



THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

19th 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.

Melchizedek is an enigmatic character of whom so little is known that over the millennia the few scriptural references to him have become potent seeds in fertile imaginations. In the Hebrew Scriptures he is mentioned only twice, in Genesis 14:18-20 and Psalm 109(110):4, today's first reading and responsorial psalm. All the first text has to say is that he was King of Salem, that he brought bread and wine to Abraham who was returning from battle, that he was a priest of God Most High (even though he is technically a Gentile), and that Abraham gave him a tithe of the spoils. Since these last two points are at odds with later understandings of the Law, the whole episode and person was subject to much anachronistic discussion and conjecture in Talmudic texts. The psalm's reference is not in itself clear in meaning, though we may assume it was at the time of composition. The discrepancies between the Hebrew and Greek versions of the preceding verse then point to later confusion and further complications. With all this came a lack of clarity, ever an invitation to creative invention. There are signs of much of this in ancient mystical and apocalyptic literature, some of which appear to be behind the interpretation in our Hebrews 7 that is then applied to Christ. Melchizedekian mysticism is a truly weird world too complicated to enter here, but we may note the trace of it in our Roman Canon's reference to "the offering of your high priest Melchizedek" that the former translation had augmented to "the bread and wine offered by your priest Melchizedek". The recent correction, now following the Latin, is justified because Genesis does not have him offering a sacrifice of bread and wine, but merely bringing them out to Abraham and company, it seems as provisions. But the Canon's Latin is also technically incorrect, for he was never called a high priest; in Hebrews it is Christ alone who is the High Priest, but said to be in the order of Melchizedek, whatever that is supposed to mean. Furthermore, Hebrews never refers to either bread or wine, and so does not associate them with Melchizedek or any priestly activity at all. Nonetheless, Genesis' mention of bread and wine has played a part in eucharistic typology and across the ages from late antiquity they have been depicted as being offered by Melchizedek in art both to Abraham and in sacrifice.

Much more common in even older eucharistic depictions are elements drawn from the gospel accounts of the feeding of the multitudes (Matthew 14:15-21 and 15:32-38, Mark 6:35-44 and 8:1-9, Luke 9:12-17 and John 6:5-13), even though later ages came to overlook these as in any way relevant to the Eucharist. The artistic reference is often no more than as baskets of loaves and fish somewhere within the scene, or even as simple decorations on floors or walls. But even the Roman Canon has a reference to it in the phrase "with eyes raised to heaven", which is found in no Last Supper account; it comes from feeding narratives, such as Luke's today in the variant form "[he] raised his eyes to heaven". Even the ritual handling of the bread in all accounts is the same as that of the bread rite in the Last Supper, described in the verbs took, blessed or thanked, broke and gave. Ancient interpretations saw the feeding narratives both as expressions of the creative power of Christ as God and as demonstrations of his pastoral care as he personally feeds the multitudes via the hands of the apostles who did the actual distribution. This was seen as continuing across the ages via the hands of Christ's ministers. This ancient understanding is important because unlike medieval and later approaches it focuses less on the ordained priest presiding at the Eucharist and more on Christ himself; for even the presiding bishop or presbyter receives the bread and wine that Christ himself takes in his hands and offers to us as his Body and Blood.

Mass Times

Mon	8:30am
Tues-Fri	9:15am
Sat	9:00am 6pm Vigil
Sun	7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

Masses for Special Occasions

1st Tues	7.30pm Novena Mass <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
1st Fri	7:30pm Novena Mass <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>

Exposition + Benediction

1st Fri	after 9.15am 7.30pm Mass
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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 <i>by appointment</i>
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Devotions & Prayers

Mon	7.30pm Christian Meditation <i>Frances Pegram 0417 406715</i>
Tues	7pm Rosary and Novena <i>Prayer in the church except for 1st Tues</i>
Fri	6.30pm Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group <i>Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039</i>

Praise & Worship

Fri	7:30pm Risen Lord Comm
3rd Sat	7:30pm SJ23rd Prayer Grp



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.

Entrance Antiphon

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 8:4-9

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.' **R.**

The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes. **R.**

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. **R.**

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.' **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 11:23-26

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 9:11-17

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

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

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51-52

Sequence

Sing forth, O Zion, sweetly sing The praises of thy Shepherd-King, In hymns and canticles divine; Dare all thou canst, thou hast no song Worthy his praises to prolong, So far surpassing powers like thine.

Today no theme of common praise Forms the sweet burden of thy lays - The living, life-dispensing food - That food which at the sacred board Unto the brethren twelve our Lord His parting legacy bestowed.

Then be the anthem clear and strong, Thy fullest note, thy sweetest song, The very music of the breast: For now shines forth the day sublime That brings remembrance of the time When Jesus first his table blessed.

Within our new King's banquet-hall They meet to keep the festival That closed the ancient paschal rite: The old is by the new replaced; The substance bath the shadow chased; And rising day dispels the night.

Christ willed what he himself had done Should be renewed while time should run, In memory of his parting hour: Thus, tutored in his school divine, We consecrate the bread and wine; And lo - a Host of saving power.

This faith to Christian men is given - Bread is made flesh by words from heaven: Into his blood the wine is turned: What though it baffles nature's powers Of sense and sight? This faith of ours Proves more than nature e'er discerned.

Concealed beneath the two-fold sign, Meet symbols of the gifts divine, There lie the mysteries adored: The living body is our food; Our drink the ever-precious blood; In each, one undivided Lord.

Not he that eateth it divides The sacred food, which whole abides Unbroken still, nor knows decay; Be one, or be a thousand fed, They eat alike that living bread Which, still received, ne'er wastes away.

The good, the guilty share therein, With sure increase of grace or sin, The ghostly life, or ghostly death: Death to the guilty; to the good Immortal life. See how one food Man's joy or woe accomplisheth.

We break the Sacrament, but bold And firm thy faith shall keep its hold, Deem not the whole doth more enfold Than in the fractured part resides Deem not that Christ doth broken lie, 'Tis but the sign that meets the eye, The hidden deep reality In all its fullness still abides.

Behold the bread of angels, sent For pilgrims in their banishment, The bread for God's true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given: Oft in the olden types foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed, And in the ancient paschal food, And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine; So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each thy chosen guest, Co-beirs of thine, and comrades blest With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Janet Plassant, Remedios Erfe Puzon,
Graeme Hardy

Deceased:

Anniversary:

Julia Samonte, William Keenan, Pat Farelly,
Luz Borromeo

Sick: *Names published with permission.*

Peter Dawson, Melissa Randall, Pat Doyle,
Iyrika D'Cruz, Dragica Julich, Charlie Busuttill
Zenira D'Souza, Hilary Regan, Maria Romeo,
Jenat Perera, Sophie De Leon, Adrian Gould
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

Thanksgiving:

Victorio & Gertoudus Gavilla

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

Jesus, our trust,
within us you come bearing a flame.
Feeble though it may be, it is enough
to sustain in our hearts the desire for
God.

COELIACS

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

JUNE Church Calendar

Mon	20	8:30am - Mass
Tues	21	<i>Saint Aloysius Gonzaga (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena Prayers Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	22	<i>Sts John Fisher & Thomas More (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Thurs	23	<i>Saint Paulinus de Nola (OM)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	24	<i>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (S)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Sat	25	<i>The Nativity of John the Baptist (S)</i> 9.00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass 7:00pm - Dinner Dance
Sun	26	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

St John XXIII Catholic Parish

Cordially invites you to our

20TH Anniversary DINNER DANCE



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

Our parish Dinner Dance on Sat June 25 is truly on its way. We're SOLD OUT. 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 <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

Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

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	
	Lobo	Tanganan	Erasmus B	Javelosa	
Oct	4	11	18	25	
	Jacob	Ring	Shalini	Jacob	
Nov	1	8	15	22	29
	available	Available	available	Ring	Paguinto

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.



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.

⇒ 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.

⇒ 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

The Catholic Parish **John XXIII**



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING 2022

If you are interested:

1. Email the completed form to Natasja Surjanto, natosaj2256@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.

Are you 10 years old and over?

Have you received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Holy Communion?

Do you want to assist the Clergy and Ministers at the Altars prior to, during and after the mass?

If you answered Yes to all the above, we invite you to become a Junior Altar Server of St John XXIII Parish

Support our seminarians to become beacons of Christ's light



 PARRAMATTA
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

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



What does the Solemnity of Corpus Christi celebrate?

Also known as the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, this feast honors Jesus Christ, Really, Truly and Substantially Present under the appearances of bread and wine. This Presence happens through the change which the Church calls transubstantiation ("change of substance"), when at the Consecration of the Mass, the priest says the words which Christ Himself pronounced over bread and wine, "This is My Body," "This is the chalice of My Blood," "Do this in remembrance of Me."

In 2022, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is on June 16, but it is transferred to Sunday, June 19 in some dioceses.



ETWN



YOU ARE INVITED!

ST JOHN XXIII College and Parish Community Mass



Our Parish & College families are warmly invited to our

St JOHN XXIII Community Mass,

which will be held on Sunday, June 26th at 10.30am in the Parish Church.

We look forward to bringing our staff, parents, students and parishioners together to celebrate Mass.

We would love to see you there!!!

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

Office Contacts

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CLERGY

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Daphney Fernandes

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Columbarium queries:

Daphney Fernandes

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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

SUGGESTION BOX

We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

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**.

Positions Vacant:

- Senior Administrative Support Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta
- Youth Minister/Coordinator (part-time) – St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill
- Regional Coordinator – Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Diocese of Parramatta

Applications close 10pm Sunday 26 June. More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

- Disability Support Worker – Garden Crew – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.
- Community Outreach Worker – Aboriginal Identified – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.
- Family Preservation Caseworker – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

More details at

<https://www.seek.com.au/jobs?advertiserid=39387017> or by emailing careers@ccss.org.au

1 – 3 July - LIFTED Retreat 2022 “Wonder & Awe”

You are invited to Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual young adults retreat. Take some time away from the busyness of everyday life and spend a weekend away full of prayer, talks, and community. For 18-35 year-olds. \$100 per person. Register at parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat.

5 July - Free lecture - The Outsider Pope: Where is Francis leading our Church?

Tuesday 5 July 7.30pm Novotel Parramatta, 350 Church St Parramatta.

Vatican correspondent from the international The Tablet magazine, author and speaker Christopher Lamb will present a free lecture reflecting on Pope Francis' battle to renew the Church and Pope Francis as a human being. RSVP essential by 2 July to mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

20 July - Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening

You're invited to the Annual Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening to be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay. This year we explore how people across our region have responded to the “Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor” – the 2021/22 Social Justice Statement. The event will feature presentations by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and a Diocesan Laudato Si' Action Team. For more information and to register, visit <https://parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan/>

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

‘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.

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.

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.

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

Rojith de Silva - 0405 956 3210

Nimeshi Fernando -0417 101009

YFC (*Youth for Christ*)

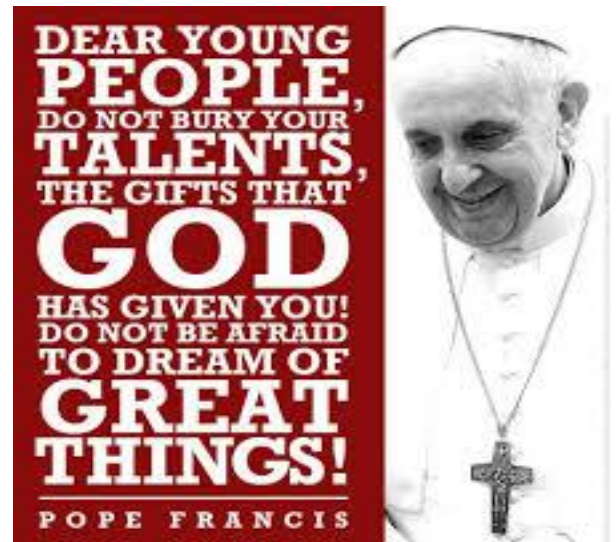
YFC YOUTH LEADERS

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.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

✉ celcestanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.celcestanhope.catholic.edu.au

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.hcglennwood.catholic.edu.au

John XXIII & St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

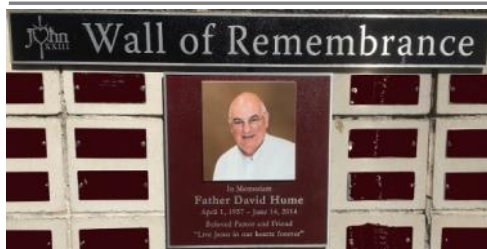
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