



Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 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.

The story of Naaman the Syrian, a gentile, in 2 Kings 5 is a delightful story of contrariness. Today's first reading picks up from when Naaman washed himself in the Jordan as directed by Elisha. Before this Naaman and his retinue had arrived at the prophet's house expecting this underling of the king of Israel to bestow on him due attention and a deed of some consequence. Elisha did not go out to him; he merely sent a message with what to do: go wash seven times in the Jordan, a river considered by the Syrian to be no more than a muddy creek. It seems in all things he expected some degree of grandness, of pomp and circumstance. He concedes to the direction only at the goading of his own servant, who points out that if he would happily do a great thing then he should also be able to do a little thing. After this bathing Naaman returned to Elisha, but this time he is changed in spirit as well as in body; he goes in to stand before the prophet, and to beg a favour. His offer of a reward is rejected, but his plea to be gifted with Israel's soil on which to worship God from his own place is granted. This is one of only two accounts in the Hebrew Scriptures of people being healed of leprosy, Miriam, the sister of Moses, in Numbers 12 being the other. Her account is, however, of a different sort, while Naaman's being a gentile gives it a certain importance in its use for criticism against Jews in the gospels.

The healing from leprosy is the connection to today's gospel reading (Luke 17:11-19). Luke is very careful to give a geographical context to this story, and more attention should be paid to it: Jesus is travelling between the lands of Galilee and Samaria, thus between two peoples with a mutual animosity, the Jews and the Samaritans. They actually also share the same faith in the one God, and share the Law (the five "Books of Moses"), but the Samaritans' heritage as an admixture with gentiles made them repugnant to the sensibility for purity among Jewish leaders returning from their Babylonian exile. In Luke's narration no mention is made of the ethnicity of any of the lepers until one turns back to thank Jesus. This action seems to have caught the attention of later readers, perhaps through their not understanding the depth of the animosity between Jews and Samaritans, so that the story is often used in children's liturgies or catechesis as if its purpose is to promote the importance of saying thank you.

Look instead how Luke tells the story. This is his third mention of Samaritans. In the first a Samaritan village would not accept Jesus because he was going to Jerusalem. In the second, a Samaritan was portrayed as the true neighbour of the brigands' victim, who was travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho. This time, as Jesus is to enter a village (we are not told if it is Jewish or Samaritan) he is approached by ten lepers who, in accordance with the Law, keep their distance even as they speak with him. They are told to present themselves to the priests, a step necessary to be declared free from leprosy and fit to return to their normal lives. What the declaration that one at least was a Samaritan (and somehow easily identified as such) draws out is that this single group is of a Jewish and Samaritan mix. Here in the quasi no-man's land between the two territories those in adversity from both groups appear to form a community. This appears to be the more salient point: here in adversity former enemies live in unity. In their own way these lepers already embody the message of the Gospel.



Dear Parishioners, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint John XXIII, our patron, on the Tuesday 11th October.

To celebrate this special day and seek the intercession of St John XXIII, we have two masses, the first one at 9.15am as usual and another one at 7.30pm in the evening. (Novena to John XXIII at 7pm followed by Mass) Please join the parish community to celebrate the Feast of our patron saint.

Mass Times

Mon	8:30am
Tues-Fri	9:15am
Sat	9:00am 6pm Vigil
Sun	7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

Masses for Special Occasions

1st Tues	7.30pm Novena Mass <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
1st Fri	7.30pm Novena Mass <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>

Exposition + Benediction

1st Fri	after 9.15am 7.30pm Mass
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Reconciliation

After the weekday masses
Sat: after the 9am mass until 10.30am
5:15 - 5:45pm before the Vigil
Mass *Or upon request*

Sacraments

Sun	12pm Baptism <i>by appointment</i>
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Devotions & Prayers

Mon	7.30pm Christian Meditation <i>Frances Pegram 0417 406715</i>
Tues	7pm Rosary and Novena <i>Prayer in the church except for 1st Tues</i>
Fri	6.30pm Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group <i>Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039</i>

Praise & Worship

Fri	7.30pm Risen Lord Comm
3rd Sat	7.30pm SJ23rd Prayer Grp



Our Parish Mission

The parish of St John XXIII is a faith community with the Eucharist as its heart.

Inspired by John XXIII's prophetic opening of the windows of the Church, we welcome the fresh air of the Holy Spirit, inviting every person to share in the responsibility of enriching the life and faith of our community by sharing their gifts and talents."

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands in which the Catholic Parish of St John XXIII and the Diocese of Parramatta sits, the land of the Darug and Gundungurra people. We would like to pay our respects to the Aboriginal Elders past, present and future for they hold the traditions, memories and wisdom of Mother Earth on which we place our feet upon today.

For further updates with regards to our parish activities, check the following website <http://john23rd.com/> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish/>

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading

A reading from the second book of the Kings 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 17:11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. 'They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Bonifacius Marcel Gan, Ilyn De Leon

Deceased:

K.V. John, Lolita F Blancia

Anniversary:

Sick: Names published with permission.

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

Thanksgiving:

Wira Peiris, Kassey Mendoza, Anna Sebastian

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

Praised be the Holy Spirit!
Present in the depths of our souls, and
consuming the hard things in our lives
by the fire of that presence.

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	10	8:30am - Mass
Tues	11	<i>Saint John XXIII (OM)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	12	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	13	9:15am - Mass
Fri	14	<i>Saint Callistus 1 (OM)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Sat	15	<i>Saint Teresa of Jesus (M)</i> 9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	16	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

PARISH NEWS



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GAME ON!!



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.

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

ST JOHN XXIII FAMILY DAY

St John XXIII is celebrating its 20th anniversary! 10:30am mass on Sunday 16 October which will include a blessing for families and married couples, followed by anniversary celebrations, food & activities.

We're calling for volunteers for the day's festivities, **families to share a 2-minute presentation (e.g. a song, story, poem, artwork, etc.) responding to the question, "What is family?" or a short performance of dancing or singing.**

Register for the day via <https://tinyurl.com/JN23RD>. Please contact Mei & Donnie Velasco to find out more about the organising team via mei.donnie.velasco@gmail.com OR 0432 042140



THE YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

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

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

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

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



FAITH FORMATION

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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

7pm every Tuesday - Novena prayers except

7:30pm every First Tuesday - Novena mass

For the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home, please contact Bart Sarlabus bart.sarlabus@gmail.com or Melva Paguinto emcipi85@yahoo.com.au. Families on the roster, if unable to pick up please don't hesitate to contact Bart or Melva.



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

Rosary Statue Family Roster

	4	11	18	25	
Oct	Jacob	Ring	Shalini	Jacob	
Nov	1 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 Tangunan
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, please contact Naomi Reynolds at naomi1.rey@gmail.com

Paying our debt together

FIRST COLLECTION goes to support the priests and deacons of the Diocese.

SECOND COLLECTION provides for the running costs of the church and ministry expenses; it also goes to pay off our church mortgage.

A Planned giving Program is in place to help us with the planning /budgeting for the church expenses. To register, an **SJ23rd form** is available at the church foyer or the website.

The Parish Finance Committee encourages all parishioners to register for direct debit or credit card deductions instead of the envelope system.



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

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

"Style" is a key term when discussing liturgy in contemporary America. Parish "liturgists" must always implement the acceptable liturgical style in their parishes (whether the faithful like it or not), and often they are forced to do it by a "worship committee" controlled principally by members whose agenda has been influenced by "Pastoral Music," "Modern Liturgy," other "establishment" publications, and local gatherings sponsored by the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM).

What is the prevailing liturgical "style" in American Catholic churches today? While it would take volumes to document the phenomenon properly, the American style of liturgy usually involves a number of factors. Mass, for instance, will generally have a celebrant (invariably called a presider), perhaps one or two con-celebrants, perhaps a deacon, an altar server or two (servers should be male but frequently are not), at least six Eucharistic ministers (never called extraordinary ministers anymore) to accommodate communion under both species, a "contemporary group" of four to twelve or more members to provide the "music" and always two lectors (usually women) who, because of a twisted concept of symbolism, are instructed to emerge self-consciously from the "assembly." The resulting "performance" is usually either vacuous or annoying (sometimes both); only rarely does it glorify God and edify the faithful.

What about the "music" itself? To put it charitably and simply, the American Catholic church music landscape is a vast wasteland. Latin, along with its enormous corpus of glorious church music, is not even considered. The pipe organ, orchestra, and any music worthy of the liturgy are scorned and opposed with frightful viciousness. Missalettes have been discarded as tacky. What is found instead is some combination of hymnals, usually "Glory and Praise" and one of the editions of "Worship." The preferred accompaniment is piano and/or guitar, and the amplification required to carry the sound in the wrong direction (that is, from front to rear) can be absolutely deafening (cf. Thomas Day's excellent book, "Why Catholics Can't Sing").

One of the most irksome consequences of the current American style is that the same two or three settings of the "Alleluia" are sung week after week, the same "Holy, Holy" is sung week after week, and the same "Lamb of God" is sung week after week. This effectively eliminates nearly two thousand years of certain categories of church music from our liturgies in favor of a few generally inferior contemporary compositions. (One could, of course, argue that the threefold mode six "Alleluia" is from the traditional Gregorian repertory, but this merely diverts attention from the real issue.) This is clearly a misapplication of liturgical norms, and is grossly unfair to musicians and congregations.

Even suggestions to introduce the rosary or traditional devotions as a way of fostering a lively spiritual life in the parish are dismissed out of hand. Those who offer the suggestions are often made to feel incompetent or are ridiculed for not following Vatican II.

The end result of all this is that the ordinary American parish has a musical program that is unworthy of the liturgy and a liturgy that is unworthy of the parish and an insult to the faithful. So why go to church?

The Catholic Church's public liturgy, the Mass, should glorify God and edify the faithful. If this is indeed what the liturgy does, it would attract not only Catholics but non-Catholics as well. But what do we see happening in the Church? Declining attendance at Mass, fewer priests, reduced collections, diluted moral teaching, and on and on. Clearly, if the liturgy were doing its job properly, this would not be the case. Instead, we would have full churches, full seminaries, full collection baskets, and a people fortified in the Church's unchanging moral teachings.

Liturgy should attract and be distinctive. The Church's liturgy as practiced in America today, however, is frequently unattractive and hardly distinguishable from a stage act. This is the fault of those who implemented the liturgical renewal and those who are now in control: the establishment. In short, implementation of the liturgical renewal in this country and elsewhere has resulted in unmitigated disaster. It has failed dismally. People no longer go to church, yet the establishment continues to propose more of the same insipid, fatuous programs as solutions to the problems they created in the first place.

The faithful, the clergy, the church musicians--even the liturgists--do not want things this way. The American style is, rather, promoted by the establishment, represented by the U. S. Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy and National Pastoral Musicians, and American parishes adopt this style because they have no alternatives. The establishment's best interests lie in keeping it this way, for little material profit can be made from promoting the authentic directives of the council and the continual requests of Rome regarding liturgy and sacred music.

The establishment is the only game in town--a giant, unchallenged monolith. It needs to be challenged. It needs competition. "Sacred Music" is a step in the right direction, but aggressive action is also needed. Semi-annual or even quarterly conventions promoting good church music and sound liturgical practices should be sponsored in various parts of the country. The books and documents on the liturgy are published and available, and the Church has centuries of Catholic culture from which to draw for music, visual art, and inspiration. Parishes need to be alerted to alternative, legitimate resources and practices.

As an additional step, pastors should have their parishes returned to them. Lay involvement in parish life can be good and fruitful, but today lay people virtually run the Church. One can even say that the Church has become feminized. Pastors should have their legitimate role restored, and the bishops should stand behind their brothers to give firm support and direction.

Much needs to be done to bring the Church to the authentic renewal envisioned for so long by popes and councils. It is a daunting task, but it can be accomplished. If something is not done soon, however, not much will be left of the Church in this country by the next millennium.

PAUL W. LE VOIR

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/why-go-to-mass-11216>



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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA



For more events please go to parracatholic.org/events or <https://catholicoutlook.org/>

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.



'The Well' offering on-demand spiritual nourishment

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

Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2022 are now available, with the Smart Loving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more info or to book your course visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

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

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

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

Free Fertility Awareness Education Session

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

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

Are you looking for a Natural and Effective way to manage your fertility?
FREE INTRODUCTORY SESSION
17 September 2022 | 11am - 12pm
Ft. Byrne Centre
at St. Andrew's Parish, Marayong
OR
12 October 2022 | 7.30 - 8.30pm via Zoom
TO REGISTER CONTACT: vinettajoy@hotmail.com
or call 0430 509 890
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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

Reminder

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

Do not block the neighbours' driveway.



ON OUR KNEES
IN HIS HANDS
St. Gerard Majella
Memorial October 16
OCTOBER 2022 | DAILY READINGS & REFLECTIONS

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

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

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

PARRAMATTA DIOCESE UPDATES ON COVID19

THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA ENCOURAGES YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR LIFE OF PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH DESPITE CHURCH BUILDING CLOSURES.

For more updates and useful resources visit <https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#faq>

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

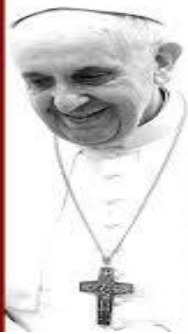
Join us for a fun night filled with music, games, discussion, prayer and of course pizza. BLAZE youth session runs from 7:15 to 9pm and is held every second Friday throughout the school term in the St John XXIII school hall.

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

Youth Coordinator	Asst Youth Coordinator	Youth Leaders	
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For all youth ministry enquiries,
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or visit our FB page
www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/

BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM



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CRL YOUTH LEADERS

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YFC YOUTH LEADERS

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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:

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



DIOCESE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Ministry Leadership Pathway

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



Young people of the Diocese – we are with you

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

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

✉ celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

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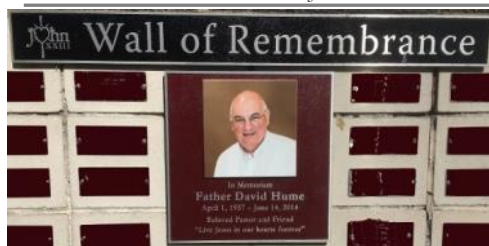
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Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

✉ stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au

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