



Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 September 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.

Links between passages are important; they help hold otherwise apparently disconnected episodes in thematic groupings. The opening parable in today's gospel (Luke 16:1-13) is linked both to the main parable in last Sunday's gospel reading (Luke 15:1-32) and to next Sunday's (16:19-31). The first link is lost if the shorter form of the gospel was read last Sunday; where our Jerusalem Bible translation says that last Sunday's prodigal son "squandered" his property and that today's steward was denounced for "being wasteful" with his master's possessions, the Greek uses a single verb that may translate also as "disperse" or "scatter", always indicating something disruptive, never liberal giving. The link to next Sunday's parable is also lost if today's shorter form (16:10-13) is read, for both parables begin "There was a rich man..."

Today's shorter form of the gospel also omits one of the cues for next Sunday's parable, "use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity" (16:9). This translation is problematic for apparently suggesting money is in itself a negative thing. A literal rendering reads "the mammon (or treasure) of unrighteousness", but perhaps "ill-gotten gains" would be more familiar to us. The equivalent expression is found in Proverbs 10:2, and its opposite (treasures of righteousness) in Isaiah 33:6. Very few people would accept that all wealth or possessions are falsely gained, or agree that "Property is theft", but perhaps the gospel is pointing to a critique of the social and economic system that results in a widening disparity as some grow wealthier and many more become poorer. This does not mean that the wealthy are bad people, but that the system itself promotes disparity. The same concerns surface on Sunday 28B (Mark 10:17-30) and were fore-echoed by the Lord's announcing of his mission at the beginning of his public ministry (Luke 4:18-19 – omitted from our Lectionary), which contains a reference to the Jubilee, the year for resetting land ownership and remitting debts.

The wasteful steward in today's parable recognises that his position was at risk, and amends affairs to set up a friendly reception elsewhere, a move that won the approval of his master for its astuteness. Modern readers find this perplexing and could ask why the others who had their debts reduced would trust him with their own property should they employ him. Some suggestions are that it was normal for servants to add their own commission; it was how they were paid, and so this steward would be seen as reducing his own cut, thus as being thrifty, not as grafting.

Many parables in Luke's gospel have complex overlapping themes, and while some are more prominent, those of these three Sundays (that is, last Sunday, today, and next Sunday) all feature the use of possessions, but each with a different orientation; last Sunday's prodigal son consumed his goods self-indulgently, today's steward used his master's wastefully, and next Sunday's rich man uses his selfishly—at which time the figure of Abraham is used, the wealthy man who used his possessions generously. Altogether they refer to a quality needed for disciples of Jesus, even if they do not always teach about it directly: the disciples of Jesus are not to be attached to possessions and need to be willing to use them for the good of others and according to the vision of the kingdom of heaven.

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 Prayer <i>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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Amos 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2, 4-8

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **R.**

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOD'S LOVE FOR THE LOST



Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 16:1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

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

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Pat Doyle, Antonio (Tony) Samson.
Patrick Nowell Liu

Deceased:

Anniversary:

Sick: Names published with permission.

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

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, breath of God's loving, our prayer may be very humble, yet by the Gospel we understand that you are praying even in the silence of our hearts.

Brother Roger of Taizé

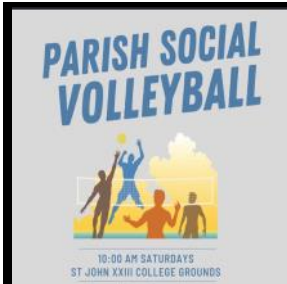
COELIACS

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

SEP Church Calendar

Mon	19	8:30am - Mass
Tues	20	<i>Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and companions (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	21	<i>Saint Mathew (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass 6:30pm - Sacrament of Confirmation
Thurs	22	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Fri	23	<i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Sat	24	9.00am - Mass 3:00pm - Sacrament of Confirmation 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	25	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

PARISH NEWS



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 793800

Jason - 0427 933199

Preema - 0406 786768



TABLE TENNIS SOCIALS

We are looking for expressions of interest to join us for another sports social - table tennis/ping pong.

Planned for Saturdays same time as the volleyball socials and same place.

Please contact Bob Agbulos on 0422 106 525 or Neville Reynolds on 0466262850 more information.

ST JOHN XXIII FAMILY DAY

St John XXIII is celebrating its 20th anniversary! 10:30am mass on Sunday 16 October which will include a blessing for families and married couples, followed by anniversary celebrations, food & activities.

We're calling for volunteers for the day's festivities, **families to share a 2-minute presentation (e.g. a song, story, poem, artwork, etc.) responding to the question, "What is family?"**

Register for the day via <https://tinyurl.com/JN23RD>. Please contact Mei & Donnie Velasco to find out more about the organising team via mei.donnie.velasco@gmail.com OR 0432 042140



WORKING BEE IN THE CHURCH

Dear Parishioners,

September 22, Thursday, has been declared as a public holiday, a National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We pray for the Queen's eternal rest.

On this day, after the 9.15am mass, we will have a Working Bee in the Church. Father Jolly will lead the cleaning work.

If you can come and join to help your parish priest clean our church. Since we expect a good number of parishioners, hopefully, it would be appreciated if you can please bring with you some brooms, dusters for cob webs, brushes etc. We might not have enough equipment in the church.

Thank you.



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).

7pm every Tuesday - Novena prayers except

7:30pm every First Tuesday - Novena mass

For 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. Families on the roster, if unable to pick up please don't hesitate to contact Bart or Melva.



"A family that prays together, stays together - Fr Patrick Peyton"

Rosary Statue Family Roster

Sep	6	13	20	27	
	Lobo	Tangunan	Erasmo 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
	Deang	Manalo	Manalo	Sebastian	Tangunan
Feb	7	14	21	28	
	Sebastian	available	available	available	

"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

⇒ 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



GENERAL MEETING

There will be a general meeting of **ALL** choir members, singers & musicians, and those wanting to join.

When: Sat 24th Sep,

Time: 10.15 - 11.45am

Where: Church

Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group

Please come and join the Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group at 6.30pm in the Parish Office Kitchen.

For further enquiries please call Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039

CHAPTER 1 - THE IMPORTANCE AND DIGNITY OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST (GIRM 2012)

16. The celebration of Mass, as the action of Christ and of the People of God arrayed hierarchically, is the centre of the whole of Christian life for the Church both universal and local, as well as for each of the faithful individually.²² For in it is found the high point both of the action by which God sanctifies the world in Christ and of the worship that the human race offers to the Father, adoring him through Christ, the Son of God, in the Holy Spirit.²³ In it, moreover, during the course of the year, the mysteries of redemption are celebrated so as to be in some way made present.²⁴ As to the other sacred actions and all the activities of the Christian life, these are bound up with it, flow from it, and are ordered to it.²⁵

17. It is, therefore, of the greatest importance that the celebration of the Mass or the Lord's Supper be so ordered that the sacred ministers and the faithful taking part in it, according to the state proper to each, may draw from it more abundantly²⁶ those fruits to obtain which Christ the Lord instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of his Body and Blood and entrusted it as the memorial of his Passion and Resurrection to the Church, his beloved Bride.²⁷

18. This will fittingly come about if, with due regard for the nature and other circumstances of each liturgical assembly, the entire celebration is arranged in such a way that it leads to a conscious, active, and full participation of the faithful, namely in body and in mind, a participation fervent with faith, hope, and charity, of the sort which is desired by the Church and which is required by the very nature of the celebration and to which the Christian people have a right and duty in virtue of their Baptism.²⁸

19. Even though it is on occasion not possible to have the presence and active participation of the faithful, which manifest more clearly the ecclesial nature of the celebration,²⁹ the celebration of the Eucharist is always endowed with its own efficacy and dignity, since it is the act of Christ and of the Church, in which the Priest fulfils his own principal function and always acts for the sake of the people's salvation.

Hence the Priest is recommended to celebrate the Eucharistic Sacrifice, insofar as he can, even daily.³⁰

20. Since, however, the celebration of the Eucharist, like the entire Liturgy, is carried out by means of perceptible signs by which the faith is nourished, strengthened, and expressed,³¹ the greatest care is to be taken that those forms and elements proposed by the Church are chosen and arranged, which, given the circumstances of persons and places, more effectively foster active and full participation and more aptly respond to the spiritual needs of the faithful.

21. Hence this Instruction aims both to offer general lines for a suitable ordering of the celebration of the Eucharist and to explain the rules by which individual forms of celebration may be arranged.³²

22. The celebration of the Eucharist in a particular Church is of the utmost importance.

For the Diocesan Bishop, the prime steward of the mysteries of God in the particular Church entrusted to his care, is the moderator, promoter, and guardian of the whole of liturgical life.³³ In celebrations that take place with the Bishop presiding, and especially in the celebration of the Eucharist by the Bishop himself with the Presbyterate, the Deacons, and the people taking part, the mystery of the Church is manifest. Hence, solemn celebrations of Mass of this sort must be exemplary for the entire diocese.

The Bishop should therefore be determined that the Priests, the Deacons, and the lay Christian faithful grasp ever more deeply the genuine significance of the rites and liturgical texts, and thereby be led to the active and fruitful celebration of the Eucharist. To that end, he should also be vigilant in ensuring that the dignity of these celebrations be enhanced and, in promoting such dignity, the beauty of the sacred place, of the music, and of art should contribute as greatly as possible.

23. Moreover, in order that such a celebration may correspond more fully to the prescriptions and spirit of the Sacred Liturgy, and also in order that its pastoral effectiveness be enhanced, certain accommodations and adaptations are set out in this General Instruction and in the Order of Mass.

24. These adaptations consist, for the most part, in the choice of certain rites or texts, that is, of the chants, readings, prayers, explanatory interventions, and gestures capable of responding better to the needs, the preparation, and the culture of the participants and which are entrusted to the Priest Celebrant. However, the Priest will remember that he is the servant of the Sacred Liturgy and that he himself is not permitted, on his own initiative, to add, to remove, or to change anything in the celebration of Mass.³⁴

25. In addition, at the proper place in the Missal are indicated certain adaptations which in accordance with the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy pertain respectively to the Diocesan Bishop or to the Conference of Bishops³⁵ (cf. below nos. 387, 388–393).

26. As for variations and the more profound adaptations which give consideration to the traditions and culture of peoples and regions, to be introduced in accordance with article 40 of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, for reasons of usefulness or necessity, those norms set out in the Instruction on the Roman Liturgy and Inculturation³⁶ and below in nos. 395–399 are to be observed.

<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/media/1454/girm-2012-for-australia.pdf>
Excerpts from Liturgy Brisbane - Core liturgical documents (access footnotes)

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.



QR code for BPOINT

We encourage everyone to contribute financially using the *TapnGo* machines by the entrances or online via BPoint.



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For more events please go to parracatholic.org/events or <https://catholicoutlook.org/>

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.

CONTACTS

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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

Reminder

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

Do not block the neighbours' driveway.



Are you looking for a
Natural and Effective
way to manage your
fertility?



FREE INTRODUCTORY SESSION

17 September 2022 | 11am - 12pm
Fr. Byrne Centre
at St. Andrew's Parish, Marayong
OR
12 October 2022 | 7.30 - 8.30pm via Zoom

TO REGISTER CONTACT: vinettajoy@hotmail.com
or call 0430 509 890

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What every couple needs to know.
What every woman has the right to know!



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>

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



For all youth ministry enquiries,

✉ blaze@john23rd.org.au

or visit our FB page

www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/



BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM

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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

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 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

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Holy Cross Primary

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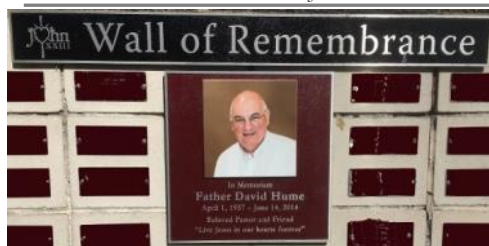
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