399505.

### **Youth Ministry Leadership Pathway**

A new pathway for leadership in youth ministry is here! Duc In Altum is an initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta designed to provide practical youth ministry training, build community between youth leaders across the Diocese, and offer intentional time for prayer and reflection. For more information and details to sign up visit [parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/](http://parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/) or email [qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org](mailto:qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org)

### **Pastoral Formation offering leadership and formation courses in 2022**

In 2022, we can still deepen our community connections and growth in faith! To encourage this, Pastoral Formation – Diocese of Parramatta has two programs FOR YOU – all offered in a COVID-safe manner.

- 1) Ministry Leadership Program: Perfect for current and aspiring ministry leaders. 10 or 20 sessions (\$10/session).
- 2) Themes of Faith Program: Ideal for people interested in asking life & faith questions in discussion groups. 10 sessions (\$5/session).

See our website [pfparra.org.au](http://pfparra.org.au) or email [mel@parracatholic.org](mailto:mel@parracatholic.org) for more details

### **Catholic Outlook Lent/Easter edition out now!**

Catholic Outlook Easter edition is out now and free to all parishioners. We feature a range of articles on choosing your next step in life as well as how the faithful across the Diocese celebrate Holy Week. Pick up your free copy from your local Catholic Church, Catholic School or Catholic office today.

### **Catholic schools across the Diocese are enrolling now!**

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are enrolling now for 2023. To learn more please contact your local Catholic school or visit our website [www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school).

### **Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal is open**

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta remains open and committed to assisting anyone with enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted via telephone and Zoom in response to COVID-19. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02) 8838 3480 or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org).

## 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/)



**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*)

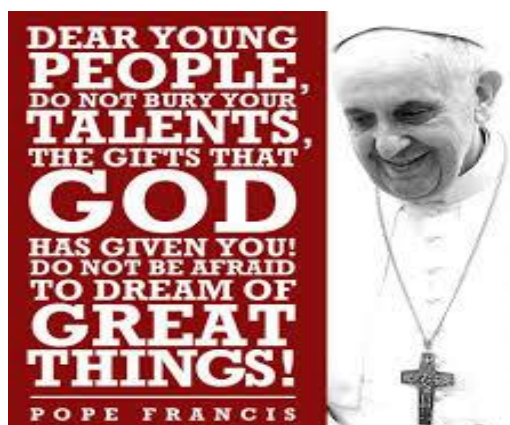
**YFC YOUTH LEADERS**

***YFC International***

Vince Erasmo - 0406 253 698

***YFC Australia***

Jonathan Montaos 0401 478 733



### **OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

**Catholic Early Learning Centre**

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

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

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

**Holy Cross Primary**

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

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

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

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

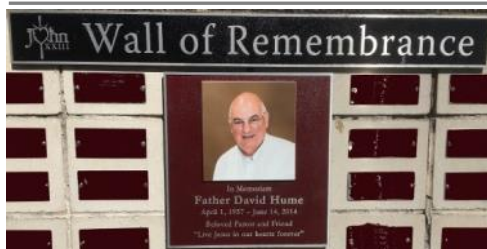
Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

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

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





### MEMORIAL WALL

The wall in front of the church is devoted to the memory of our deceased family and friends, especially if they are buried overseas. For any enquiries please email [columbarium@john23rd.org.au](mailto:columbarium@john23rd.org.au)

The plaques cost \$400.00



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



**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  
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### Risen Lord Community Praise & Worship Night

**FRIDAYS,  
7.30pm**

**St John23rd  
College Hall**



Come join us for an evening of deep intimacy with the Lord. Learn about the abundant and victorious life that Jesus died and purchased for us to have.

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