



Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 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.

Context determines meaning—an ever useful maxim. The Lectionary gives today's parable, generally misnamed "The Rich Man and Lazarus", no more context than its being addressed to Pharisees. Isolated from its context, and as concerns about heaven and hell gained attention, this parable has often been taken to be particularly interested in describing the topography of the underworld or afterlife. It shares many features with other ancient texts with the same setting (and later literature, e.g., Dante's *Inferno*), but topographical details are always secondary and subservient to the qualities of the persons involved. We would also do well to remember that as Jesus travelled around he may have used some parables more than once and in differing contexts, and that not all versions could be preserved in the relatively short gospels. Today's parable appears to have two possible contexts and uses. The first arose in last Sunday's reading, with Jesus teaching the disciples to make friends using unrighteous mammon "and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity" (16:9). The more immediate cue picks that up, but this is omitted from the Sunday Lectionary: "The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and laughed at him" (16:14). This first context concerns the use of one's goods in the service of others who may never be able to return the kindness on earth. The immediate cue (16:14) was probably omitted because the four intervening verses seem disconnected, as most easily noted in the final one, where Jesus says, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery..." (16:18), but all four deal with the Pharisees' relationship with the Law. It is evident from later rabbinic texts that the Law was envisaged allegorically as the daughter of God given in marriage as the spotless bride to Israel at Sinai. Luke appears to be an early witness to this tradition, with Jesus sharply accusing the Pharisees of being adulterers for having divorced themselves from the Law to marry something else, something of their own devising. This is the second context of the parable, one of a dispute as to who the true heirs of Abraham are and who the true spouse of the Law is.

Turning attention to the content of the parable, note first that its unique use of names is not trivial. The first name, Lazarus, was later confused with Lazarus of Bethany, brother of Martha and Mary, since John (12:1-7) has Jesus at supper there with Lazarus, with Martha serving, and is anointed by Mary, while Mark (14:3-9) and Matthew (26:6-13) report an anointing at a supper in the house of "Lazarus the leper" in Bethany, which Luke sets it in an unnamed town in the home of a Pharisee named Simon (read on Sunday 11C). This attempt at identifying the parable's Lazarus with an historical character ignores the fictitious nature of parables. However, the name Lazarus is a later form of that found in Genesis 15:2, Eliezer, who though technically a gentile is Abraham's chosen heir for want of a son. Later Jewish folklore continues to tell stories of Abraham and Eliezer. If this is the original intent, it points to the parable's being used to suggest that gentiles may lay claim to being the true heirs of Abraham's promise rather than those who are his descendants in the flesh, as was the parable's rich man who persistently addressed Abraham as "Father". This fits well with the pro-gentile trajectory of Luke's writings.

The major focus in the parable is the conversation between Abraham and the rich man, sometimes called Dives, "rich man" in Latin. Abraham is the first in Scripture to be called rich (Genesis 13:2), so this parable contrasts two rich men. The differences between them are exposed in the first part of the parable, which compares with the story of the hospitality of Abraham (read on Sunday 16C): Abraham runs to welcome the visitors, but this rich man ignores the beggar at his gate; Abraham provides water for them to wash, but this rich man leaves it to the dogs to wash Lazarus; Abraham offers a bit of bread yet feasts his guests, but this rich man does not even give the fallings from his table. This rich man fails in any way to be like Abraham; not using his considerable wealth for the good of others, not even from what was surplus to his needs, he forfeits any claim to being Abraham's heir.

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

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Amos 6:1, 4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 6:11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

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 16:19-31

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

"In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

"The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah, no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

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

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Marcelino Pangilinan

Deceased:

Anniversary:

Manuel "Sonny" Barcelon, Estrella Alvarez,
Fatima Lizi Pachala, Crefencia Cayas

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,
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

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

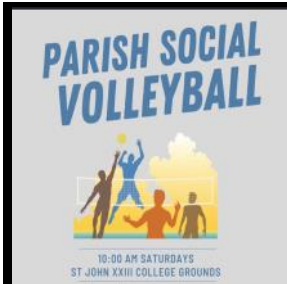
SEP Church Calendar

Mon	26	8:30am - Mass
Tues	27	<i>Saint Vincent de Paul (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	28	<i>Saint Mathew (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Thurs	29	<i>Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Fri	30	<i>Saint Jerome (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass

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Sat	1	<i>St Therese of the Child Jesus (M)</i> 9.00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	2	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



THANK YOU !!!

The parish is so grateful to the 25 volunteers who
answered the call to help clean the church.

Your precious time spent on a public holiday for a good
cause is highly appreciated.

It was also so uplifting to see a number of young
children joining their parents to clean the church.

THANK YOU!!

Fr Jolly

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

	6	13	20	27	
Sep	Lobo	Tangunan	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
	Deang	Manalo	Manalo	Sebastian	Tangunan
Feb	7	14	21	28	
	Sebastian	D'Souza	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.



QR code for BPOINT

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*)

Reading and Explaining the Word of God

29. When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel.

Therefore, the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone, for they are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy. Although in the readings from Sacred Scripture the Word of God is addressed to all people of whatever era and is understandable to them, a fuller understanding and a greater efficaciousness of the word is nevertheless fostered by a living commentary on the word, that is, by the Homily, as part of the liturgical action.⁴²

The Prayers and Other Parts Pertaining to the Priest

30. Among those things assigned to the Priest, the prime place is occupied by the Eucharistic Prayer, which is the high point of the whole celebration. Next are the orations, that is to say, the Collect, the Prayer over the Offerings, and the Prayer after Communion. These prayers are addressed to God by the Priest who presides over the assembly in the person of Christ, in the name of the entire holy people and of all present.⁴³ Hence they are rightly called the 'presidential prayers'.

31. Likewise it is also for the Priest, in the exercise of his office of presiding over the gathered assembly, to offer certain explanations that are foreseen in the rite itself. Where this is laid down by the rubrics, the celebrant is permitted to adapt them somewhat so that they correspond to the capacity for understanding of those participating. However, the Priest should always take care to keep to the sense of the explanatory text given in the Missal and to express it in just a few words. It is also for the presiding Priest to regulate the Word of God and to impart the final blessing. He is permitted, furthermore, in a very few words, to give the faithful an introduction to the Mass of the day (after the initial Greeting and before the Penitential Act), to the Liturgy of the Word (before the readings), and to the Eucharistic Prayer (before the Preface), though never during the Eucharistic Prayer itself; he may also make concluding comments regarding the entire sacred action before the Dismissal.

32. The nature of the 'presidential' parts requires that they be spoken in a loud and clear voice and that everyone listen to them attentively.⁴⁴ Therefore, while the Priest is pronouncing them, there should be no other prayers or singing, and the organ or other musical instruments should be silent.

33. For the Priest, as the one who presides, expresses prayers in the name of the Church and of the assembled community; but at times he prays only in his own name, asking that he may exercise his ministry with greater attention and devotion. Prayers of this kind, which occur before the reading of the Gospel, at the Preparation of the Gifts, and also before and after the Communion of the Priest, are said quietly. Other Formulas Occurring during the Celebration

34. Since the celebration of Mass by its nature has a 'communitarian' character,⁴⁵ both the dialogues between the Priest and the assembled faithful, and the acclamations are of great significance;⁴⁶ for they are not simply outward signs of communal celebration but foster and bring about communion between Priest and people.

35. The acclamations and the responses of the faithful to the Priest's greetings and prayers constitute that level of active participation that is to be made by the assembled faithful in every form of the Mass, so that the action of the whole community may be clearly expressed and fostered.⁴⁷

36. Other parts, most useful for expressing and fostering the active participation of the faithful, and which are assigned to the whole gathering, include especially the Penitential Act, the Profession of Faith, the Universal Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer.

37. Finally, among other formulas: a) Some constitute an independent rite or act, such as the Gloria in excelsis (*Gloria to God in the highest*), the Responsorial Psalm, the Alleluia and Verse before the Gospel, the Sanctus (*Holy, Holy, Holy*), the Memorial Acclamation, and the chant after Communion; b) Others, on the other hand, accompany some other rite, such as the chants at the Entrance, at the Offertory, at the fraction (Agnus Dei, Lamb of God) and at Communion. The Manner of Pronouncing the Different Texts

38. In texts that are to be pronounced in a loud and clear voice, whether by the Priest or the Deacon, or by a reader, or by everyone, the voice should correspond to the genre of the text itself, that is, depending upon whether it is a reading, a prayer, an explanatory comment, an acclamation, or a sung text; it should also be suited to the form of celebration and to the solemnity of the gathering. Consideration should also be given to the characteristics of different languages and of the culture of different peoples. Therefore, in the rubrics and in the norms that follow, words such as 'say' and 'proclaim' are to be understood either of singing or of reciting, with due regard for the principles stated here above.

The Importance of Singing

39. The Christian faithful who come together as one in expectation of the Lord's coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together Psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (*cf. Col 3:16*). Singing is the sign of the heart's joy (*cf. Acts 2:46*). Thus St. Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves',⁴⁸ and there is also an ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over'.

40. Great importance should therefore be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass, with due consideration for the culture of peoples and abilities of each liturgical assembly. Although it is not always necessary (e.g., in weekday Masses) to sing all the texts that are in principle meant to be sung, every care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people not be absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and on Holydays of Obligation. However, in the choosing of the parts actually to be sung, preference is to be given to those that are of greater importance and especially to those which are to be sung by the Priest or the Deacon or a reader, with the people replying, or by the Priest and people together.⁴⁹

41. The main place should be given, all things being equal, to Gregorian chant, as being proper to the Roman Liturgy. Other kinds of sacred music, in particular polyphony, are in no way excluded, provided that they correspond to the spirit of the liturgical action and that they foster the participation of all the faithful.⁵⁰

Since the faithful from different countries come together ever more frequently, it is desirable that they know how to sing together at least some parts of the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin, especially the Profession of Faith and the Lord's Prayer, according to the simpler settings.⁵¹

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



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Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp 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

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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/>

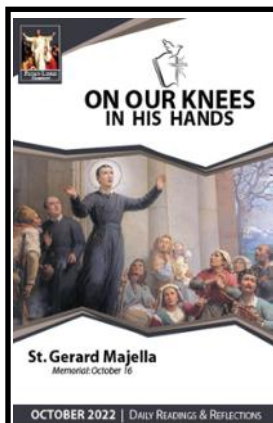
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Please make sure when you come to Mass, let us consider our neighbours.

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

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

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



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MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

CRL YOUTH LEADERS

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Nimeshi Fernando -0417 101009

YFC (Youth for Christ)

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

🌐 www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

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St John XXIII Catholic College

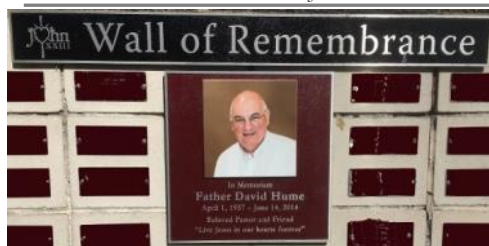
160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

✉ stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.stjohn23stanhope.catholic.edu.au



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

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SJ23rd Prayer Group

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