

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 12th June 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.

Translating is an art. The Scriptures are not simply literary relics of long ago but crucial components in a living dialogue, which makes translating them complicated. Reading the Scriptures has a vital role in private study and prayer, but the main conversation with them takes place in our liturgies. For this we do not simply pick up the Bible: the Lectionary is a liturgical book that assembles passages in particular combinations for these living encounters. With no biblical event to found the feast of the Holy Trinity and with no passage explicitly teaching trinitarian theology, no text automatically suggests itself for use on this theological feast. This year's second reading, Romans 5:1-5, does refer to Christ, and God (usually understood as the Father), and the Holy Spirit, but not in an explicitly trinitarian way as theology would later clarify it. So also the gospel, John 16:12-15, which more easily fits before rather than after Pentecost (and indeed is read every year on Wednesday in the Sixth Week of Easter, and forms the second part of the alternative reading for Pentecost Sunday in year B).

However, various passages do have traditional trinitarian, christological, or pneumatological interpretations and are chosen for the Lectionary accordingly. Problems then arise when the translation of the Bible used, for the Lectionary follows different translational principles, resulting in a nuance that may not fit with the reason for its selection. The Jerusalem Bible employed in our current Lectionary in Australia, and the NRSV too, presents such a problem in the first reading, Proverbs 8:22-31. The text personifies Wisdom, but Wisdom is not one of the named three persons in the triune Godhead, so does it refer to Christ, or the Spirit, or neither? One of the gifts of the Spirit is wisdom, which is not the same as Wisdom personified. With few exceptions, English does not employ grammatical gender, so when dealing with languages that do, native English speakers often confuse grammatical masculine and feminine with being sexually male or female; they trip on the fact that in both Hebrew and Greek (and Latin) the word for wisdom is feminine, and so they claim this Wisdom cannot be Christ and must be the Spirit which is feminine in Hebrew (but neuter in Greek, and masculine in Latin). This rationale is forgotten when calling Christ the Light, also feminine in Semitic languages and Latin, and neuter in Greek. Grammatical gender is of no avail. Both the Church's Eastern and Western wings have traditionally identified the Wisdom of Proverbs 8 with Christ, and the obvious textual relationships with the prologue of John's gospel reveal why.

The problem then manifests in our translation (and the NRSV) when it says "The Lord created me", which contradicts what we say of the Son, that he was "begotten, not made". The Hebrew verb has several nuances, create being among the lesser used. A more common nuance is possessed, as adopted in the Vulgate (possedit), giving a literal reading as "The Lord possessed me, the beginning of his way, before his works from of old". Its precise meaning being somewhat elusive, rendering it clearer results in varied translations. The Greek Septuagint, reflecting pre-Christian Jewish interpretation, reads "The Lord made me the beginning of his ways for his works", which does not cause the difficulty of the abovementioned approaches. Both Greek and Latin versions of this line and what follows fit with John's prologue, which presents Christ as the world-shaping Word the Father speaks in the Bible's first account of creation. Both texts inform the traditional designs of icons of creation; the one measuring and shaping the cosmos is not a depiction of God the Father, whom noone has seen, but is clearly clothed as Christ and bears his face, recognisable from other icons. However, Proverbs 8 also seems to speak of two being present, God working with Wisdom at his side. This can still be interpreted as God the Father directing and Wisdom fabricating, for Wisdom is also called "master craftsman" and is described as being at play both in God's presence and in the world. But it may also work with the image that envisages the Son and the Spirit as the "two hands" of God at work in the world.

Rev Dr Barry Craig - Trinity Sunday - Year C

Mass Times Mon 8:30am Tues-Fri 9:15am Sat 9.00am 6pm Vigil 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, Sun 6pm **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 7.30pm Mass Reconciliation After the weekday masses Sat: after the 9am mass until 10.30am 5:15 - 5:45pm before the Vigil Mass Or upon request Sacraments Sun 12pm Baptism by appointment **Devotions & Prayers** Mon 7.30pm Christian Meditation 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 **Praise & Worship** Fri 7:30pm Risen Lord Comm 3rd Sat 7:30pm SJ23rd Prayer Grp



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.

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Proverbs 8:22-31

Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries - and the waters will not invade the shore - when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him? **R**.

Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hand, put all things under his feet. **R**.

All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through the waters. **R**.

Second Reading A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:1-5

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation cf Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 16:12-15

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

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

Communion Antiphon

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased: Anette Holmes

Deceased: Alves Family, D'Costa Family

Anniversary: Marina Alves, Rafael Mangona

Sick: Names published with permission.

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

Thanksgiving:

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

Holy Spirit, consoling spirit, receive our very simple prayer as we seek to entrust everything to you and to rejoice at what you accomplish in our souls. Brother Roger of Taize

COELIACS

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

JUNE		Church Calendar		
Mon	13	Saint Anthony de Padua (M) 8:30am - Mass		
Tues	14	9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - First Holy Communior 7:00pm - Novena Prayers Our Lady of Perpetual Help		
Wed	15	9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - First Holy Communion		
Thurs	16	9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - First Holy Communion		
Fri	17	9:15am - Mass		
Sat	18	900am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass		
Sun	19	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass		

St John XXIII Catholic Parish

Cordially invites you to our

DINNER DANCE

20TH Anniversarv

25th June Saturday 7 to 11 pm St John XXIII School Hall



\$100 per person (Sangria drinks, Truffle fries, Tapas and Paella included) Early Bird Promo \$80 per person if paid by 5th June This is an 18+ Event | BYO | Smart Casual | Photo Booth | Raffles Prizes | Live Auction for Fundraising

For ticket info, contact Grace Agbulos 0416 014 450

Our parish Dinner Dance on Sat June 25 is truly on its way. We're so delighted to sell 175 tickets at the early bird price. The remaining 5 tickets are now at \$100 per person. Tickets are available at the foyer or call Grace Agbulos on 0416014450.

We are still looking for generous donations for raffle prizes and items for auction. This could be in the form of a voucher, business service or a very desirable item. To show our gratitude, we can advertise your business in the bulletin. Cash donations are also accepted to add to our fundraising. Please contact Bob Agbulos on 0422106525 for more details.

We are gathering photos of our parish events to add in our archives. If you have photos to share, please email to *sabinajohnstj23archives@gmail.com*. It would be good to know the event and date when the photo was taken.

A big THANK YOU in advance for all your generosity.

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 <u>https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#faq</u>

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/

Parish Pastoral/Ministry Corner

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 powe lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering you Let my love for you prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Pe Help. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me and grant me the f 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

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		Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights						
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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.

\Rightarrow 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.

\Rightarrow 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.

\Rightarrow 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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES

First communion 14th June Tuesday 15th June Wednesday 16th June Thursday

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ALTAR SERVER TRAINING 2022

If you are interested:

- 1. Email the completed form to Natasja Surjanto, natosa2256@gmail.com
- 2. Attend the training on:
 - a. Saturday 9th July at 3 to 5 pm
- b. Sunday 10th July at 3 to 5 pm 3. Attend the 10.30am Sunday mass on the 17th July for the
- commissioning as Junior Server.

For further details, call Natasja Surjanto 0420 731 890 or Bob Agbulos 0422 106 525

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PARISH NOTICES

PENTECOST CELEBRATION THANK YOU

To all those who delivered the Prayers of the Faithful in different languages and proudly wearing their national costume, please accept our sincere appreciation for making the Pentecostal liturgy truly special.

To everyone who prepared sumptuous food for sharing, our stomachs are truly grateful ($_v^*$). Thank you so much and hope that you will not get tired of feeding the parish.

Lastly, to all volunteers who made the Pentecostal celebration happen, your continued support and dedication to foster our church community is a true gift and blessing inspired by the Holy Spirit.

We definitely had another memorable celebration.



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.

CONTACTS

PARISH OFFICE Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm **Office Contacts 2** (02) 8883 5981 **(**) 0423 160567 (*AH Emergency*) 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens, 2768 MAILING PO Box 23, Stanhope Gardens, NSW 2768 CLERGY Parish Priest: Fr Jolly Chacko 🖂 jolly@john23rd.org.au **(**0417 541 637 (for emergency only) Assistant Priest: Fr Zvonimir Gavranovic Zvonimir@john23rd.org.au STAFF Secretary: Tanya Gatt 🖾 secretary@john23rd.org.au Finance: Renuka Soosaipillai accounts@john23rd.org.au Sacramental Coordinator: Helen Zammit 🖾 sacramental@john23rd.org.au **Operations Manager:** Daphney Fernandes operations@john23rd.org.au **OTHER CONTACTS** Maintenance issues: David Gorkic 🖾 maintenance@john23rd.org.au Columbarium queries: Daphney Fernandes 🖂 columbarium@john23rd.org.au

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish community! Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance. Visit our website <u>http://john23rd.com/</u> Like our Facebook page <u>mmw.facebook.com/john23rdparish</u> View our livestreams via YouTube https://wmw.youtube.com/c/StJohn%2 OXXIIIGlenwood-StanhopeGardensParish

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. Check out our featured range of videos and resources for children, families and young people. Visit *www.thewell.org.au* today.

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

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 inperson 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*

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 *met@parracatholic.org* for more details

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*.



CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal



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 <u>blaze@jobn23rd.org.au</u>

bl	Youth Leaders		Asst Youth Coordinator	Youth Coordinator
BLA	Charlotte Todhunter Johnathan Soosaipillai	Anna Todhunter Taylor Coutinho Natasha Surjanto	Caitlin Green 0425 579 594	Amanda Lee 0413 545 318





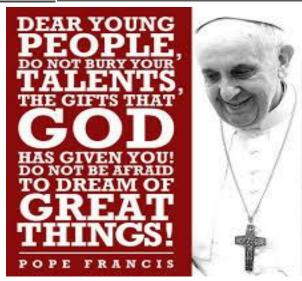
BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM



MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (*Community of the Risen Lord*) **CRL YOU'TH LEADERS** Rojith de Silva - 0405 956 3210 Nimeshi Fernando -0417 101009

YFC (Youth for Christ) YFC YOU'TH LEADERS YFC International Vince Erasmo - 0406 253698 YFC Australia Jonathan Montaos 0401 478733



DIOCESE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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

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*

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*.

Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

- (02) 9852 0585
- celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au
- 🔇 www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au
- **OUR PARISH SCHOOLS**

Holy Cross Primary 49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

- (02) 8664 7100
- 🖂 holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au
- www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au

John XXIII & St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope GardensPrincipal: Dr Peter Webster(02) 9852 0500

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🕢 www.stjohn23stanhope.catholic.edu.au

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