



## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th 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 most apparent connection of today's first reading to the gospel is Abraham's interceding on behalf of sinners. If a city may be considered an entity capable of sin (and our practice of naming cities does bestow a quasi-personification) then Abraham has interceded for the forgiveness of the city, or of its collective citizenry. But closer scrutiny shows his specific concern is about the proposed destruction of those individuals in the city who are not sinners, called here "the righteous", or "the just" in our translation. He seems alarmed by the thought that these innocents should suffer the same fate as sinners. From this story facets of the character of Abraham developed in Jewish folklore and legends, and in them we find the same sensibilities that led to the general spurning in antiquity of the practice of capital punishment, holding it better for very many guilty to be acquitted than for one innocent to die for a crime he or she did not commit. But God, who alone reads the heart, is a true judge, and does know who is innocent and who is guilty. Without quibbling over the degree of seriousness of each sin, in the Lord's Prayer we simply ask forgiveness of our sins, but bring upon ourselves the obligation of forgiving others too.

Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer in today's gospel is not well known for it was Matthew's longer form that was taken into the living tradition. While the few differences between them are interesting, the two nearly identical petitions concerning bread and forgiveness are more so. Saint Augustine testified to the prayer having a place between the Eucharistic Prayer and the reception of Communion in almost every church of his time. Soon afterward its use at this point in the Eucharist achieved universal status, and in all but the Byzantine church an embolism in the petition for deliverance from sin was inserted. This usage appears to have been for either of two reasons, or happily both working together: the petition for bread (to which we will turn shortly), or the growing sense of the need for forgiveness so as not to receive the sacrament unworthily. This second one was further highlighted in the Roman church by fixing the exchange of peace between the prayer and reception of Communion as a demonstration of our forgiving each other before we can receive the sacrament of unity. This Kiss of Peace, as it was originally known, is a mandated feature, not an optional extra in our Eucharist, notwithstanding a misunderstanding having developed in some circles from the rubric that permits the deacon or priest to give a verbal direction if needed (originally intended for people unaccustomed to the restored practice).

Returning to the petition for bread, we find a difficulty; if we are asking for daily food, why should this be associated with the Eucharist, which we distinguish from ordinary food? But there is an ancient tradition that associates this petition with the Eucharist and not with "daily" bread. Even in antiquity there was uncertainty over its meaning in the prayer. The difficulty is that the Greek adjective *epiousios*, by longstanding practice translated as daily in our prayer, was not a common word; this prayer in both Matthew and Luke is the only time it is used in Scripture, and two centuries later Origen (died c.254) testified that it was not used in ordinary speech. Cyprian of Carthage, Origen's contemporary, knew it in the translation as *supersubstantial* rather than as daily, and over a century later Jerome testified to a now lost Aramaic (often misnamed Hebrew) gospel that used *tomorrow's*. The Syriac texts provide two possibilities, of our necessity and perpetual. Jerome's offering points to the possibility that it referred to the second portion of the double ration of manna in Exodus, the portion collected on Fridays and the only one that would last until the morrow, the Sabbath, when harvesting was prohibited (Exodus 16:21-23). If so, then it would be no surprise that early Christians did associate it with the Eucharistic bread, the bread of the journey that sustains for the future life, the Sabbath bread, making the prayer particularly apt for the Eucharist.

### 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

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### First Reading

*A reading from the book of Genesis 18:20-32*

*Lord, do not be angry if I speak.*

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will be only forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 137:1-3, 6-8*

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

### Second Reading

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 2:12-14*

*He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Romans 8:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 11:1-13*

*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. what father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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

### Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.





## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Alison Avery

### Deceased:

Remedios Puzon, Anastasia Ferrer  
Josephine Calabria

### Anniversary:

**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, Gloria Bueno, Mavie Dela Cruz, Kelly Ryan, Elizabeth Candame, Geoffrey Robinson, Anshu Mala Nand, Raymond Lanzona, Elizabeth Newnes, Christina Properzi, Florentina Elisura, Johnathan Gemin, Deidre Thomson, Peter Dawson

### 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,  
when we remain in your presence,  
silent, at peace, that is already prayer.  
You understand everything about us,  
and at time even a simple sigh can be  
a prayer.

*Brother Roger of Taizé*

## COELIACS

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

## JULY Church Calendar

Mon	25	<i>Saint James (F)</i> 8:30am - Mass
Tues	26	<i>Saints Joachim &amp; Anne (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - <b>Novena prayers</b> Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	27	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	28	9:15am - Mass
Fri	29	<i>Saints Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Sat	30	<i>Saint Peter Chrysologus (OM)</i> 9.00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	31	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

## PARISH NOTICES



## PARISH VOLLEYBALL SOCIALS

We are organising a weekly parish social volleyball every Saturday mornings at St John XXIII College grounds. There are now 9 interested players and we need at least 3 more to start playing.

If you wish to join, please fill up the form in the church foyer or call/text Bob Agbulos on 0422 106 525. Many thanks.

## SAVE THE DATE

28th August 2022 10:30am mass.

Fr Zvon's sacerdotal anniversary, 50 years of service to God and the church community.

We will have a food fiesta after mass. Please contact Techie Sarlabus via email [communications@john23rd.org.au](mailto:communications@john23rd.org.au) or the parish office for any contribution and assistance.



## DEACON ANDREW ROONEY ORDINATION

The much awaited time has come. Deacon Andrew will be ordained as a priest on Friday, 26th August at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 7:30pm.

All are welcome to witness his ordination.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our newly commissioned Altar Servers. Your faithful and wholehearted service will be invaluable to our parish community. God bless you all.



## 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](https://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](mailto:bart.sarlabus@gmail.com) or Melva Paguinto [emcipi85@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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

Jul	5	12	19	26	
	Tanganan	Jacob	Deang	Jacob	
Aug	2	9	16	23	30
	Barnouti	Ring	Sebastian	Vernon	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
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](mailto: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](mailto:naomi1.rey@gmail.com)

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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**



### Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group

Please come and join the Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group at 6.30pm in the Parish Office Kitchen. If you have further enquiries please call Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039



### Love and Song

Over fifty percent of popular songs are about love, whether in the classical era or today. Paul McCartney's song Silly Love Songs makes this observation when he says, "You'd think that people would've had enough of silly love songs. I look around me, and I see it isn't so." Love songs are ubiquitous because the human heart is restless and searching for love.

St. Augustine once proclaimed that "Singing is for the one who loves (Sermo 336, 1)." Indeed, no one sings about anything unless they are moved by a strong emotion. In the context of our creation, we see quickly that God has given us music as a gift of expression. In giving us music, God gives us a sign of His love for us.

With music, we can express our love for God. Our love for Him can be expressed personally, as in a devotional song, or communally in chant or a congregational hymn. By our Baptism, God dwells within us as in a temple. And so, when we pray through song, the Holy Spirit is stirring up the music within us.

### Rich Liturgical Tradition of Song

Before the Church began, music has always been a key part of worship. The Jewish tradition of music, which has been inherited by Christianity, includes, for example, the immeasurable treasure trove of the Psalms of King David. There are also other hymns and songs throughout the Old Testament and some in the New Testament as well.

The written Word of God is the basis of our music as Christians because the words give us the reality of God's love for us and the expression of that love to God by the Chosen People of Israel.

Even if we do not have the words of all the hymns and songs which were sung, we know that there was a lot of singing. The Last Supper, as a Passover meal, would have had numerous songs which were part of the liturgical celebration. After the Cross and Resurrection, whenever the Church gathered, there would be singing.

Whether our faith is strong or weak, we are emboldened by the singing of hymns in gratitude to God. As Pope Pius XII wrote in *Musicae Sacrae Disciplina*, music can "make the liturgical prayers of the Christian community more alive and fervent so that everyone can praise and beseech the Triune God more powerfully, more intently and more effectively (MSD, 31; cf. 33)."

### Signs and Symbols

The Church not only condones the use of music in the Sacred Liturgy, She demands it on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. On Solemnities, music elevates the Liturgy in a way that little else has the ability. As human beings with bodies and spirits, we rely on signs and symbols to experience spiritual realities. As corporeal creatures, God makes Himself known to us in the Holy Mass through these signs and symbols. For these to be perceptible, God invites our free response and cooperation.

At every single Mass, God is acting, and His action has great power. The clergy and people must cooperate well and move with the heart and mind of the Church. Then, the signs and symbols will be more effective in making God's action clearly seen. Our words, actions, postures, and music proclaim the presence of Jesus Christ and offer worship and praise to the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Participation in the Holy Mass

The Holy Mass is the offering of the Son to the Father in the Spirit in which we are invited to take part. When we understand this, we understand full, conscious, and actual participation. As baptized Christians, we are acting in the Person of Christ, Members of the Body of Christ. The ordained bishop or priest is acting in the Person of Christ, Head of His Body. Together, Head and Members move as one (ideally) in offering the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

We participate in this Holy Action first in our heart, the center of our body and soul. Then, in love, gratitude, praise, and worship, this internal participation manifests in our external participation through sitting, standing, kneeling, responding, and singing.

Participation in the Holy Mass is internal and external. It must be because we are body and soul. How else can we love God with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength?

In the Holy Mass, we participate especially by offering everything we are on the altar alongside the bread and wine. Those gifts become the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. And through our participation, so too do we enjoy a greater communion with Him! In joy and gratitude, at the Holy Mass, how can we keep from singing?

### Sent Forth

The Holy Mass ends with a sending forth or a commissioning. Just like the Apostles, before the Ascension of the Lord, we are sent out to be Christ to the world. From our participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we increase in charity, justice, and are moved to share the Gospel. This faith in the Risen Christ can be inspired by participating in singing to God.

The Incarnation, suffering, death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ is presented once again at each Sacred Liturgy. Even as the Holy Mass ends, the Saving Realities do not. They are meant to be brought to ends of the Earth in joy! Amid our hopes, griefs, and anxieties, we are called to boldly sing out the goodness of the Lord. Singing at Mass has the possibility to stir our hearts with love for all mankind, as God loves all mankind. The word "inspire" means "to breathe into."

Just as God breathed life into clay to form Adam, so too does the Holy Spirit breathe life into us at the Holy Mass. By participating fully, internally AND externally, we allow the Holy Spirit to move within us to build up our brothers and sisters in Christ.

### Come, Holy Ghost

"Come, Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created, and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth."

*by Will Wright*

<https://catholic-link.org/why-do-we-sing-at-mass/>



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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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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



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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au)

or visit our FB page

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**BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM**

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### MORE YOUTH GROUPS

**CRL** (*Community of the Risen Lord*)

**CRL YOUTH LEADERS**

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Nimeshi Fernando -0417 101009

**YFC** (*Youth for Christ*)

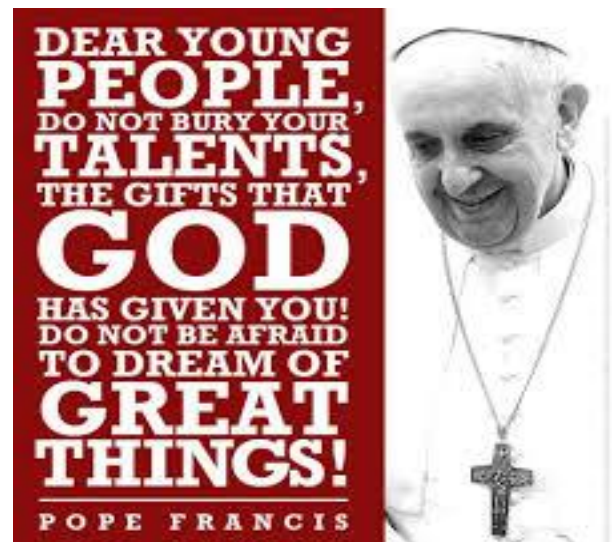
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**YFC Australia**

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### DIOCESE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

#### Youth Ministry Leadership Pathway

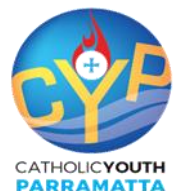
A new pathway for leadership in youth ministry is here! Duc In Altum is an initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta designed to provide practical youth ministry training, build community between youth leaders across the Diocese, and offer intentional time for prayer and reflection. For more information and details to sign up visit [parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/](http://parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/) or email [qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org](mailto: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](http://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/](http://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](mailto:celstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au)

🌐 [www.celstanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://www.celstanhope.catholic.edu.au)

#### Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ [holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au)

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#### John XXIII & St Mark's College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

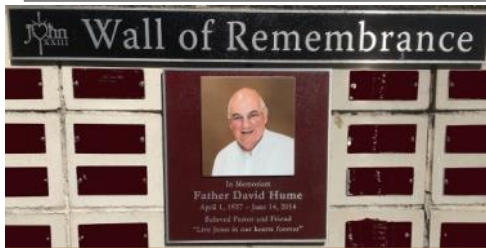
Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

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**[cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com](mailto:cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com)**



### Reminder

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