



Palm Sunday 10 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.

Paschal Triduum 2022

Holy Thursday 14 April

7:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00pm

Location - School Hub

Good Friday 15 April

10:00am - Stations of the Cross at John XXIII College grounds

3:00pm - The Lord's Passion

Location - School Hub

Holy Saturday 16 April

7:00pm - Easter Vigil
Location - SJ23rd Church

Easter Sunday 17 April

Regular Mass Times

7:30am; 9:00am; 10:30am; 6:00pm

Note: There will be no 9.15am mass on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday

Each of the four gospels have points of divergence that are sometimes interesting to note. Luke has more points of departure than usual in today's texts. In the processional pericope he does not mention the people using leafy branches (*cf. Matthew 21:8 and Mark 11:8*) or palms (*John 12:8*) as they greet Christ, but only their mantles or cloaks. He alone does not include "Hosanna" in the people's greeting, and adds "Peace in heaven and glory" in place of Matthew's and Mark's second "Hosanna", thus both distancing the people's text from Psalm 117(118):26 that the others agree on, and linking it back rather to the angels' song at Jesus' birth (*Luke 2:14*).

In the Passion reading itself is an oddity too difficult to deal with here: there is great variation among the manuscripts, with Luke having at the Passover meal either two cups, or one in the order of cup then loaf. During the meal Luke alone has a dispute break out among the disciples about who is the greatest, which both Matthew and Mark place while still on the journey to Jerusalem. However, Jesus' response in teaching about the need for the leader to serve corresponds to the unique feature of John's gospel, that of Jesus washing the disciples' feet as a demonstration of service-leadership. The next unique feature in Luke is Jesus' reminding the disciples of when they were sent out without a purse or other things, but then he tells them to take them, and even to sell one's mantle to buy a sword if one currently has none. This is odd advice.

Now let us turn back to the gospel reading on the first Sunday of Lent, the temptations. Only Luke says that when the tempter had finished he left Jesus "until an opportune time". The only time the devil reappears in Luke, but then is named Satan, is to enter Judas before the Passover (*or during the meal, according to John—the only other evangelist to mention this*). Satan is also mentioned, uniquely to Luke, in a preface to the prediction of Peter's denial. Thus we have temptations continuing, but among the disciples. However, if we take the temptations seriously and remember that anything easily rejected is not a real temptation, or in other words that you can only be tempted with something you actually want, then we see signs that Jesus continued to face temptations. The references to the swords seem to point to his considering actually taking up arms in a rebellion. During prayer in Gethsemane this temptation is finally extinguished, but not without anguish, and he chooses complete submission to the Father's will. Then comes the time for swords, but he orders them put away - though not before one is used, and unique to Luke, Jesus heals the victim's ear. Jesus is then led away to trial.

The most obvious of Luke's remaining divergences can be summarised: 1) Jesus is sent by Pilate to Herod, whose soldiers, not Pilate's, dress and mock Jesus; 2) Jesus greets the women on the way to Calvary; 3) one of the criminals crucified with Jesus begs to be remembered in his kingdom, and he is promised paradise; 4) Jesus does not pray Psalm 21(22):1, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me", but rather Psalm 30(31):5, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit". There, at his last breath he affirms his choice: the rejection of temptations, and trusting submission to the Father's will.

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

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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

Gospel

Luke 23:1-49

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. 'You brought this man before me' he said 'as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.' But as one man they howled, 'Away with him! Give us Barabbas!' (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.)

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' And for the third time he spoke to them, 'Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.' But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

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Communion Antiphon

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Rochelle Anne Ignacio, Phillip Mahoney

Anniversary:

Roland Fernandes, Domina Fernandes,
Giorgio Kavo, 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:

Virwani 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 email bragbulos@gmail.com or the parish office.

PRAYING in the SILENCE of the HEART

Holy Spirit, even when our words
hardly manage to express our longing
for a communion with you,
your invisible presence dwells within
each one and so a joy may be offered
to us.

Brother Roger of Taizé

COELIACS Those who are gluten intolerant may receive communion with a gluten low host. Please inform the acolyte before Mass.

APRIL Church Calendar

Mon	11	8:30am - Mass
Tues	12	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena prayers Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	13	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Thurs	14	<i>The Lord's Supper</i> 7:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri	15	<i>Good Friday</i> 10:00am - Stations of the Cross 3:00pm - Passion of the Lord
Sat	16	7:00pm - Easter Vigil Mass
Sun	17	<i>Easter Sunday</i> 7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

Gospel

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As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, "Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man.' And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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.parramattacatholic.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

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.

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

Apr	5	12	19	26	
	<i>Barnouti</i>	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	<i>available</i>	Jacob
Sep	6	13	20	27	
	<i>available</i>	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

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.

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



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



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



PASCHAL TRIDUUM CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir rehearsals for the Paschal Triduum masses, 13th of April (Wednesday) from 7pm to 9pm.

PARISH NOTICES

PEW UPDATE

We are now at 91% of our target. We're getting there. Again, 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.

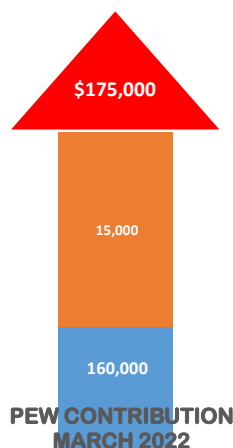
You can get family and/or friends to pool together or if you cannot afford to sponsor one full pew, any amount you donate will be a big addition to the cost of the pews.

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.

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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"O Lord, hear the prayers of those who trust in you, especially the lowly, those sorely tired, and those who suffer and flee before the roar of weapons. Restore peace to our hearts; once again, GRANT YOUR PEACE TO OUR DAYS. Amen."

Pope Francis

Franciscus

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Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance.

Visit our website

<http://john23rd.com/>

Like our Facebook page

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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.

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.



**NOW IS THE TIME
TO USE YOUR VOICE!**

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DYING BILL 2021**

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	
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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

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YFC (Youth for Christ)

YFC YOUTH LEADERS

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YFC Australia

Jonathan Montaos 0401 478 733

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DO NOT BURY YOUR
TALENTS,
THE GIFTS THAT
GOD
HAS GIVEN YOU!
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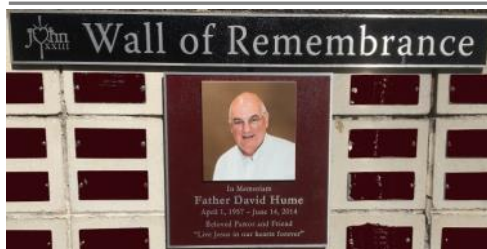
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