



## Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 30 October 2022



Welcome to the community of the Catholic Parish of St John 23rd Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens where the love of Christ is shining in so many ways.

Today's gospel (Luke 19:1-10) features not a fictitious tax collector in a parable but a real one, named Zacchaeus, who we are told is a wealthy man. Luke also tells us he was little. This is given as a reason for Zacchaeus' doing two things considered unseemly for a man of his social stature as he sought to see who Jesus was: he ran, and he climbed a tree. Preachers may often entertain various conjectured reasons as to why Jesus then invited himself to Zacchaeus' house: perhaps recognising a man wealthy enough to host him (and his followers) without being a burden; perhaps he divinely intuited an outcast who needed repatriation. But perhaps it was simply the curiosity of a wealthy man climbing a tree that caught his attention. Each is now interested to know more of the other, the grounds for true personal encounter. And like last Sunday's parable's tax collector, there is in this real one a humility, here displayed in his resorting to such a desperately unseemly measure. And like last Sunday's parable's Pharisee, the crowd here has contempt for the tax collector as they complain about Jesus' going to that sinner's house.

From Luke's narration it seems the crowd's objecting was obvious enough to motivate Zacchaeus to an apparent self-defence. If this is an accurate reading, then humility does not mean you may not also be appropriately self-assertive; being humble does not require being walked all over. Zacchaeus' twofold offer is of interest, and often misconstrued. The first part is unqualified; he will give half his wealth to the poor. The second part is qualified, but people often overlook the important "if". If he has cheated anyone, he offers to pay them back fourfold, an assertion more likely to come from one who believes he has not cheated. It may also indicate the realisation that if a wrong were done then not only the original sum should be restored but also recompense be offered for the hardship suffered in the meantime. But returning to the crowd, the fact that a crowd of a certain disposition towards Zacchaeus presumes him to be a sinner (and unjust) does not mean that he is.

This story brings to mind a literary scenario, and an historical one. In Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* Jean Valjean becomes so mortified by his brutish theft of a boy's silver coin that he searches vainly for him in order to right the wrong, and later he would surreptitiously give every beggar a coin, often a silver one. In this he was in some way blending the two parts of Zacchaeus' promise. The other scenario is of the cases of the women on the island of Jersey during and after World War II. At what point in time does a foreign occupation become a permanent reality, and at what point is it acceptable to accommodate oneself to a new reality? Not all occupying German soldiers were bad, nor were they there of their own volition. The women who fraternised with any of them were not kindly treated by their own compatriots after the war, but at what stage would it have become acceptable, and when did it become acceptable for bakeries and bars, and shops and farms to do business with the occupying soldiers or German forces? Zacchaeus and others were caught in a similar situation and the presence of the Romans or their imperial legions could hardly be ignored. Zacchaeus did not find in Jesus the judging opprobrium of his own compatriots in Jericho; rather he is declared equally to be a "son of Abraham", and here too is the fulfilment of Zechariah's prophecy in Luke 1:68-79, for salvation has come to his house.

#### SPECIAL MASSES

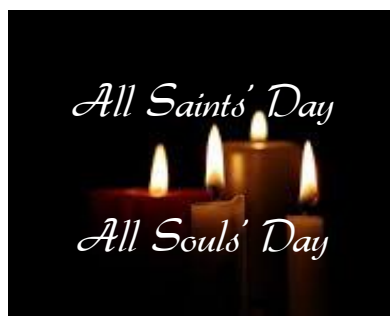
† 1st Nov - 9:15am and 7:30pm

All Saints Day (S) - The feast of all saints celebrations,

† 2nd Nov - 9:15am and 7:30pm

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) After the 7:30pm mass, blessing of the niches in the Columbarium and the Memorial Wall followed by light supper.

Please bring a plate to share.



#### 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  
*Our Lady of Perpetual Help*  
1st Fri 7:30pm Novena Mass  
*Sacred Heart of Jesus*

#### 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 *by appointment*

#### Devotions & Prayers

Mon 7:30pm Christian Meditation  
*Frances Pegram 0417 406715*  
Tues 7pm Rosary and Novena  
Prayer *in the church except for 1st Tues*  
Fri 6:30pm Christ Catholic  
Community Prayer Group  
*Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039*

#### 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

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

### First Reading

*A reading from the book of Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2*

*You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned. so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14*

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

### Second Reading

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2*

*The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.*

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

### Gospel Acclamation

*John 3:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 19:1-10*

*The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor' and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### Communion Antiphon

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.





## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

James Taylor, Maria Chiddo, Luke McCabe

### Deceased:

### Anniversary:

### Sick: Names published with permission.

Leopoldo Cuisia, Rosamma John Pellissery, Melissa Randall, Isagani Ocampo, Elvis D'sa, Iyrika D'Cruz, Dragica Julich, Hilary Regan, Charlie Busuttil, 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, Emma Matoza, Kristy Arceo, Adolfo Mayo, Dr Bronwyn Andrews, Ben & Etta Benesa, Maryanne Jaramillo, Elizabeth Candame, Florencia Cunanan, Rhonda & Damian, Anshu Mala Nand, Raymond Lanzona, Christina Properzi, Geoffrey Robinson, Elizabeth Newnes, Mavie Dela Cruz, Greg Marcellana, Florentina Elisura, Perla Magculang, Valeria Laureta, 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,

filling the universe, as a breath of silence you tell each of us:  
"Be afraid of nothing. Deep within you is the presence of God; seek, and you will find."

*Brother Roger of Taizé*

### COELIACS

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

### OCT Church Calendar

Mon	31	8:30am - Mass
Tues	1	<i>All Saints (S)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Wed	2	<i>The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Thurs	3	9:15am - Mass
Fri	4	<i>Saints Charles Borromeo (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Sat	5	9.00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	6	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

## PARISH NEWS

### YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS BUS TRIP

"What a wonderful day the "Young At Heart Seniors" had at Mount Schoenstatt Shrine at Mulgoa. The weather was kind to us and it turned up to be a beautiful day. On our way to Mulgoa the group was entertained by the singing of Father Zvonimir. On our arrival, we were welcomed by one of the sisters who kindly provide us with tea/coffee and biscuits. Soon after, the group visited the chapel, we prayed in silent, saying a decade of rosary, took photos and returned back to the lunch room where we all had our lunch. Then we headed back to our parish, said good byes and the heavens opened up with rain & thunder. We were very lucky that we had sun all day.



Please note our next get together meeting will be taking place in the church kitchen on Friday 11th November after the 9.15am mass to discuss our next outings and our Xmas Party. All seniors of the Parish that wants to join are most welcome.

### 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-derstanding of other people from different cultures and nations and not carry the hatred into future generations.

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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](mailto:bart.sarlabus@gmail.com) or Melva Paguinto [emcipi85@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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

	1	8	15	22	29
Nov	Barnouti	Barnouti	Barnouti	Ring	Paguinto
Dec	Jacob	Shalini	Paguinto	Paguinto	
Jan	Ring	Manalo	Manalo	Sebastian	Tangunan
Feb	Sebastian	D'Souza	Ring	Jacob	
Mar	Paguinto	Ring	available	Jacob	
Apr	available	available	Erasmio B	Sebastian	

*"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.

### PEWS

Dear Parishioners

Now our Church Pews are almost completed. But in order to place the new pews, we need to remove the old pews, many of them are in good condition and can be used in your backyards, with some refurbishing with oil burnish to suit the outside temperature.

If any one of you would like to have one, two or more please talk to Father Jolly.

### ⇒ 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](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

### 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.**



All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.



Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

All Saints' Day is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some protestant churches, such as Lutheran and Anglican churches.

Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness.

Other countries have different rules according to their national bishop's conferences. The bishops of each conference have the authority to amend the rules surrounding the obligation of the day.

All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints.

The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday "Feast of the Lamures," a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead.

The holy day was eventually established on November 1 by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics. The May 13 celebration was subsequently abandoned.

In Ireland, the Church celebrated All Saints' Day on April 20, to avoid associating the day with the traditional harvest festivals and pagan feasts associated with Samhain, celebrated at the same time.

Following the establishment of the Frankish Empire, and following the reign of Charlemagne, the holy day, which was already celebrated on November 1, became a holy day of obligation by decree of Pope Gregory IV and Louis the Pious, who was king over a portion of Charlemagne's former empire.

Following the Protestant Reformation, many Protestants retained the holy day, although they dismissed the need to pray for the dead. Instead, the day has been used to commemorate those who have recently died, usually in the past year, and to remember the examples of those who lived holy lives.

The Catholic practice however, celebrates all those who have entered heaven, including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not.

Holy day customs vary around the world. In the United States, the day before is Halloween and is usually celebrated by dressing in costumes with themes of death commonly associated. Children go door-to-door in costume, trick-or-treating, that is soliciting candy from their neighbors. The holiday has lost much of its connection to its religious origins.

Although nearly everyone celebrates Halloween for the fun of the secular holiday, the following religious solemnity, is not widely practiced or acknowledged by most Americans unless they are Catholic.

In other countries, such as Portugal, Spain and Mexico, traditional practices include performance of the play, "Don Juan Tenorio" and offerings made to the dead. All Saints' Day occurs on the same day as the Mexican "Díe de los Inocentes" a day dedicated to deceased children.

Across much of Europe, the day is commemorated with offerings of flowers left on the graves of the dead. In Eastern Europe, candles are lit on graves instead of offerings of flowers.

In some places, such as the Philippines, graves can be painted and repaired by family members. Many of these practices blur the distinction between All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.



These celebrations often blur the distinction between All Saints' Day, which is properly dedicated to those who are in heaven, and All Souls' Day, on which prayers are offered for all those who have died, but have not yet reached heaven.

In Mexico, the Day of the Dead holy days extend from October 31 through November 2.

It is important to remember these basic facts:

- ✦ All Saints' Day is on November 1, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation.
- ✦ All Souls' Day is on November 2, and it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday that has spread in popularity into parts of the United States and across Latin America. It is celebrated from October 31 through November 2, to coincide with both the American tradition and the Catholic holy days. Those three days are dedicated to all of the dead.

<https://www.catholic.org/saints/allsaints/>



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### Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022

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### 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.



### '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.

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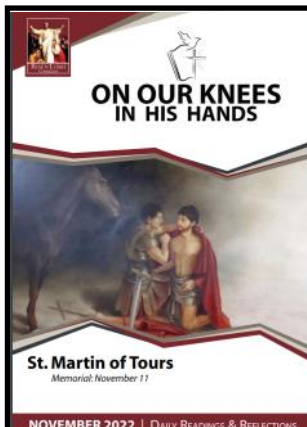
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For anyone desiring to delve deeper into the living Word of God and discover how our Lord speaks to us through it, this is the prayer tool for you.

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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### 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

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## 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](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au)

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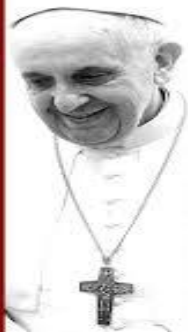
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**BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM**



### WYD Appeal - Blaze Youth

BLAZE's first fundraising campaign was a huge success. We raised approximately \$1200 which will go towards supporting our youth leaders' journey to WYD 2023. We will continue to raise funds every second weekend and will also be hosting various events to support the participating youth of our wonderful church. With the continued support of Fr Jolly and the parish community, BLAZE leaders hope to raise \$20,000 to be split between the leaders for the trip. Donations through bank transactions through the Parish's BPoint account <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/StJohnXXIIIPGS> and caption your donation as "YOUTH - WYD DONATION".



## COME AND JOIN

### MORE YOUTH GROUPS

**CRL** (*Community of the Risen Lord*)

**CRL YOUTH LEADERS**

Rojith de Silva - 0405 956 3210

Nimeshi Fernando - 0417 101009

**YFC** (*Youth for Christ*)

**YFC YOUTH LEADERS**

**YFC International**

Vince Erasmo - 0406 253698

**YFC Australia**

Jonathan Montaos - 0401 478733



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 queries, our leaders will be at morning masses weekly and you can contact us via email [blaze@john23rd.org.au](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au)

## 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/](http://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](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

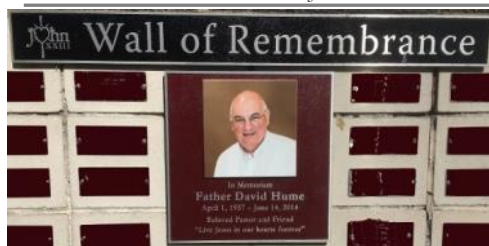
Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (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)

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### 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)

The plaques cost \$400.00



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### Risen Lord Community Praise & Worship Night



**7.30pm**  
**FRIDAYS,**  
**St John23rd**  
**College Hall**

Come join us for an evening of deep intimacy with the Lord. Learn about the abundant and victorious life that Jesus died and purchased for us to have.

## AVENUE



### JULIA STELLA

Licensed Real Estate Agent  
M 0431 277 110  
E [julia.stella@theavenue.com.au](mailto:julia.stella@theavenue.com.au)  
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### 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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**PRAISE AND WORSHIP**  
**3rd Saturdays at 7:30pm**  
**SJ23rd Prayer Group**



### Members

Bernadette Virwani  
Julienne Crasto  
Bing Catabas  
Chris Drummond  
Margaret Harrison  
Nanette Gamboa  
Gary Lee

### ADVERTISE HERE

## PARISH SOCIAL VOLLEYBALL GAME ON!!



10:00 AM SATURDAYS  
ST JOHN XXIII COLLEGE GROUNDS

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



### TABLE TENNIS SOCIALS

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.