



Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 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.

One ancient Christian approach to interpreting Hebrew Scripture is by a non-literal reading of the texts as foreshadowing the redemptive work of Christ. Thus the feature of today's first reading (Exodus 17:8-13) of Moses holding his hands raised in prayer during the battle with the Amalekites is able to be imagined as the same posture as Jesus on the cross, the two on either side of Moses supporting his arms being imagined to represent the two crucified on either side of Jesus. Such interpretations conveniently ignore unhelpful details, such as the three in Exodus not actually being crucified, nor the two in the gospel not actually supporting Christ's arms, but the detail of Moses resting in some fashion on a stone need not require the image of him seated as if on a chair but as resting against it. It would here be possible for the stone to foreshadow Peter "the Rock", even if he might be either a foundation stone or a stumbling stone. A benefit of this quaintly creative type of interpretation is that the text is no longer seen as approving of warfare between peoples, but that the Amalekites represent the powers of evil while the children of Israel represent all people, so that victory is won for all by the power of Christ's suffering on the cross. While we would not usually adopt this style of interpretation today it may still serve to explain why some biblical passages that we now find troublesome, or even offensive, were quite happily accepted in the early Church.

It seems the reason behind the choice of this passage for today is to provide a parallel image to Luke's given reason for telling this parable, another of his unique ones, "the need to pray continually and never lose heart". Moses appears to do so in the posture of raised arms until the battle's end, with necessary help as his arms tired, while the parable presents the widow as persistent in demanding vindication, but without reference to praying to God. The common feature thus turns out to be a stress on the value of persistence in just causes, leaving the role of prayer as tenuous until Luke's attached interpretation that points to the unjust judge as an antithesis to God, who does respond to the cries of this chosen ones crying out "day and night", an expression also employed to mean "constantly". Here, however, is a paradox, for he says both that God "delays to act" and yet justice (or vindication) will be "done speedily". This may be resolved by a different translation: whereas "speedily" may refer to an action anywhere in time and thus promise a swift answer to prayers of the faithful even today, the other translation of "soon" indicates something about to occur at that time.

The mission announced at the beginning of the public ministry "to bring good news to the poor... to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour" has been coming to the fore over the last few Sundays in Jesus' teachings on the good use of wealth. There is a promise in today's gospel that the vindication yearned for by the faithful of Israel would indeed be delivered soon. However, the faithful Christian reader knows where and how this procession will end, for Jesus is on the way of the cross. The vindication to be delivered soon in the crucifixion and resurrection was not what was expected, yet even after its amazing deliverance the disciple will need a persistent faith. "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?"

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.

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 120

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Always pray

And never give up!

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Eva Kinsela, Myrtle Greenway

Deceased:

Kiliti Naacati, Otuamuaca Tuacifua

Anniversary:

Sick: Names published with permission.

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

Thanksgiving:

Bernadette Virwani

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 hearts' joy,
You pour out within us the Holy Spirit.
He comes to renew trust deep inside us.
By him we understand that the simple longing for God restores our souls to life.

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.

OCT Church Calendar

Mon	17	<i>Saint Ignatius of Antioch (M)</i> 8:30am - Mass
Tues	18	<i>Saint Luke (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	19	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	20	9:15am - Mass
Fri	21	9:15am - Mass
Sat	22	9.00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	23	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

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Bleiburg: Massacre of the Croatian People 1945



ZVONIMIR GAVRANOVIC

About the book:

This book tells the history of Croatia from its very beginning right up to 1945. In this way, readers would come to realise that the Croatian people are an ancient people who inhabited the region between the Dra-va River and the Adriatic Sea from the seventh century onwards. The book then deals with the creation of the Independent State of Croatia during the Second World War. Mention is also made of the suffering of the Slovene, German and Monte-negrin peoples of the former Yugoslavia. It is good to acknowledge the past with all the horrors of war and learn to forgive the mistakes that were made. It is also important to think of the present time and the future years to come and strive to improve our un-understanding of other people from different cultures and nations and not carry the hatred into future generations.

"This is a masterly book that can change lives. Zvonimir Gavranovic has spent a lifetime studying this and meditating on its wider meaning. His research is impressive, his findings are sure, and his application to everyday life is sound. He knows that nurturing hatred for wrongs done in the past is bad for you. Yet if he urges forgiveness, he does not want us to forget our bloody past. It is a nourishing book: *Edmund Campion, Sydney.*

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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 Barnouti	8 Barnouti	15 Barnouti	22 Ring	29 Paguinto
Dec	6 Jacob	13 Shalini	20 Paguinto	27 Paguinto	
Jan	3 Deang	10 Manalo	17 Manalo	24 Sebastian	31 Tanganun
Feb	7 Sebastian	14 D'Souza	21 available	28 available	
Mar	7 Paguinto	14 available	21 available	28 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,

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.

Four Basic Forms of Prayer

(The Cathedral of Saint Thomas More)

- † Prayer of Blessing and Adoration (praising God)
- † Prayer of Petition (asking for what we need, including forgiveness)
- † Prayer of Intercession (asking for what others need)
- † Prayer of Thanksgiving (for what God has given and done)

Prayer of Blessing and Adoration

In this prayer we express praise and honor to God. We praise God for giving us life, for the wonder and beauty of our world, and for all the many blessings we enjoy. We open ourselves up to praise God for all the wonders of creation. This form of prayer encourages bodily expression, such as standing with arms raised or dancing.

Prayer of Petition

This is probably the most familiar prayer form of prayer. We are often taught to ask God for the things we need, but asking and praying for them are not necessarily the same. When we pray our petitions, we are asking God, who loves us very much, for something that we believe is good—for ourselves or for others. By using this form of prayer we are mindful of the needs of others as well as of our own needs. We are aware that God wants us to bring our problems and worries to prayer knowing that he will always hear and answer those prayers. God may answer our prayers in a different way and in a different timeframe than we are seeking but God will always give us what we need.

Prayers of petition serve to remind us that God expects us to care for one another and for all his creation. We can pray about the ordinary experiences of life—for people who are sick, for someone who needs a job, for help in our school work, for a safe trip. We pray for peace in our families and in our world. We can also express our sorrow and contrition to God in our prayer.

Prayer of Intercession

This form of prayer is prayer on behalf of others. This form of prayer can be a source of blessing upon others, the Church, and our world. Because we know that Our Lady and the saints intercede for us before God, the Church encourages us to pray to them for their intercession. Such prayer can bring us great strength and courage and also great peace of mind and heart.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

This form of prayer helps us to be grateful for God's many blessings, spiritual and temporal, and helps us to recognize and appreciate all the good things God gives to us. Reserving some time to praise and thank God for his gifts—the gift of life; the gift of our families and friends; the gift of food, clothing, and shelter; and the numerous other gifts we often take for granted—helps us to form a true spirit of gratitude.

Tips for praying:

- ♦ Find a quiet place and time. Prayer can be done anywhere but it is good to have a place that is conducive to relaxing and focusing our attention on God. Finding a regular time to pray each day can also be helpful to making prayer an important daily routine.
- ♦ Calm yourself and put away distractions. It is important to be relaxed when we pray by finding a comfortable posture.
- ♦ Use formal prayers or speak what you feel to God, or a combination of each. It is important to note that there is no “right” way to pray. Experiment with styles and forms of prayer. Prayer is an ongoing, developing relationship with God.
- ♦ Take time to listen. God does speak to us in prayer but we need to listen with our hearts. Be open to what God is telling you rather than just on what you want to or expect to hear.
- ♦ Use the Bible in your prayer
- ♦ Keep a journal of prayer
- ♦ Have a proper attitude. Prayer requires openness to God and a desire to worship and get to know God better.

Meditative Prayer

Meditation is one of the many styles of prayer. Meditation engages our head and heart in seeking a deeper union with God. It enables us to slow down and quiet our hearts so that we can hear God's voice and communicate with God in a deeper way. Meditation can last a few minutes or hours. It can strengthen our relationship with God and allow us to get in touch with ourselves.

The process of meditation can involve several steps:

- ♦ Find the time and place which is conducive to meditation. It is important to pick a time when one is alert and able to focus and a comfortable and quiet place.
- ♦ Prepare to pray by relaxing your body so that you can devote your attention to prayer. Some people use muscle relaxing exercises and breathing exercises.
- ♦ Choose a word or phrase to focus your attention on God. Some people use “Jesus” or “Abba” or “Jesus saves” or “Jesus loves me.”
- ♦ Connect the word or phrase with your breathing. Silently repeat the word or phrase in tune with your breathing. Let the word resonate within you. The repetition helps to focus on and remain open to God's presence. If you become distracted, focus again on repeating the word or phrase.

<https://www.cathedralstm.org/about-our-catholic-faith/expressing-our-faith/four-basic-forms-prayer/>



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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.

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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.

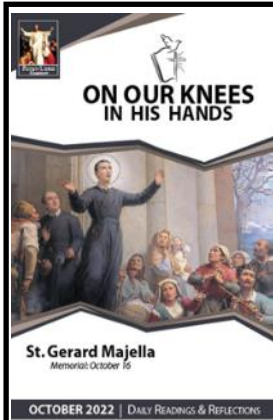
To register, please contact the Worship team on 8838 3456 or email mary.gale@parracatholic.org

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.

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Fundraising concert for Social Justice initiatives of our Parish
26 November 2022 ~ Ticket Price \$10.00
7:00 PM
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School Hall



'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.

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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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Reminder

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

Do not block the neighbours' driveway.



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.

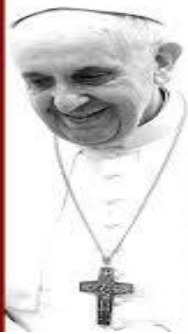
If you would like to come along to one of our sessions, please contact the team at blaze@john23rd.org.au

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For all youth ministry enquiries,
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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:

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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/ 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

🌐 www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au

St John XXIII Catholic College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

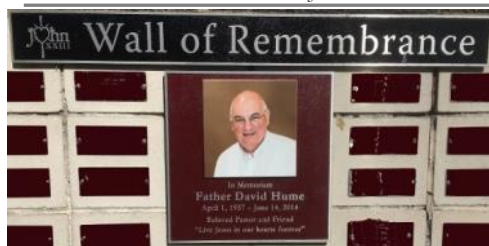
Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

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Joseph - 0404 793800
Jason - 0427 933199
Preema - 0406 786768



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10:00 AM SATURDAYS
ST JOHN XXIII COLLEGE GROUNDS

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.