



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 31st 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.

There is a tension in maintaining things in balance. We cannot consume everything as soon as it comes to hand, and it is prudent to set things aside for the future, so we harvest in summer and autumn, or at any time of plenty, and store the produce so as to have something to eat during winter or other times of want. It also frees us from having to search for food daily. In my childhood memories the pantries and cupboards of the extended family were filled each year with preserved fruits and vegetables of all kinds. Today's perennially stocked supermarkets are our pantries, and so the habit of larding has diminished or vanished. After cyclones have destroyed shops and closed supply lines people suddenly remember, too late, the benefit of stocking at least a few days worthy of emergency supplies. Today little is left in larders or cellars upon death, though the bank account may be full.

Several bird species, and more famously squirrels, cache nuts and seeds, but inevitably the day comes when they die and whatever was stored is lost to them. Is their caching folly, and vain wastage? It is true that the store may then be pilfered by another who thus gains easy pickings from the other's hard work. But some troves are never found, especially those that are buried. Was the time spent doing it in vain? From the perspective of the individual alone, yes, but it could not be known when the activity would become superfluous—and in the case of buried seeds, trees have benefited in having the next generation more widely propagated. The system requires the creative tension of prudent storage for future survival against the inevitable superfluity. It would be a gift indeed to know the hour of death so precisely as to be able to cease working at the right time and to live off one's goods to leave the world with a balance of zero. But that is a very selfish view.

The first reading's "Preacher" laments the system's inevitable "wastage"—and that may be the book's weakness; it seems to have the selfish preoccupation that is prominent in modern times. When society and cultures focus more on the family or community than the individual, what is worked for and stored continues for the benefit of the family or community after the death of the individual. In the gospel parable the focus is entirely on the wealthy man. But the given context for the parable is avarice, the disordered desire for goods beyond need, or purely for self-interest. This is not the same as the wise use of one's goods, which will appear later in the gospel to be read on Sundays 24C and 25C, indirectly in the parable of a division of a future inheritance (or the parable of "The Prodigal Son") and the parable misnamed as "The Rich Man and Lazarus", told in response to Pharisees mocking Jesus for his teaching on the use of wealth.

By coincidence, the little-used word for "avarice" in the gospel is also found in our second reading (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11) translated as "greed", as Paul advises Christians in Colossae to put aside earthly qualities, "especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god". Just before that we hear "Let your hearts be on heavenly things" that a direct translation would read as "Consider (or ponder) things above (or on high)". When those two translations are considered together we may be reminded of the opening dialogue to the Eucharistic Prayer, "Lift up your hearts", though our Latin text's *Sursum corda* more literally reads "Hearts on high (or upward, or above)". The tone of this part of Paul's letter to the Colossians does indeed resonate with the impetus of the Eucharistic Prayer, the "Anaphora" or "Lifting up" of "Offering", which is most clearly spelled out in the dialogue and preface, culminating in the conscious joining of the song of the angels. What we express in the Eucharist and put before us as our model of right living is that selfless self-giving of Christ, the very quality missing from today's parable's rich man. This is true also for all who consider their material acquisitions to be their measure of wealth instead of treasuring the immaterial wealth that surpasses earth and the earthly.

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

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12:13-21

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

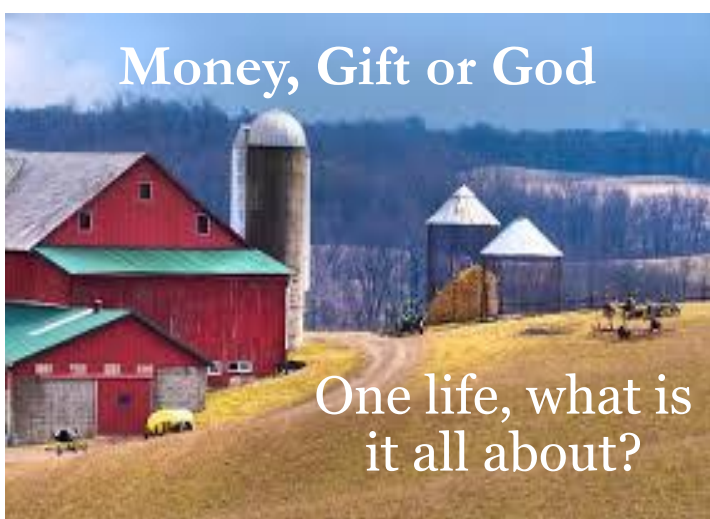
A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to, do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: "My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

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

Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Peter Bekovats, Ted Belcher

Deceased:

Anniversary:

Felicisimo Esteban, Alfredo Cruz,
Louis Cherry, Robert 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, Kelly Ryan,
Wally Atie, Gloria Bueno, Mavie Dela Cruz,
Elizabeth Candame, Geoffrey Robinson,
Anshu Mala Nand, Raymond Lanzona,
Elizabeth Newnes, Christina Properzi,
Florentina Elisura, Johnathan Gemin,
Deidre Thomson, Peter Dawson,
Rhonda & Damian

Thanksgiving:

Rynan Michael

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, even when our words
hardly manage to express our longing
for a communion with you,
your invisible presence dwells within
each one and so a joy may be offered
to us.

Brother Roger of Taizé

COELIACS

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

AUG Church Calendar

Mon	1	<i>Saint Alphonsus Mary de Liguori (M)</i> 8:30am - Mass
Tues	2	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	3	<i>Saint Dominic (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Thurs	4	<i>Saint John Vianney (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	5	9:15am - Mass
Sat	6	<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord (F)</i> 9.00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	7	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

PARISH NOTICES



PARISH VOLLEYBALL SOCIALS

Our first parish social volleyball will start on Saturday
6th August from 10am at St John XXIII College
grounds. 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 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.



INVISIBLE TO INVINCIBLE

EMBRACING GOD'S GIFT OF YEARS

THE YOUNG AT HEART AND OVER 60s

Come and join us for a workshop with the feel of a mini-retreat

THIS SESSION WILL INCLUDE:

- Sharing the stories of our life
- Finding and re-defining our Baptismal call
- Tools for the journey through centering prayer
- Prayer of surrender, abandonment and trust

Date: 5 August 2022, Friday

Time: After 9.15am Mass (start at 10am – finish 12.15pm)

Venue: Church foyer – Stanhope Gardens parish (TBC)

The guest speaker/moderator is Sr Grace Roclawski

Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided



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

	2	9	16	23	30
Aug	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	
Jan	3	10	17	24	31
	available	available	available	available	available

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

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

Body Worship: Liturgical Movement and Gestures

Liturgy consists of more than words and music. Gesture, posture and movement are also important elements of ritual worship.

Five different whole-of-body positions are adopted at various times in the liturgy: standing, sitting, kneeling, walking and, occasionally, prostration.

Standing expresses joy, praise and thanksgiving and is a sign of respect and reverence. Hence we stand for the prayers of the Mass, for the general intercessions and for the reading of the gospel. In some parts of the world, the assembly stands throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.

Sitting is a posture of rest and openness and so is appropriate for listening to readings from scripture and the homily and for times of silent reflection.

Kneeling is a gesture of subservience, petition and piety. In the early Church, kneeling was forbidden on Sundays and feast days and during the Easter Season. It has most commonly been used as a posture for private prayer and as an expression of humility, penance and adoration. Kneeling as a posture of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is an important part of the liturgical tradition of the Roman Rite.

It is customary for people to genuflect before taking their seats in the church as a sign of reverence for the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle. The gesture is not necessary if the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in a separate eucharist chapel.

Walking symbolises that we are a pilgrim people. At every Mass we walk in procession to receive communion. On Palm Sunday the community processes around the church carrying palm branches and singing 'Hosanna!' At the Easter Vigil we process into the darkened church following the new paschal candle and proclaiming Christ as our light.

Prostration, a gesture of total submission and vulnerability, involves lying full length on the floor. It is reserved for solemn moments in the liturgy. At the liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday the celebrants prostrate themselves before the altar in silence before the service begins. An ordinand lies prostrate during the singing of the litany of saints in the sacrament of Holy Orders.

Hands and arms are frequently used during worship. We make the sign of the cross with holy water on entering a church, trace small crosses on our forehead, mouth and heart when the gospel reading is announced, shake hands at the sign of peace, and receive the host and chalice in our hands at communion.

Celebrants use their hands in a variety of ways in the liturgical rites: for anointing with oil, sprinkling or pouring water, holding over the bread and wine at the consecration, and laying on heads. Arms are opened wide as a sign of welcome and inclusion when the assembly is addressed and stretched over them for a blessing. The classical orans (praying) position, which involves standing with both arms raised to the side and extended upwards, is assumed whenever the celebrant addresses prayer to God in the name of the assembly.

Liturgical body language unifies the assembly and communicates respect for the liturgy, the community, for God. Through our gestures we are totally involved – body, mind and spirit – in the act of worship.

Elizabeth Harrington



DO NOT FORGET

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA MASS

2nd August, first Tuesday of the month of August.

ABOUT THE ICON



Our Lady of Perpetual Help (also known as Our Lady of Perpetual Succour) is a Roman Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary associated with a 15th-century Byzantine icon with an alleged Marian apparition. The icon is believed to have originated from the Keras Kardiotissas Monastery and has been in Rome since 1499. Today it is permanently enshrined in the Church of Saint Alphonse of Liguori, where the official Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help text is prayed weekly.

Pope Pius IX granted a Pontifical decree of Canonical Coronation along with its present title on 5 May 1866. The Latin Patriarch of Constantinople, Cardinal Ruggero Luigi Emidio Antici Mattei executed the rite of coronation on 23 June 1867.

The Redemptorist Congregation of priests and brothers are the only religious order currently entrusted by the Holy See to protect and propagate a Marian religious work of art. In

the Eastern Orthodox Church iconography, the image is known as the "Virgin Theotokos of the Passion" due to the instruments of the Passion of Jesus Christ present on the image.

Novena devotions are held before June 27 every year. Under Pope Pius XII's Pontificate, the image was designated as the national Patroness of the Republic of Haiti and of Almoradí, in the Valencian Country, Spain.

Due to promotion by the Redemptorist Priests since 1865, the image has become very popular among Roman Catholics. Modern reproductions are oftentimes displayed in residential homes, commercial establishments, and public transportation. Pope John Paul II issued a decree to crown a namesake image for Poland on 16 June 1999.

Wikipedia



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CONTACTS

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.

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



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

www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/



BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM

COME AND JOIN

MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (*Community of the Risen Lord*)

CRL YOUTH LEADERS

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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

Youth Ministry Leadership Pathway

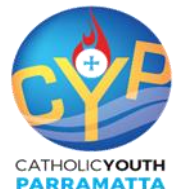
A new pathway for leadership in youth ministry is here! Duc In Altum is an initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta designed to provide practical youth ministry training, build community between youth leaders across the Diocese, and offer intentional time for prayer and reflection. For more information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

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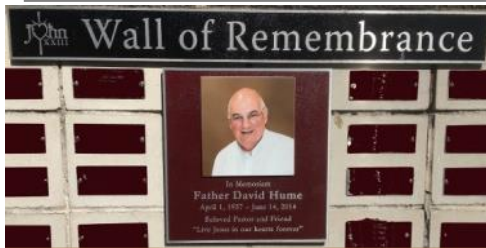
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