



## Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 21st August 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 opening of today's gospel reminds us of the inescapable procession to Jerusalem, a point further emphasised in the omitted following section that, as with elsewhere in Luke, also betrays Luke's lack of familiarity with the geography since Jesus appears to be still in Galilee. Some of Luke's imprecisions may come from his borrowing from and freely assembling other sources that did not neatly fit the trajectory of his journey motif. The units of this section are largely common with Matthew, who has them scattered throughout his gospel. In Luke they combine to give a paradoxical message that both admits of limitations yet is universal in scope: the way to salvation is narrow and the way takes effort, and yet many from all the nations outside Israel are to enter the kingdom and join patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The broader context points less to limitations indicating the way as predestined as closed to some and points more to the urgency of engaging with the kingdom immediately, or else it may be too late. At the same time, God's kingdom is not predestined to a particular people; it is open to all, and those who presume on it being their destination by some right irrespective of their own actions may find themselves unprepared, unengaged, and shut out, for they have let it pass them by. As it is, Jesus finds his path to Jerusalem made harder and narrower by the opposition encountered along the way, but his commitment to it is constant.

Of passing interest, some of the images in this section and elsewhere in Luke are also found in other ancient Jewish literature and later folklore, with Abraham as protagonist, pointing to a wider use of them. The best surviving of them, the Testament of Abraham, is a story of the conversion of Abraham from a self-righteous person who too easily condemned sinners to one who interceded for their salvation. He was moved in that story upon seeing two ways and gates, one narrow, the other broad, with so few traversing the narrow that proved to be the entrance to heaven, and so many on the broad way that led to destruction. He lamented his own willingness to judge and condemn the living sinners before they had or took an opportunity to repent. But there does come the point when it is too late; once death has taken place, the soul cannot change its way. This sense, though put differently, is found in the gospel parables too; once the door has closed, those on the outside knock in vain. There is an imperative shared in the gospels, and other Jewish literature, to take seriously the responsibility of living rightly and not to presume that God, the Compassionate, will benignly, like the doting parent of a spoilt child, overlook all offence as if inconsequential.

The universal vision of the gospel finds support in the first reading, taken from the apocalyptic conclusion of the book of Isaiah. Its context is twofold, dealing with the destruction of those who rebel against God (but neither rebelliousness nor destruction are determined by nationality) and with the salvation of those formerly chastised by God. Both actions encompass Jews and gentiles alike, and the one on whom God looks favourably is "the humble and contrite in spirit, who trembles at my [God's] word" (Isaiah 66:2, NRSV), with no mention at all of national status. In that final ingathering even gentiles will be made priests and Levites. This combined theme plays itself out across the dual works of Luke as Jesus journeys to Jerusalem to bear witness there, and thence sends his messengers out to the whole world, preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins.

#### 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

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

### First Reading

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah 66:18-21*

*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 116*

**R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! **R.**

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. **R.**

### Second Reading

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*

*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord.

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### Gospel Acclamation

*John 14:6*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 13:22-30*

*From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Ben Lee, Pauline Margerison, Reno Vella

### Deceased:

Lucila Villavert Moscoso

### Anniversary:

Ernesto De Leon, Ornanong Muangruen, Sam Gauci

### 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, Peter Dawson, Adolfo Mayo, Valeria Laureta, 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, Rhonda & Damian, Geoffrey Robinson, Anshu Mala Nand, Raymond Lanzona, Maryanne Jaramillo, Elizabeth Newnes, Christina Properzi, Florentina Elisura, Johnathan Gemin, Deidre Thomson, Emma Matoza

### 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, mystery of a presence, you enfold us with your peace that comes to touch our innermost heart, bringing us a breath of life.

*Brother Roger of Taizé*

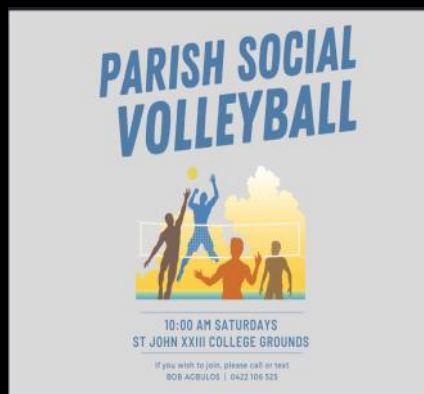
## COELIACS

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

## AUG Church Calendar

Mon	22	<i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)</i> 8:30am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Tues	23	<i>Saint Rose of Lima (OM)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	24	<i>Saint Bartholomew (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Thurs	25	9:15am - Mass
Fri	26	<i>Saint John Etudes (OM)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Sat	27	<i>Saint Monica (M)</i> 9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	28	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass Fr Zvon's Sacerdotal Anniversary 6:00pm - Mass

## PARISH NOTICES



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Our parish social volleyball group plays every Saturday from 10am at the St John XXIII College grounds.

For more details and if you wish to join, please contact either of the following:

Joseph - 0404 793 800

Jason - 0427 933 199

Preema - 0406 786 768

## 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.



Another training for Junior Servers is scheduled on Sat, 27th Aug at 2.30 - 3.30pm.

Application forms are available in the foyer.

For more details, please call Bob Agbulos on 0422 106525.



## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING 2022



## RCIA ENQUIRY SESSION

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Wednesday, 24th August 2022 at 7.30pm in the Church kitchen area.

The RCIA programme will commence on Wednesday, 7th September 2022.

If you have family or friends who might be interested in understanding our Catholic faith, please invite them to this session.

## 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

	2	9	16	23	30
Aug	Barnouti	Ring	Sebastian	Vernon	Jacob
Sep	6	13	20	27	
	Lobo	Tanganun	Erasmus B	Javelosa	
Oct	4	11	18	25	
	Jacob	Ring	Shalini	Jacob	
Nov	1	8	15	22	29
	Barnouti	Barnouti	Barnouti	Ring	Paguinto
Dec	6	13	20	27	
	Jacob	Shalini	Paguinto	Paguinto	
Jan	3	10	17	24	31
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Families on the roster, if unable to pick up please don't hesitate to contact Bart or Melva.

*"Mary joins us, she fights at our side. She supports Christians in the fight against the forces of evil. Especially through prayer, through the Rosary. Hear me out, the Rosary. ... Do you pray the Rosary each day?" Pope Francis*

*The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. Mahatma Gandhi*

**We are in urgent need for volunteers to assist in the different pastoral ministries in our Parish.**



## 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)

### 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

### 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



### MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR TRAINING

We invite parishioners to become a Minister at the Altar. This Ministry assists the Priest with the smooth running of the mass. It is open to both men and women aged 20 years and over. It is a highly rewarding Ministry and a great honour to serve at the Altar. Training will be provided and is scheduled on Sat, 17th Sept from 4.00 to 5.30pm.

For more details, please reach out to Bart Sarlabus on 0438201437.



### Reminder

Please make sure when you come to Mass, let us consider our neighbours.  
Do not block the neighbours' driveway.

## EUCCHARIST / HOLY COMMUNION

In the celebration of Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

In the early church, the hallmark of being a Christian was to gather with other believers on the Lord's Day to celebrate the Breaking of the Bread. It is the same today: we gather as a community on Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist.

The Mass is central to the life of the Catholic Church. The Mass has two parts of equal importance:

1. The Liturgy of the Word which consists of readings, the homily and the prayer of the faithful.
2. The Liturgy of the Eucharist in which we do as Christ commanded us at the last Supper.

At Mass we are nourished by the word of God and by the Body and Blood of Christ.

The purpose of the Mass is to give thanks and praise to God for the greatest gift of all, the gift of our salvation through the death of God's son on the cross.

When we celebrate Mass, we hear the story of our faith – the story of Jesus – so that we will not forget it. Our story is told in the readings from scripture, in the homily, in the words of the Creed and in the Eucharistic Prayer which always includes the words and actions of Christ at supper with his disciples on the night before his suffering and death. As we hear again of these past events, the Holy Spirit brings them into the present so that we become part of the story and participate in it.

When we listen to the Word of God we hear what it is that God demands of us today and how Jesus has shown us the way. We are called to commit ourselves to God's vision by living out what we have heard in our daily lives.

In the celebration of Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. Those who share the Body and Blood of Christ at the Lord's table become the body of Christ that is sent out to bring the love of Christ to others.

The word communion comes from the Greek *koinonia* meaning fellowship or sharing. When we receive communion at Mass, we are brought into closer relationship with one another as well as with Christ. Receiving the Body of Christ at Mass calls us to live what we receive and believe, to show that Christ is present in our world through all that we do and say.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/eucharist-body-communion/>



## BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL



Our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests is traditionally held on Father's Day, this year being the weekend of Sunday 4 September.

This annual appeal raises much needed funds for our Diocese's Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work of supporting retired clergy and those in ill-health. We currently care for 21 retired clergy in our Diocese – 1 bishop, 18 priests and 2 deacons.

This year's appeal will highlight the faithful service of our retired clergy, and in particular, Mons John Boyle, Fr Chris Dixon and Fr Bob Sheridan.

We do hope you enjoy some of the stories we will share about their dedication to their faith community. As you know, our faithful parish priests never truly retire!

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal would raise around \$200,000.

Last year's Parish Appeal was cancelled due to lockdowns. Thankfully, we were blessed to raise almost \$138,000 through a multi-channel direct mail appeal with the help of our communications and fundraising teams. It is critical that we undertake a proactive fundraising campaign this year and we are once again asking for your kind help.

With your enthusiastic support for our Bishop's Father's Day Appeal, our Clergy Support Foundation can better care for our 21 retired priests and those clergy who are unwell, giving them comfort, professional health care, and guidance.





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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](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.

### 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.

### PARISH OFFICE

#### Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

#### Office Contacts

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📞 0423 160567 (*AH Emergency*)  
160 Perfection Avenue,  
Stanhope Gardens, 2768

#### MAILING

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NSW 2768

#### CLERGY

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#### OTHER CONTACTS

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Columbarium queries:

Daphney Fernandes

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### NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish  
community!

Please take a welcome envelope  
pack from the front entrance.

Visit our website

<http://john23rd.com/>

Like our Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/john23rdparish](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)



For all youth ministry enquiries,  
✉ [blaze@john23rd.org.au](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au)  
or visit our FB page  
[www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/](https://www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/)



**BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM**

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



## COME AND JOIN

### MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

**CRL YOUTH LEADERS**

Rojith de Silva - 0405 956 3210

Nimeshi Fernando -0417 101009

YFC (Youth for Christ)

**YFC YOUTH LEADERS**

**YFC International**

Vince Erasmo - 0406 253698

**YFC Australia**

Jonathan Montaos 0401 478733



### DIOCESE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

#### 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)

#### 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/withyou](http://parracatholic.org/withyou) 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

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

🌐 [www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://www.celcstanhope.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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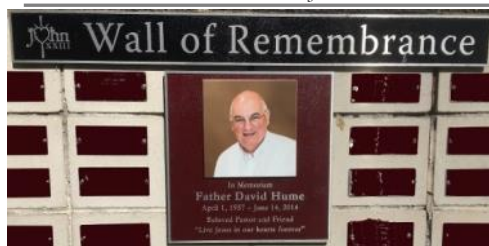
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### MEMORIAL WALL

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](mailto:columbarium@john23rd.org.au)

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