



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10th July 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.

The universalist vision of the gospel noted in the reflections for the previous two Sundays, covering Luke 9:51–10:20, comes to the fore only a few verses later. No-one mentions Samaritans as often as Luke. Mark never mentions Samaria or the Samaritans. Matthew mentions them to prohibit the Twelve going to them as they are sent before Jesus. John has a major scene with a Samaritan woman, and another reference. In today's gospel a Samaritan is famously put forward as a hypothetical exemplar of being neighbourly. The question put to Jesus by the lawyer, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?", at first seems disconnected from anything that had preceded it, but it instigates this exploration of a point that is of critical importance to the gentile Luke: the gospel is for all people. This universalist theme emerges only when the lawyer is coaxed to answer his own question from the source of his life's work, Torah, the Law. He replies with the twofold summation of the Law: love God with your whole self (Deuteronomy 6:5), and love your neighbour as yourself (Leviticus 19:18, 34).

It is misguided to say that this twofold summary was original to Jesus. Luke reports the lawyer himself, not Jesus, as giving this summary, and so the gospel itself stands as witness to this summary forming part of then contemporary Jewish thought; it was a commonly held point of view, well evidenced in later rabbinic documents too. The claim that our Lord invented it should be abandoned. What may still have been at issue with some at the time was what "neighbour" really means. If Leviticus 19:18 is read as an isolated rule then it applies only to compatriots, Jews, and not to others. But a few verses later we have another rule directing that the resident or visiting foreigner (an alien of any kind) is to be treated as a native (a citizen). The like of Exodus 12:43-49, using different terminology, further complicates a simple understanding of who each is, especially when it concludes that, at least concerning the original Passover, there is to be one law for both the "native" and the "foreigner"—but since the Hebrews, who in the story were born in Egypt, later call themselves the sojourners or aliens in the story we find that the Law applies the terms like "native" and "alien" ambiguously to both Jews and gentiles. We may well argue that the Exodus formulation reflects the later legal setting, but within the story itself, that is, in Scripture, the usual or common-sense applications are upended. Thus in discussions over the Law we find that both the Jew and the gentile are not so easily distinguishable and a neighbour may be either.

Luke's account has the lawyer focus on that question about who may be called "my neighbour". It is unfortunate then that the way Luke tells it inadvertently lent support to later anti-Jewish sentiment, for it allowed it to be seen as evidence of obstinate Jewish contrariness. This was further exacerbated by the invented rationales offered by preachers and teachers as to why a priest and a Levite might not want to become involved with the stricken man; the story does not present any idea of a defence based on purity laws. After all, as a parable it is work of fiction composed to explore an idea by presenting a hypothetical case. But in a perverse way the later name given this parable, "The Good Samaritan", further plays into this, for it can be seen to suggest that Samaritans, indistinguishable from Jews to later Christians, are likewise not normally "good"; that this fictitious Samaritan can be so called underlies the sense that generally they are not, or at least were seen as not by Jews. A more accurate title would be "The Good Neighbour".

Ultimately the question is not "Who is my neighbour?", which is passive, but "How am I to be a neighbour?", which is about action. The Christian teachings are clear: since we are all children of God, each is to be neighbour to all.

Rev Dr Barry Craig - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

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.

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

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R.**

For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah and men shall dwell there in possession. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:15-20

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

cf John 6:63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 10:25-37

Who is my neighbour?

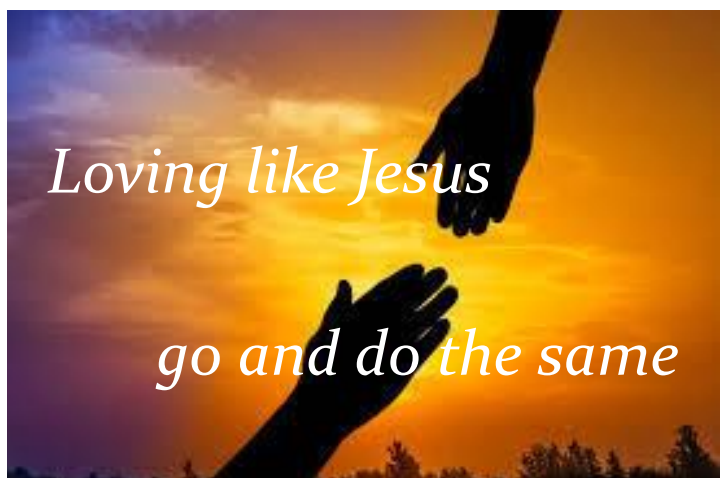
There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus. 'Do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

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

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Anja Chavaly, Father O'Grady,
Bernardo Borja, Peggy Francis

Deceased:

Jenat Perera, Christopher Baldacchino

Anniversary:

Joseph Calabria

Sick: Names published with permission.

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

Thanksgiving:

Bernadette & Ravi Virwani & Fly

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, peace of our hearts,
you call each of us to follow you.
To whom should we go, other than
you?

Brother Roger of Taizé

COELIACS

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

PARISH NOTICES

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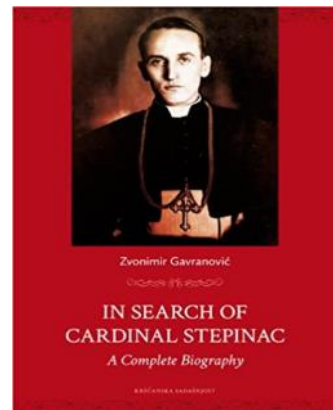


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ST JOHN XXIII YOUNG AT HEART CLUB



For all those men and women 60 years and over.

We will be having a meeting in the Church Kitchen of
St John XXIII Church on Tuesday 12th July following
the 9.15am Mass.

Please bring a plate as we will have morning tea as we
are having a meeting.

Fr Zvon

JULY Church Calendar

Mon	11	<i>Saint Benedict (M)</i> 8:30am - Mass
Tues	12	9:15am - Mass Young at Heart Club 7:00pm - Novena prayers Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	13	<i>Saint Henry (OM)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Thurs	14	<i>Saint Camillus de Lellis (OM)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	15	<i>Saint Bonaventure (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Sat	16	<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel (OM)</i> Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	17	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

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 emcpi85@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

Jul	5	12	19	26	
	Tangunan	Jacob	Deang	Jacob	
Aug	2	9	16	23	30
	Barnouti	Ring	Sebastian	Vernon	Jacob
Sep	6	13	20	27	
	Lobo	Tangunan	Erasmus B	Javelosa	
Oct	4	11	18	25	
	Jacob	Ring	Shalini	Jacob	
Nov	1	8	15	22	29
	available	Available	available	Ring	Paguinto
Dec	6	13	20	27	
	Jacob	Shalini	Paguinto	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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

There will be a Parent Information Evening on Thursday, 30th June, at 7.00pm to be held in the Church.

Bookings for these ceremonies are to be done in person DURING the parent information evening.

Below are the dates for the Confirmation ceremonies:

- 9 Sep Friday - 6.30pm
- 10 Sep Saturday - 3.00pm
- 14 Sep Wednesday - 6.30pm
- 17 Sep Saturday - 11.00am
- 21st Sep Wednesday - 6.30pm

Please come prepared to choose a date for your child's Confirmation ceremony.



The following guidelines are based on the Catholic Church's liturgical norms and offered in order to encourage reverent reception of Holy Communion in the Latin Rite, under the form of consecrated bread and wine, as the highpoint of sacramental participation in the Celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life [cf. Vatican Council II, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (1963) art. 10].

GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNICANTS

9. When possible, join in the singing of the Communion chant/hymn/song during the Communion procession. This gesture helps to express the spiritual union of the communicants by the unity of voices, it shows gladness of heart, and it helps to bring out more clearly the 'communitarian' nature of the procession to receive the Body and Blood of Christ (GIRM 86).

10. In the dioceses of Australia, standing is the most common posture to receive Holy Communion, though individual members of the faithful may choose to receive Communion while kneeling (GIRM 160).

11. When approaching to receive Holy Communion, bow in reverence of the Sacrament you are to receive (GIRM 160). A common posture and gesture helps to symbolise the assembly's unity in Christ and also helps the communion procession to flow smoothly.

12. When receiving Communion in the hand, the communicant might be guided by the words of St Cyril of Jerusalem (313-386AD): "When you approach, take care not to do so with your hand stretched out and your fingers open or apart, but rather place your left hand as a throne beneath your right, as befits one who is about to receive the King. Then receive him, taking care that nothing is lost" (Cat. Myst V. 21-22). Communicants who are left-handed are obviously free to receive Communion on whichever hand they feel most comfortable.

13. As a sign of reverence for the Body of Christ, communicants and ministers should ensure that their hands appear clean.

14. When the minister says "The Body of Christ", reply "Amen" (GIRM 161). When receiving in the hand, step to one side after receiving the host and consume the whole of it immediately. When receiving on the tongue, communicants should open their mouths sufficiently and position their tongue to facilitate easy reception of the host.

15. If desired, move to the minister with the chalice. When the minister says "The Blood of Christ", reply "Amen," receive the chalice, drink a little from it, and return the chalice to the minister.

16. In keeping with Christ's command to take and drink and consistent with the Church's tradition that the sacraments be ministered, it is not permitted for communicants to self-intinct (or dip) the host in the chalice. The practice of dipping fingers with the host in the chalice can also lead to other hygiene issues.

17. Return reverently to your place.

A CATHOLIC WAY OF RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

The Catholic way of receiving Holy Communion is a response to Christ's command at the Last Supper to "take and eat" and to "take and drink" in his memory. Sharing in the Body and the Blood of Christ is a sacramental expression of Communion with Christ, the Catholic Church and the local community. Holy Communion signifies participation in the new covenant established by the shedding of Christ's Blood, and is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in God's kingdom (cf. GIRM 281). In addition, it is most desirable that the faithful, just as the Priest himself is bound to do, receive the Body of Christ from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and that, in the cases where this is foreseen, they partake of the chalice (cf. GIRM 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated (GIRM 85). Before receiving Holy Communion, the faithful are invited to bow - perhaps while the person in front is receiving - as a sign of reverence for the Body of Christ. The communicant is then invited to respect the Church's tradition of receiving the consecrated host, in the hand or on the tongue. After consuming the host, the communicant is invited to drink the consecrated wine, when offered, from the chalice in fulfilment of Christ's invitation. The Church's teaching is that the whole Christ is received under the form of either the consecrated bread or the consecrated wine (GIRM 282).

Excerpt from <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/media/1331/guidelines-on-the-reverent-reception-of-holy-communion-july-2018.pdf>



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Cardinal Knox Centre
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www.catholic.org.au/commissions/bishops-commission-for-liturgy





OFFICE FOR WORSHIP
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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 mel@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.

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.

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.



OTHERS

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/>



The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence later this year in September.

This is information for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download and enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>



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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.

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

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BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM

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DIOCESE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Ministry Leadership Pathway

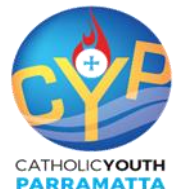
A new pathway for leadership in youth ministry is here! Duc In Altum is an initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta designed to provide practical youth ministry training, build community between youth leaders across the Diocese, and offer intentional time for prayer and reflection. For more information 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.

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.



OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

✉ celstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.celstanhope.catholic.edu.au

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.bcglenwood.catholic.edu.au

John XXIII & St Mark's College

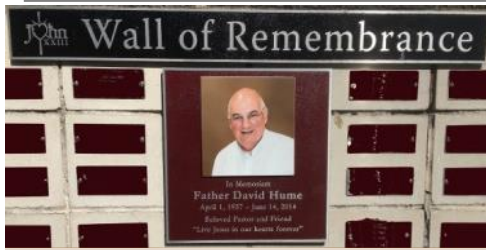
160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

✉ stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.stjohn23stanhope.catholic.edu.au



MEMORIAL WALL

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

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contact Madeline Huang
cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com



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Reminder

Please make sure when you come to Mass, let us consider our neighbours.

Do not block the neighbours' driveway.