



Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 October 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.

Today's first reading (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4) sits oddly with the gospel; it is one of the few times when the two readings do not have an obvious connection. This is the sole reading from this prophet in the Sunday Lectionary, so with the pericope being composed of the opening of one complaint and the answer to a second and similar complaint it should perhaps be accepted as a sampler of this prophet, who proclaims trust in God's power to save, even though Israel is in the midst of woes and is surrounded by nations acting unjustly. Read in that manner it seems to have more correspondence with the second reading, 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14, the first of the series of extracts from this epistle to be read over four Sundays. Similarly to Habakkuk this epistle encourages steadfastness in the face of persecution. But this faith is not merely to be passively preserved; it is to be actively fostered, fanned into a flame. This then does find an echo in the apostles petitioning the Lord in the opening of the gospel pericope (Luke 17:5-10) to increase their faith. This section of Luke's gospel appears to be a collection of the Lord's sayings and of various encounters, and it is without an obvious narrative structure. The second part of today's passage has a sort of parable leading to a saying about servants doing their duty.

The gospel's first saying associates mustard seeds and mulberry trees, and contains a command that none in the world has ever accomplished. It leaves us perplexed, and wondering if something has been lost in translation. We may spend much time quibbling over which species of mustard is meant and what size its seed is, or whether the tree is really a mulberry or a sycamore (a very large fig with mulberry-like leaves), or about their uses or symbolic meanings in ancient Israel, but it is easier to settle for the less literal yet perhaps more obvious meaning: even only a little faith can accomplish surprisingly great things. A modern image that comes unbidden to my mind, though not on the face of it a matter of religious faith, is that of the unknown courageous man with his shopping bags who stopped the procession of tanks in Tiananmen Square in 1989. He, though small and fragile in comparison to the tanks, stopped for at least a while that which was insurmountably stronger than him, such that the images captured of his actions (which China can never eradicate from the internet) endeared him to the world as a symbol of the power of the apparently powerless. So too throughout Christian history the gospel was spread not through the demonstration of great wonders that would sweep all doubt before them, but through combined efforts of the constant demonstration of small things done to those in need and the witness of those martyrs crushed by an almighty empire in its vain attempt to stop the spread of the gentle gospel in its tracks.

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 Pegrar 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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 17:5-10

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

**WE ARE CALLED UPON
NOT TO BE SUCCESSFUL
BUT TO BE FAITHFUL.**

Mother Teresa

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Patrick Liu, Patricia Doyle, Ilyn De Leon

Deceased:

Felicisimo A Cabral Sr

Anniversary:

Otuamua Tuifua, Renato Banaag

Sick: Names published with permission.

Melissa Randall, Isagani Ocampo, Elvis D'sa, Iyrika D'Cruz, Dragica Julich, Charlie Busuttill 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,

by your constant presence in us you guide us to give our lives in love.

And even though we sometimes forget you, you bestow on us your joy!

Brother Roger of Taizé

COELIACS

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

OCT Church Calendar

Mon	3	8:30am - Mass
Tues	4	<i>Saint Francis of Assisi (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Mass Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	5	<i>Saint Faustina Kowalska (OM)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Thurs	6	<i>Saint Bruno (OM)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	7	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass Novena to The Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat	8	9.00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	9	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

PARISH NEWS



Joseph - 0404 793800

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Preema - 0406 786768

GAME ON!!



Bob - 0422 106525

Neville - 0466 262850

Come and join our sports socials every Saturday, 10:00am at St John 23rd College's outdoor courts. If interested contact the coordinators listed above in order to be included in our WhatsApp Sports chat group.

We would like to thank the St John 23rd College school administration for the use of their facilities.

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



Novena Masses

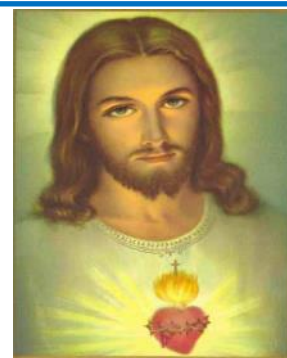
First Tuesday -

7:00pm - Rosary prayers

7:30pm - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

First Friday

7:30pm - Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



THE YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

The Young at Heart seniors bus trip to Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, Coogee has been cancelled. Instead we're off to Mount Schoenstatt Shrine at Mulgoa, on Tuesday 25th October.

SJ23rd Parishioners are welcome to join. On arrival we will be welcomed by one of the sisters who will provide us with tea/coffee. The day will be a visit of the chapel, tour the gardens and have lunch. Please BYO lunch.

Only 20 seats are available, first come first served. The bus will leave from the church car park after the 9.15am Mass and return between 2.30 and 3pm.

Any parishioner who would like to come, please contact the Parish office and leave your name and mobile number.



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

	4	11	18	25	
Oct	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	D'Souza	available	available	
Mar	7	14	21	28	
	Paguinto	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.



⇒ 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.

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

⇒ 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.

⇒ 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

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.



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

CHAPTER 11 - II. THE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF THE MASS (GIRM 2012) con't

Gestures and Bodily Posture

42. The gestures and bodily posture of both the Priest, the Deacon, and the ministers, and also of the people, must be conducive to making the entire celebration resplendent with beauty and noble simplicity, to making clear the true and full meaning of its different parts, and to fostering the participation of all.⁵² Attention must therefore be paid to what is determined by this General Instruction and by the traditional practice of the Roman Rite and to what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice.

A common bodily posture, to be observed by all those taking part, is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the Sacred Liturgy, for it expresses the intentions and spiritual attitude of the participants and also fosters them.

43. The faithful should stand from the beginning of the Entrance Chant, or while the Priest approaches the altar, until the end of the Collect; for the **Alleluia** Chant before the Gospel; while the Gospel itself is proclaimed; during the Profession of Faith and the Universal Prayer; and from the invitation, **Orate, fratres** (*Pray, brethren*), before the Prayer over the Offerings until the end of Mass, except at the places indicated here below.

The faithful should sit, on the other hand, during the readings before the Gospel and the Responsorial Psalm and for the Homily and during the Preparation of the Gifts at the Offertory; and, if appropriate, during the period of sacred silence after Communion.

They should kneel, on the other hand, at the Consecration, except when prevented on occasion by ill health, or for reasons of lack of space, of the large number of people present, or for another reasonable bow when the Priest genuflects after the Consecration.

It is for the Conference of Bishops, in accordance with the norm of law, to adapt the gestures and bodily postures described in the Order of Mass to the culture and reasonable traditions of peoples.⁵³ However, attention must be paid to ensuring that such adaptations correspond to the meaning and character of each part of the celebration. Where it is the practice for the people to remain kneeling after the **Sanctus** (*Holy, Holy, Holy*) until the end of the Eucharistic Prayer and before Communion when the Priest says **Ecce Agnus Dei** (*Behold the Lamb of God*), it is laudable for this practice to be retained.

For the sake of uniformity in gestures and bodily postures during one and the same celebration, the faithful should follow the instructions which the Deacon, a lay minister, or the Priest gives, according to what is laid down in the Missal.

The faithful should sit, on the other hand, during the readings before the Gospel and the Responsorial Psalm and for the Homily and during the Preparation of the Gifts at the Offertory.

In the dioceses of Australia, they should kneel from the completion of the **Sanctus** (*Holy, Holy, Holy*) until after the Amen of the Eucharistic Prayer, except when prevented on occasion by ill health, or for reasons of lack of space, of the large number of people present, or for another reasonable cause. However, those who do not kneel ought to make a profound bow when the Priest genuflects after the Consecration. They are to kneel again after the **Agnus Dei** (*Lamb of God*) until the distribution of Holy Communion.⁵³ During the period of sacred silence after Communion, they may either sit or kneel.

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44. Among gestures are included also actions and processions, by which the Priest, with the Deacon and ministers, goes to the altar; the Deacon carries the Evangeliary or Book of the Gospels to the ambo before the proclamation of the Gospel; the faithful bring up the gifts and come forward to receive Communion. It is appropriate that actions and processions of this sort be carried out with decorum while the chants proper to them are sung, in accordance with the norms laid down for each.

Silence

45. Sacred silence also, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times.⁵⁴ Its nature, however, depends on the moment when it occurs in the different parts of the celebration. For in the Penitential Act and again after the invitation to pray, individuals recollect themselves; whereas after a reading or after the Homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise God in their hearts and pray to him. Even before the celebration itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner.

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

In Australia: The faithful should stand from the beginning of the Entrance Chant, or while the Priest approaches the altar, until the end of the Collect; for the **Alleluia** Chant before the Gospel; while the Gospel itself is proclaimed; during the Profession of Faith and the Universal Prayer; and from the completion of the Priest's invitation, **Orate, fratres** (*Pray, brethren*), before the Prayer over the Offerings until the end of Mass, except at the places indicated here below.



OFFICE FOR WORSHIP
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA



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.

22nd October 2022
9.30 - 3.00 pm
BEDE HEATHER CENTRE
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE RM)
ONGOING FORMATION
BISHOP BEDE HEATHER CENTRE
1-3 MARION ST. BLACKTOWN
MINISTRY OF COMMUNION
TO THE SICK AND DYING
REGISTER: MARY.GALE@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG (02) 8838 3456
MORNING TEA & LUNCH PROVIDED

The Worship - MET are organising an Ongoing Formation session for those who serve in the Ministry of Communion to the sick and dying. The session will be held on Saturday 22 October from 9.30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

To register, please contact the Worship team on 8838 3456 or email mary.gale@parracatholic.org

Free Fertility Awareness Education Session

Zoom Wednesday 12 October 2022 at 7.30 to 8.30pm Vinetta Lobo, a Certified FertilityCare Practitioner, will explain how The Creighton Model FertilityCare System can help you identify your fertility on any given day.

Register today to confirm your spot. vinettajoy@hotmail.com 0430 509 890

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 woman has the right to know!

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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/>

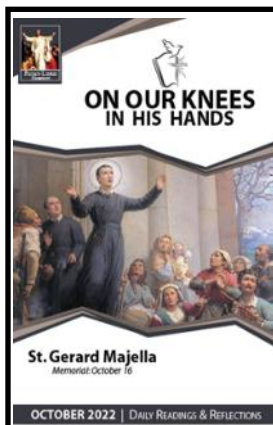
Like our Facebook page

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Reminder

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

Do not block the neighbours' driveway.



'On Our Knees' booklets will be made available to you before the 1st Sunday of every month. Each booklet is a powerful aid to personal prayer inclusive of personal reflections based on the daily liturgical readings.

For anyone desiring to delve deeper into the living Word of God and discover how our Lord speaks to us through it, this is the prayer tool for you.

The booklets are free of charge and will be kept at the church foyer at the beginning of each month. We pray that this resource blesses you and leads you deeper in your journey with Christ.

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 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.

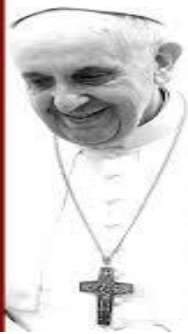
Join us for a fun night filled with music, games, discussion, prayer and of course pizza. BLAZE youth session runs from 7:15 to 9pm and is held every second Friday throughout the school term in the St John XXIII school hall.

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	
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For all youth ministry enquiries,
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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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YFC YOUTH LEADERS

YFC International

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YFC Australia

Jonathan Montaos - 0401 478733

WYD Appeal - Blaze Youth

2023 is the year this generation of SJ23 youth leaders have been looking forward for a long time. Catholic Youth Parramatta will be journeying to Lisbon, Portugal on a pilgrimage of a lifetime to celebrate World Youth Day with young people from all around the world. Blaze youth leaders are preparing to make the journey which will occur next July/August. However, we cannot do it alone and need the support of you, our parish community to accompany us as we prepare to walk with God and the Catholic youth of today.



Over the course of the next year, Blaze leaders will be initiating a fundraising campaign beginning next weekend with a sausage sizzle after the 9am and 10:30am masses, to be continued every second weekend. Later on throughout the year we will also be hosting various events for all to support the youth of our wonderful church. We ask that all parish members consider supporting us at this time. If not financially then through prayer and accompaniment.

With the support of Fr Jolly and the parish community, BLAZE leaders hope to raise \$20,000 to be split between the leaders for the trip. If you would prefer to make donations through bank transactions please follow the link below and caption your donation as "YOUTH - WYD DONATION", so the donation goes to the correct cause.

We thank you in advance for your generous support and look forward to the year ahead as we prepare for what will be a life changing and spiritually enriching pilgrimage.

If you have any questions or queries, our leaders will be at morning masses weekly and you can contact us via email blaze@john23rd.org.au

Link for online donation:

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/StJohnXXIIIPGSG>



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/ 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

✉ celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au

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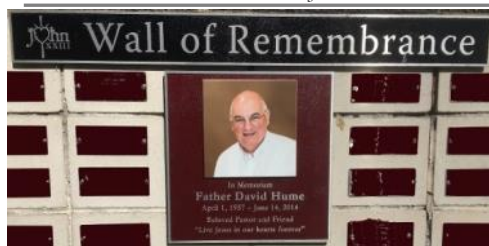
160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

✉ stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au

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MEMORIAL WALL

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