



## Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 4 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.

Dear Parishioners,

Many of you have been asking us, when all our completed new pews will be in the church? They are all supposed to be finished by the first week of June. But the flooding, COVID and the lack of skilled workers held back the contractor meeting the time target and have made apologies for the delay. As we all know the natural calamities like flood and rain and sickness like Covid, are beyond our control. We have to just put up with them. Now 3/4 of the work is finished and the rest are expected to be finished in 2 weeks time. Those who requested for a memorial plaque or donated by sign is also on the process of being made. We all know the work has taken a lot longer than the promised date. We had been very patient with it so far, let us continue to be patient for another two weeks. Thank you once again for all those who have made this project possible. Please find the names of the people who contributed to this project. They all contributed according to their abilities. Please include them in your prayers.

Frank & Esther, Carol Woods, Bob Agbulos, Tony & Shireen D'Cruz, Reynolds Family, Gary Lee, Mr Rico & Mrs Bernadette Nicodemus, Roberto & Rosie Siachico, Reimund Mandla, Eugena Sultana, Ken & Edna Pathmanathan, Filina Barbara, Joseph, Gnanaraj Dennis, Gonzales, Ysmael & Bernadita, Felipe & Flora Paraan, Jennifer Saculo, Salome Joseph, Meliza & Gerard Weber, Noel & Tess Mira, Savemijuses Families, John Alves, Carlos Basto, Craig Gauci, Ontedhu Reddy Family, Linde Pelle, Minh Sophie Le, Clare & Eddie Peneda, Andrew Uy, CRL Community, Shane & Nidharshi Fernando, Wilfred Mendez, Elpidio Catabay, Patricia Armao, Lyn & Primitivo Panglinan, Donna Lim, Rajendra Dasi, Vincent He, Knowelle Alcaez, Frederick Xavier, Vincent & Sancia, Boyit & Myrna Noblez, Judith Castelino, Carmen Javier, Evangelina Velez, Denise Hunkin, Joao & Carmina Cruz, Couples for Christ, Sandra & Richard Nicholls, Jess & Corazon Perez, Jolly Kannampuzha & Tessa Jolly, Anthony & Lily Fernandes & Fly, Rima & Praveen Dsouza, John & Theresa Ryan, Ansalent Soosaipillai, Tom Chacko & Suby, Lorna De Jesus, Elizabeth Jerusalem, Beth & Lito Cayas, Arockia Nirmal Saminathan, Coutinhos, Debra D'Cunha, Noel & Christine Francis, Frances, Flannery, Daphne Rodrigues, Paul Angela Quinn, Manoj Singh & Gracy Manoj, Jimmy Guion, Theresia Nugraheni, Dudley Caswell, Judithann Webster, Bernadette Tanguan, Paola & Ariel Calderon, Bing Catabas, Ranjan Fernando, Rosemarie Sherry, Mariano & Remedios Gan, Conrad Fontanilla, Myrna Barcelon, Carolina Ramirez, Malith Gooneratne, Elsa & Joe Ramirez, Maryann & Robert Javelosa, Jaime & Roniela Marquez, Yohan Patrick Ranasinghe, Dr Armando & Veronica Alcantara, Margaret Joy, Brian D'Cruz, David Gorkic.

Added to that big **Thank You** to all our parishioners who worked very hard to make Fr Zvonimir's 50th ordination celebrations a great joyful event.

Fr Jolly

### BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL



Bishop's Father's Day Appeal caring for those who have cared for us **Sunday, 4 Sept**

Our priests devote their lives in service to God and our faith community. This Father's Day, will you care for them in their retirement, as they have cared for us? **Your kind-hearted donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation's health and wellbeing team to care for the 21 retired clergy in our Diocese and provide our priests with the practical and emotional support needed for a comfortable retirement.** Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or scan this QR Code. **Thank you.**

### 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/>

### 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

### 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."

### Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

### First Reading

*A reading from the book of Wisdom 9:13-18*

*Who can comprehend the will of God?*

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you,

and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Second Reading

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17*

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

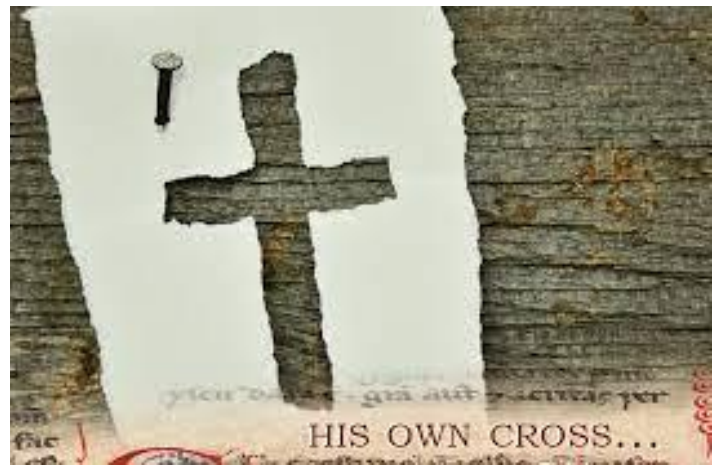
**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Ps 118:135*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!



### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 14:25-33*

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.*

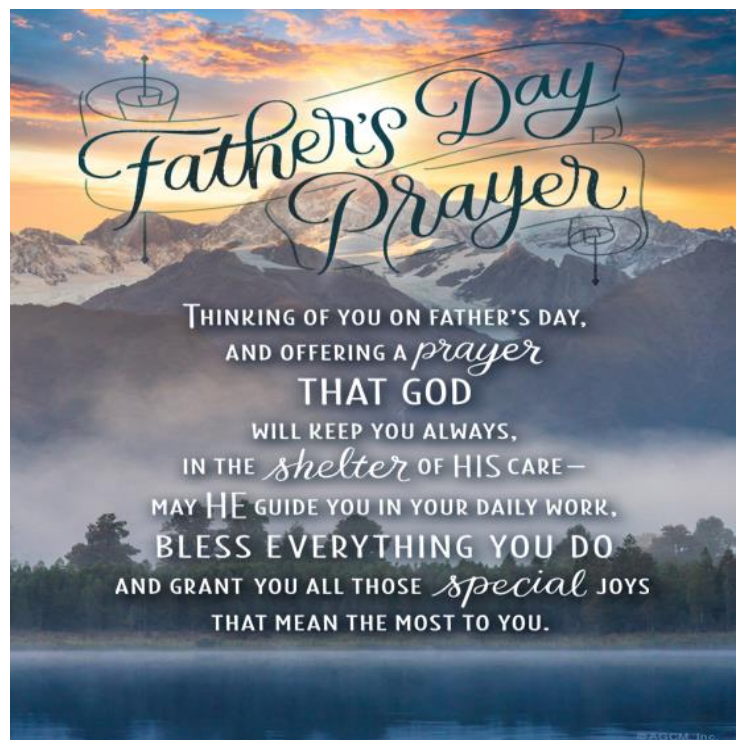
Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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

### Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.





## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

William Southan, Jane Alejandro

### Deceased:

### Anniversary:

Stephen James Tracy, Emelyn Moyano,  
Lovell Johnello Newton Wynia

### Sick: Names published with permission.

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

### Thanksgiving:

If you or a family member is homebound  
and would want to receive communion in  
your home please contact the parish  
office.

### PRAYING in the SILENCE of the HEART

Jesus, our joy,  
you call us to follow you and we realize  
that your Gospel can transform our  
hearts and our lives.

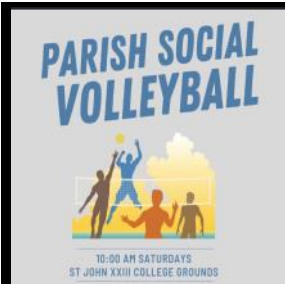
*Brother Roger of Taizé*

### COELIACS

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

SEP Church Calendar		
Mon	5	8:30am - Mass
Tues	6	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	7	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	8	<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Fri	9	<i>Saint Peter Claver (OM)</i> 9:15am - Mass 6:30pm - Sacrament of Confirmation
Sat	10	9.00am - Mass 3:00pm - Sacrament of Confirmation 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	11	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 for more information.

### ST JOHN XXIII FAMILY DAY

What is family? St John XXIII is hosting a family day, filled with food, games and  
community building activities! All are welcome to attend.

**When:** Sunday, 16 October, after 10:30am mass

**Where:** St John XXIII parish grounds

For further involvement, we are calling for 2-minute  
presentations (e.g. a song, story, poem, artwork, etc.)  
responding to the question, "What is family?"

Register for the day via <https://tinyurl.com/JN23RD> or QR  
code - Please contact Mei & Donnie Velasco to find out  
more about the organising team via  
[mei.donnie.velasco@gmail.com](mailto:mei.donnie.velasco@gmail.com) OR 0432 042140



### 8 September: Feast of the Nativity of Mary, our Blessed Mother

Our Catholic Church celebrates the Nativity of Mary on 8 September,  
exactly nine months after her Immaculate Conception which our church  
celebrates on 8 December. During this celebration, we remember the  
following:

- ◆ Nativity is a way of saying "It's Mama Mary's birthday"
- ◆ Mary was conceived without sin.
- ◆ Mary's parents were St Ann and St Joachim

When we celebrate Mary's birth, we honour Jesus too. Our parish and  
faith community invites you to celebrate with us. In the lead up to her  
birthday, a novena has kicked off at the church at 8:45 every morning  
before the 9:15 AM mass. This will culminate on 8 September. You are all  
invited to join the novena.

**When:** Thursday, 8 September 2022

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Where:** St John 23<sup>rd</sup> Catholic Church

We start with praying the rosary at 7:00 PM. Children are encouraged to  
bring birthday offerings for Mama Mary: Flowers, cards, prayers etc. to be  
followed by Mass at 7:30 PM.

Celebration and Fellowship will follow outside the kitchen. Please bring a  
plate to share.

If you wish to help or want to know more how you could help or participate,  
please contact Helen Festejo on 0401671665 or email  
[helen.festejo@gmail.com](mailto:helen.festejo@gmail.com)

### 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.parramattacatholic.org/covid19/#faq>

Masks will no longer be mandatory for places of worship. However, masks are still strongly encouraged  
where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others.

## FAITH FORMATION

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

*Oh Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your powerful name, the protection of the living and the salvation of the dying. Purest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, Blessed Lady, to rescue me whenever I call on you. In my temptations, in my needs, I will never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary. What a consolation, what sweetness, what confidence fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you! I thank the Lord for having given you so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering your name. Let my love for you prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Perpetual Help. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me and grant me the favour I confidently ask of you. (Then say three Hail Marys).*



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

If you want the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home, please contact Bart Sarlabus [bart.sarlabus@gmail.com](mailto:bart.sarlabus@gmail.com) or Melva Paguinto [emcipi85@yahoo.com.au](mailto:emcipi85@yahoo.com.au)

**Novena prayers 7pm every Tuesday except every First Tuesday it's a Novena mass 7:30pm**

### Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights

Sep	6	13	20	27	
	Lobo	Tanganan	Erasmio 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	available	available	Sebastian	Tanganan
Feb	7	14	21	28	
	Sebastian	available	available	available	

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

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

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

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



## WE NEED YOU

### ⇒ SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FACILITATORS

We require assistance at the children's baptismal rites during Sundays 12pm. For interested parties please contact the Parish Office on 8883 5981.

### ⇒ SRE Teachers

If you could spare an hour during weekdays to spread God's word teaching the scriptures to children, **WE NEED YOU**. We currently have 4 public primary schools and a high school in our parish where we hold scripture classes during school hours for 30 minutes during Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For more information call Asoki 0430 020265 or Renuka 0414 795814. Training and resources will be provided.

### ⇒ GARDENERS AND CLEANERS

Now that the church is open for celebrations, its floors need to be swept of dust, cobwebs brushed off, candle stands cleaned and garden kept green. We would like to request all our volunteer cleaners and gardeners to come back and continue their ministry.

For more information contact [maintenance@john23rd.org.au](mailto:maintenance@john23rd.org.au) or the parish office.

### ⇒ VINNIES VAN

The Vinnies Van provides food, friendship, compassion and dignity to those experiencing homelessness and social isolation in the Mount Druitt and Parramatta areas. To become a volunteer of Vinnies Van you must be 16 years of age and over and available to attend induction training upon commencement.

For more information on joining the SJ23rd Vinnies Van team, please contact Naomi Reynolds at [naomi1.rey@gmail.com](mailto:naomi1.rey@gmail.com)

### Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group

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

For further enquiries please call Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039



**RCIA PROGRAMME**  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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

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

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Below are the dates for the Confirmation ceremonies:

9 Sep Friday - 6.30pm  
10 Sep Saturday - 3.00pm  
14 Sep Wednesday - 6.30pm  
17 Sep Saturday - 11.00am  
21st Sep Wednesday - 6.30pm



### MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR TRAINING

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

For more details, please reach out to Bart Sarlabus on 0438 201437.



## Fr Zvon's 50th Sacerdotal Anniversary



**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the success of Fr Zvon's 50th sacerdotal anniversary. It makes us truly proud, that we, as a community, have worked together to make this event a very memorable one for our dear Fr Zvon.

We do not have enough space in this column to list all the names of all those who generously contributed their time and resources to make this event a huge success, but please accept our heartfelt appreciation anyway for all your efforts.

A special mention to the following:

- the different communities who provided the delicious food: Indian, Filipino, South African, Indonesian, Sri Lankan, Croatian, Italian and other delicacies from our multicultural community;

- the Liturgical team and all ministers for a beautiful mass celebration;
- the school community of St John XXIII for their tremendous support holding the event;
- St Vincent de Paul ladies for the catering assist
- the different choirs for their melodious sounds;
- marshals and ushers for their guidance; and
- all the relatives, friends and guest of Fr Zvon who made his sacerdotal anniversary truly specials.

Again, our sincere gratitude to everyone.  
**THANK YOU!!**





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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA



For more events please go to [parracatholic.org/events](http://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](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.



### 'The Well' offering on-demand spiritual nourishment

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with. Check out our featured range of videos and resources for children, families and young people. Visit [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au) today.

### Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2022 are now available, with the Smart Loving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage.

For more info or to book your course visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call (02) 8838 3460.

### Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal is open

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta remains open and committed to assisting anyone with enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted via telephone and Zoom in response to COVID-19. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02) 8838 3480 or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org).

### CONTACTS

#### PARISH OFFICE

##### Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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📞 0423 160567 (AH Emergency)

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### Pilgrimage Bus trip with Father Zvonimir



"Pilgrimage Bus trip with Father Zvonimir on the 25<sup>th</sup> October to Eileen O'Connor known as "Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor". Leaving the parish car park around 10am after 9.15am mass and return by 3pm.

**ONLY 3 SEATS LEFT.**

If parishioners would like to join, please contact the Parish office. Leave your name and mobile number.



2nd September is the centenary of the death of Henry Lawson. Lets remember him and his family in our prayers and we hope all Australians grow in the love of literature.

### "Young and heart" Seniors group

"Young and heart" Seniors group, 13<sup>th</sup> September is our 2<sup>nd</sup> get together.

We will be having "BINGO MORNING" at the church kitchen after 9.15am mass.

Parishioners who would like to come and join in the game are most welcome. It would be appreciated if you can bring a plate to share.



### NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance.

Visit our website

<http://john23rd.com/>

Like our Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/john23rdparish](https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish)

### Reminder

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

Do not block the neighbours' driveway.



### 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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13*

### BLAZE

Blaze is a youth group, Yrs 4 - 12, with the mission of creating a space for teens to learn, grow, serve and live out our Catholic faith. We facilitate the understanding and growth of our faith through various activities exploring the catholic perspective on a variety of themes such as social issues, teen challenges and faith-related topic.

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

If you would like to come along to one of our sessions, please contact the team at [blaze@john23rd.org.au](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au)



For all youth ministry enquiries,

✉ [blaze@john23rd.org.au](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au)

or visit our FB page

[www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/](https://www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/)



**BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM**

Youth Coordinator	Asst Youth Coordinator	Youth Leaders	
Amanda Lee 0413 545 318	Caitlin Green 0425 579 594	Anna Todhunter Taylor Coutinho Natasha Surjanto	Charlotte Todhunter Johnathan Soosaipillai



## COME AND JOIN

### MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

**CRL YOUTH LEADERS**

Rojith de Silva - 0405 956 3210

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### DIOCESE YOUTH ACTIVITIES



#### Youth Ministry Leadership Pathway

A new pathway for leadership in youth ministry is here! Duc In Altum is an initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta designed to provide practical youth ministry training, build community between youth leaders across the Diocese, and offer intentional time for prayer and reflection. For more information and details to sign up visit [parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/](http://parracatholic.org/ducinaltum/) or email [qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org](mailto:qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org)

#### Young people of the Diocese – we are with you

"I am with you always" Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website [parracatholic.org/withyou](http://parracatholic.org/withyou) contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

### OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

**Catholic Early Learning Centre**  
160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

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

🌐 [www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au)

**Holy Cross Primary**

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

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

🌐 [www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au)

**St John XXIII Catholic College**

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

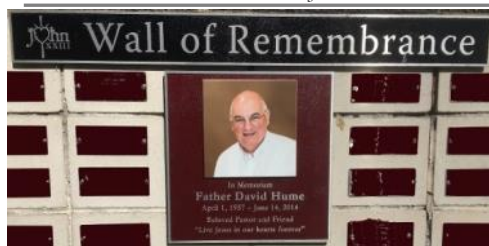
Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

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

🌐 [www.stjohn23stanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://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](mailto:columbarium@john23rd.org.au)

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**College Hall**

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## AVENUE



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Scan for a property market update



### COLUMBARIUM

Columbarium Niches reservations are getting filled from neighbouring parishioners. For our parishioners who are planning to buy a Niche, do so without delay, because we always want to prioritise members of our parish who wish to buy the Niches. Cost for a niche is \$3000. For further information please contact the Parish Office.



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**Cake Angels**  
contact Madeline Huang  
[cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com](mailto:cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com)



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**PRAISE AND WORSHIP**  
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*SJ23rd Prayer Group*



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