



Fourth Sunday of Easter 8th 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.

Every year some aspect of Christ as Shepherd is the focus conveyed in the choice of the gospel reading. This year's, John 10:27-30, is brief, but the references to his voice and to following it threads the passage not only to its parallel in 10:3-4 and to 10:16, but also to the dead hearing the voice of the Son of God in 5:25-29 (itself threaded to the account of the raising of Lazarus), and finally to 18:37 in the scene with Pontius Pilate. Yet again, typical of John, even such a short passage is richly connected to the whole of the gospel: Christ, the Word, who is one with the Father, speaks the words of life to the created world, and those who hear him are those who believe him, and all who believe him have eternal life.

The vision in the second reading also contains a reference to he who shepherds, but does so in the paradoxical image whereby the Lamb is the Shepherd. The thought of the weak one leading the strong, which one may assume grown sheep to be, contradicts the usual expectation – an idea encoded in many fairy tales. In the tales employing the common trope of three brothers or three sisters, or even twelve sisters, it is invariably the youngest, the one discounted by all as the least likely to be the hero or heroine, fulfiller of the quest, who is indeed the one to get it right, and who often is the one who saves the others. The expectation had been that God's Messiah would be a mighty leader, like the kings of old, and the advent of the lowly carpenter from a Galilean backwater (Nazareth) did not fit with this expectation, and the image of Christ crucified flatly contradicts it, yet it was a mighty work that reveals an other-than-worldly power. To explore this the Johannine approach weaves older scriptural references together like none other. The words of the vision's elucidating elder in verses 16-17, "*They will never hunger... to springs of living water*", is a reinterpretation of Isaiah 49:10, a comparison showing that Revelation's "the Lamb who is at the throne" is Isaiah's "he who has mercy on them": thus the Lamb at the throne is the mercy that speaks from the throne of mercy. The passage in Revelation is preceded by mention of God spreading his tent over the people, a reference back to when the Temple consisted of the tent housing the Ark of the Covenant and the cherubim throne, or mercy seat. Numbers 7:89 says when Moses went into the tent "*he would hear the voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the Ark of the Covenant from between the two cherubim*", and this is followed by the command to light the altar by setting up the seven lamps, the source of the reference to the seven lamps and lampstands mentioned early in Revelation. John's vision is presented as a visual summary and fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets, the Scriptures, in its heavenly perfection. It embraces and resolves what in the world are seen as contradictions—the humble and weak with the mighty and strong, and justice with mercy—a feat possible only when we put aside worldly logic to allow the poetry of the mystical to shine. This process is found in other religious and mystical traditions too, such as in the Zen Buddhist practice of meditating on a koan that cannot be resolved by the rational-only mind but only with what we may call suprarational insight. Thus in John the unutterable Word speaks, the Lamb leads the sheep, the dead hear and live, and justice works 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."



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands in which the Catholic Parish of St John XXIII and the Diocese of Parramatta sits, the land of the Darug and Gundungurra people. We would like to pay our respects to the Aboriginal Elders past, present and future for they hold the traditions, memories and wisdom of Mother Earth on which we place our feet upon today.

For further updates with regards to our parish activities, check the following website <http://john23rd.com/> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish/>

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God has given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3, 5

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Lorna Miranda, Father Ray Weaver

Anniversary:

Noleta Athayde

Sick: Names published with permission.

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

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

Jesus our peace,
you call us to follow you throughout our whole lives.

So, with humble trust, we come to realize that you are inviting us to welcome you again and again, for ever.

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	9	8:30am - Mass
Tues	10	<i>Saint John de Avila (OM)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	11	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	12	<i>Saint Pancras (OM)</i> <i>Saint Nereus and Achilles (OM)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	13	<i>Our Lady of Fatima (OM)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Sat	14	<i>Saint Matthias (F)</i> 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	15	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised

Proverbs 31:25-30



Synod of Bishops 2021- 2023 - Final Synthesis

We celebrated this part of the journey on the 1st May - during the Eucharistic celebration at Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills. It was a great opportunity to connect with the people of the Diocese of Parramatta and extend words of thanks to all who were driving the process to this significant moment.



Pentecost Sunday 5 June 2022 – Prayers of the Faithful in Languages from around the world

Pentecost is observed 50 days after Easter or the seventh Sunday after the Resurrection of Jesus. It is one of the most important feasts in our Catholic Church as it commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and marks the beginning of the Church.

To celebrate this feast, the Prayers of the Faithful will be read in different languages. We need 5 volunteers to read the prayer in their own language for the 9 am and 10.30am masses. If you speak a language other than English and wish to be a part of our Pentecost Liturgical Services please contact **Frank Coleiro** on **0459 504625**.

We encourage parishioners to come dress in their traditional/national costume to celebrate our unity in diversity as a Christian community.

We will have a shared morning tea after the 10.30am mass. Please bring a plate with you of your national special food or your special item that that can be shared. Let us celebrate together the birthday of the Church and the Christian community and renew ourselves.

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 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 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

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

	3	10	17	24	31
May	Javelosa	Paguinto	Erasmus B	Shalini	Jacob
Jun	Shalini	Richards	Barnouti	Phillip	
Jul	Tangunan	Jacob	Deang	Jacob	
Aug	2	9	16	23	30
	Barnouti	Ring	Sebastian	available	Jacob
Sep	6	13	20	27	
	available	Tangunan	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

⇒ 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.

Join us in all our parish festivities. We are now back as one community.

Save the dates:

Saturday - 28 May, 4:30 pm - Living Rosary

Sunday - 5th June, 10:30am - Pentecost celebration

Saturday - 25th June, 7pm - Dinner Dance

PARISH NOTICES

A BIG THANKS TO OUR DONORS FOR THE MODIFICATION OF THE PEWS

We express our gratitude to all our donors who have contributed to the modification of the pews. We have reached the target of \$175,000 which was needed to modify our pews inside the church.

Our first set of modified pews are already in the church. They are working on the rest of the pews needed. If you notice, the kneelers are not yet covered by the vinyl fabric foams for the comfortable kneeling. It will be done only when all the pews are modified and are inside the church, which will be in a few weeks time.

As we thank all our donors who have contributed for the modification of the pews, if any parishioners still would like to contribute and be part of our modification you are most welcome. The additional amount raised will be used for the modification of the pews and the place at the veranda, covered sitting area, of the church. Once again a big thanks to everyone for a job well done.

Finance committee, Fr Zvonimir and Fr Jolly



MAY – Month of Mary our Blessed Mother

The month of May is especially dedicated to our Blessed Mother. All honour and devotion that we give to Mary our Mother lead us to Jesus.

“Flowers for Mary” – For this month of May, we invite children to bring flowers to be offered to the Blessed Mother at mass. This gift of flowers is a sign of our love and thanksgiving for through her “Yes,” Jesus came to us.

“Living Rosary” – We will conclude our Marian Celebration with a **Living Rosary** on **Saturday 28 May 2022** at 4:30 pm at St Mark’s Square to be followed by a procession that leads us to church for the Vigil Mass. We invite school age children preferably from 9 years old up to come and participate in this exciting and special way of praying the rosary. This will be the first Living Rosary in our parish and we would like to make this a memorable event. Hopefully, this will become an annual tradition. So please encourage your children/grandchildren to come and participate.

What is a Living Rosary? A living rosary is when people are used to represent each bead of the rosary.

What we need:

- 50 children (10 per decade) to represent the Hail Mary beads
- 3 children (for the tail of the rosary) to represent the Hail Mary beads
- 1 child to represent the cross (the Apostle’s Creed)
- 6 children (2 for the tail of the rosary and 4 between each decade) to represent the Our Father Beads.

We will schedule rehearsal once we have the required number of children. If you would like your child/children to be a part of this special event, please contact:

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Taylor Coutinho

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St. John XXIII’s 20th Year Anniversary

In celebration of our 20th parish establishment on the 6th October 2002 & the 15th year of the dedication of our church on 2nd June 2007, we as a community would like to celebrate with a dinner dance on Saturday, 25th of June, at the school hall.

More details to follow and ticket sales will commence next weekend. We encourage your support for this event. God Bless.

Please save the date - 25th of June

CONTACTS

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Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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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>

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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 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 contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

Office for Worship Resources available

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

UPDATE: Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

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

Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

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

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 or contact our Diocesan Director of Caritas: 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/ or email 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 or email 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.

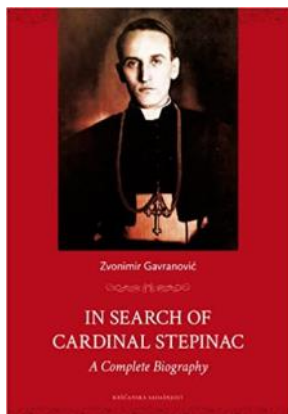
Catholic schools across the Diocese are enrolling now!

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.

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.

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.

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

MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

CRL YOUTH LEADERS

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YFC (Youth for Christ)

YFC YOUTH LEADERS

YFC International

Vince Erasmo - 0406 253698

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Jonathan Montaos 0401 478733



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

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🌐 www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au

John XXIII & St Mark's College

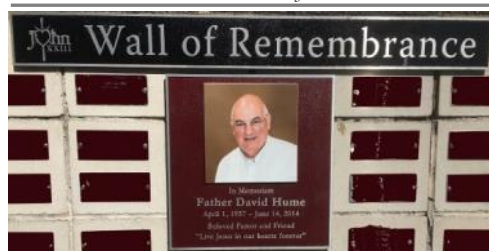
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MEMORIAL WALL

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
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Reminder

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