



Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 November 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.

Some in today's gospel (Luke 21:5-19) sound as if they were seeing Jerusalem's impressive temple for the first time. This was the second temple, having been built on the return of the Israelites from captivity in Babylon a little over five hundred years earlier, but like any other building of such age it had undergone various works. The latest and greatest expansion was that undertaken by Herod the Great, though we tend to remember him from his role in Matthew's account of our Lord's birth. In 63 BC the Roman general Pompey helped establish the Herodian dynasty when he intervened in Judea's civil war, in which the Pharisees and Sadducees were on opposing sides. After besieging Jerusalem, Pompey respected the temple and encouraged the continuance of normal worship. In 6 BC, so shortly before our Lord's birth, Judea formally became a Roman province and it would be about seventy years, equal to the length of the Babylonian exile, before the revolt broke out that led to the destruction of the temple. Thus the public ministry of Jesus unfolded in the middle of a significant period; he and his disciples were indeed in the middle of something, as we always are, but at that point it is always hard to comprehend what is actually occurring until it is over. Scripture scholars believe that passages like today's reading have been somewhat reshaped by later knowledge since they were written soon after that temple was destroyed. At the same time, the disciples in Jerusalem and Judea faced the difficulty of being considered traitors for having refused to participate in the revolt; they already had come to understand, or were at least moving towards understanding, that the risen Jesus was the new temple. Their commitment to peace also prevented them joining the revolution.

Other movements in Judaism were disdainful of the temple or its priests. Even from the building of the new temple after the Babylonian exile (where the synagogue movement also emerged) some were dubious about its legitimacy, and others later rejected it outright as a hive of corruption. Even among those who accepted it there had always been a struggle to keep its worship pure. In the last of the prophetic Scriptures, from which we read today (Malachi 3:19-20), its unknown author (the appellation derived from its opening simply translates "My messenger") criticised the corrupt practices in this same temple right back in its earliest years, for although they returned with a renewed commitment to the Law the Judeans faltered in its ritual practices. Thus the history of the temple is an account of human frailty.

Early Christian writers are similarly witnesses to human waywardness among Christians right back at the beginning, as we read in today's second reading (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12). And any student of European history should be aware of other periods of ecclesiastical corruption, just as we are all painfully aware of more recent abuses among clergy. Recollection of our own history of faltering has taught modern Catholic preachers (but sometimes I fear not all) to be more circumspect in their references to ancient Jewish waywardness and to abandon the formerly frequent anti-Jewish interpretations of Scripture. We are always in the middle of some muddle and do not always recognise the presence of God's grace in it until much later. That is the good news, that God is there, gracefully working in its midst in ways we do not at first understand, writing straight with crooked lines, as it is said. Though the world be turned upside down with not one stone left standing upon another, though we come to the grief of a cross, there we await the dawning of the sun of righteousness. But the fear-mongering of some political figures who too easily point the finger of blame at certain others groups is counter to the graceful work of God, which takes on the pain of the suffering. Refuse to join them.

Mass at Holy Cross will be at 9:45am on Tuesday 15th November

NOT 9:15am. This is for this week only.

Mass Times

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

Holy Cross Primary School Mass
 Tuesdays 9:15am during school days

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

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

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Malachi 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the people with fairness. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Peter (Bohjat) Touma

Deceased:

Tiannah Del Rosario

Anniversary:

Anthony Alvares, Regalado Morales

Michael Daly, Alfredo Cruz

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

Christ Jesus, Saviour of every life,
You suffer with all who experience hardships and You always welcome any who entrust to You their own burdens.

Brother Roger of Taizé

COELIACS

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

Nov Church Calendar

Mon	14	8:30am - Mass
Tues	15	9:15am - Mass
Wed	16	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	17	<i>Saint Elizabeth of Hungary (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	18	9:15am - Mass
Sat	19	9.00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	20	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (S)</i> 7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

PARISH NEWS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Do you like to sing and be joyful at Mass?

Children from 6 years old to 12 years old will be trained in music.

If you would like to participate please email or contact Maria John
mariajohn14@hotmail.com / 0416 228 705



WE'RE BACK!!!

20th November, Sunday,
Christ the King,

We welcome any food donations.

Please contact Madeleine Huang via email
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Bleiburg: Massacre of the Croatian People 1945

by Fr. Zvonimir

Published by ATF Press.

PO Box 234, Brompton, SA 5007

Email: gbsiqueira@atf.org.au.

Until 1 December 2022

The book is \$40, postage \$10.

Forms at the church foyer.

Nativity Play: The Greatest Story Ever Told

Christmas Season is upon us once more. The Nativity Story has always been a huge part of our parish Family Mass on Christmas Eve. With Covid around us in the last 2 years, we missed watching our little children retell the greatest story ever. We are delighted to announce that the Annual Nativity Play is back!

We would like to invite children from ages 4-12 to participate in this year's Nativity Play. While we need older children to play the core characters like Mary and Joseph, The Three Wise Men, etc, we would also need little children to be the host of angels and a group of shepherd boys and girls to herd their sheep to the birthplace of Jesus. Let our children bring the story come to life!

Casting and rehearsal will be on Saturday 10 December 2022 at 3PM at the church. Second rehearsal will be on Saturday 17 December at 3PM.

If you would like your children to participate, please text Helen Festejo on 0401671665 or email: helen.festejo@gmail.com. Looking forward to having a great time with the kids.

Memories of our last Nativity Play before COVID! Let's do it again this year!



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

You may want to invite either Fr Jolly or Fr Zvonimir to join you and your family in your rosary prayers at home.

Please organize with the parish office.

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

	1	8	15	22	29
Nov	Barnouti	Barnouti	Barnouti	Ring	Paguinto
Dec	6 Jacob	13 Shalini	20 Paguinto	27 Paguinto	
Jan	3 Ring	10 Manalo	17 Manalo	24 Sebastian	31 Tanganun
Feb	7 Sebastian	14 D'Souza	21 Ring	28 Jacob	
Mar	7 Paguinto	14 Ring	21 available	28 Jacob	
Apr	4 available	11 available	18 Erasmio B	25 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.

⇒ 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.

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

⇒ 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

⇒ 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.

Christmas Mass Times

Please join us for Christmas services as we enter into the joy of the Christmas season.

24th December, Saturday – Christmas Eve

6:00am - Dawn Mass (Mass of the Rooster)

9:00am

6:00pm – Family Mass including the Nativity pageant presented by the children of our parish.

9:00pm

25th December, Sunday – Christmas Day

12:00am – Midnight Mass

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

We look forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord with you!



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.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the preparation of the gifts and the altar. As the ministers prepare the altar, representatives of the people bring forward the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ. The celebrant blesses and praises God for these gifts and places them on the altar, the place of the Eucharistic sacrifice. In addition to the bread and wine, monetary gifts for the support of the Church and the care of the poor may be brought forward. The Prayer over the Offerings concludes this preparation and disposes all for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer is the heart of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In this prayer, the celebrant acts in the person of Christ as head of his body, the Church. He gathers not only the bread and the wine, but the substance of our lives and joins them to Christ's perfect sacrifice, offering them to the Father.

The introductory dialogue, establishes that this prayer is the prayer of the baptized and ordained, is offered in the presence of God, and has thanksgiving as its central focus. Following this dialogue, the celebrant begins the Preface.

The Eucharistic Prayers make clear that these prayers are offered, not to Christ, but to the Father. It is worship offered to the Father by Christ as it was at the moment of his passion, death and resurrection, but now it is offered through the priest acting in the person of Christ, and it is offered as well by all of the baptized, who are part of Christ's Body, the Church. This is the action of Christ's Body, the Church at Mass.

The priest offers the Eucharistic Prayer in the first person plural, for example, "Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you..." This "we" signifies that all the baptized present at the Eucharistic celebration make the sacrificial offering in union with Christ, and pray the Eucharistic Prayer in union with him. And what is most important, we do not offer Christ alone; we are called to offer ourselves, our lives, our individual efforts to grow more like Christ and our efforts as a community of believers to spread God's Word and to serve God's people, to the Father in union with Christ through the hands of the priest. Most wonderful of all, although our offering is in itself imperfect, joined with the offering of Christ it becomes perfect praise and thanksgiving to the Father.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (no. 79) provides the following summary of the Eucharistic Prayer:

The main elements of which the Eucharistic Prayer consists may be distinguished from one another in this way:

- a) The thanksgiving (expressed especially in the Preface), in which the Priest, in the name of the whole of the holy people, glorifies God the Father and gives thanks to him for the whole work of salvation or for some particular aspect of it, according to the varying day, festivity, or time of year.*
- b) The acclamation, by which the whole congregation, joining with the heavenly powers, sings the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy). This acclamation, which constitutes part of the Eucharistic Prayer itself, is pronounced by all the people with the Priest.*
- c) The epiclesis, in which, by means of particular invocations, the Church implores the power of the Holy Spirit that the gifts offered by human hands be consecrated, that is, become Christ's Body and Blood, and that the unblemished sacrificial Victim to be consumed in Communion may be for the salvation of those who will partake of it.*
- d) The Institution narrative and Consecration, by which, by means of the words and actions of Christ, that Sacrifice is effected which Christ himself instituted during the Last Supper, when he offered his Body and Blood under the species of bread and wine, gave them to the Apostles to eat and drink, and leaving with the latter the command to perpetuate this same mystery.*
- e) The anamnesis, by which the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, celebrates the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven.*

f) The oblation, by which, in this very memorial, the Church, in particular that gathered here and now, offers the unblemished sacrificial Victim in the Holy Spirit to the Father. The Church's intention, indeed, is that the faithful not only offer this unblemished sacrificial Victim but also learn to offer their very selves, and so day by day to be brought, through the mediation of Christ, into unity with God and with each other, so that God may at last be all in all.

g) The intercessions, by which expression is given to the fact that the Eucharist is celebrated in communion with the whole Church, of both heaven and of earth, and that the oblation is made for her and for all her members, living and dead, who are called to participate in the redemption and salvation purchased by the Body and Blood of Christ.

h) The concluding doxology, by which the glorification of God is expressed and which is affirmed and concluded by the people's acclamation "Amen."

Communion Rite

The Communion Rite follows the Eucharistic Prayer, leading the faithful to the Eucharistic table.

The rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. Jesus taught this prayer to his disciples when they asked how to pray (cf. Mt 6:9-13, Lk 11:2-4). In this prayer, the people join their voices to pray for the coming of God's kingdom and to ask God to provide for our needs, forgive our sins, and bring us to the joy of heaven. The Rite of Peace follows. The celebrant prays that the peace of Christ will fill our hearts, our families, our Church, our communities, and our world. As a sign of hope, the people extend to those around them a sign of peace.

In the Fraction Rite, the celebrant breaks the consecrated bread as the people sing the Agnus Dei or "Lamb of God." John the Baptist proclaimed Jesus as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). The action of breaking the bread recalls the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, when he broke the bread before giving it to his disciples. One of the earliest names for the Eucharistic celebration is the breaking of the bread (Lk 24:35; Acts 2:42, 46). Before receiving Holy Communion, the celebrant and assembly acknowledge their unworthiness to receive so great a gift. The celebrant receives Holy Communion first and then the people come forward.

Those who receive Holy Communion should be prepared to receive so great a gift. They should fast (except for medicines) for at least one hour before receiving the Eucharist and should not be conscious of having committed serious sin.

Because sharing at the Eucharistic Table is a sign of unity in the Body of Christ, only those in communion with the Catholic Church may receive Holy Communion. To invite others present to receive Holy Communion implies a unity which does not exist. Those who do not receive Holy Communion still participate in this rite by praying for unity with Christ and with each other.

The people approach the altar and, bowing with reverence, receive Holy Communion. People may receive the Body of Christ either on the tongue or in the hand. The priest or other minister offers the Eucharist to each person saying, "The Body of Christ." The person receiving responds by saying, "Amen," a Hebrew word meaning, "So be it" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2856).

As the people receive Holy Communion, the communion chant/song is sung. The unity of voices echoes the unity the Eucharist brings. All may spend some time in silent prayer of thanksgiving as well.

The Communion Rite ends with the Prayer after Communion which asks that the benefits of the Eucharist will remain active in our daily lives.



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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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NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance.

Visit our website

<http://john23rd.com/>

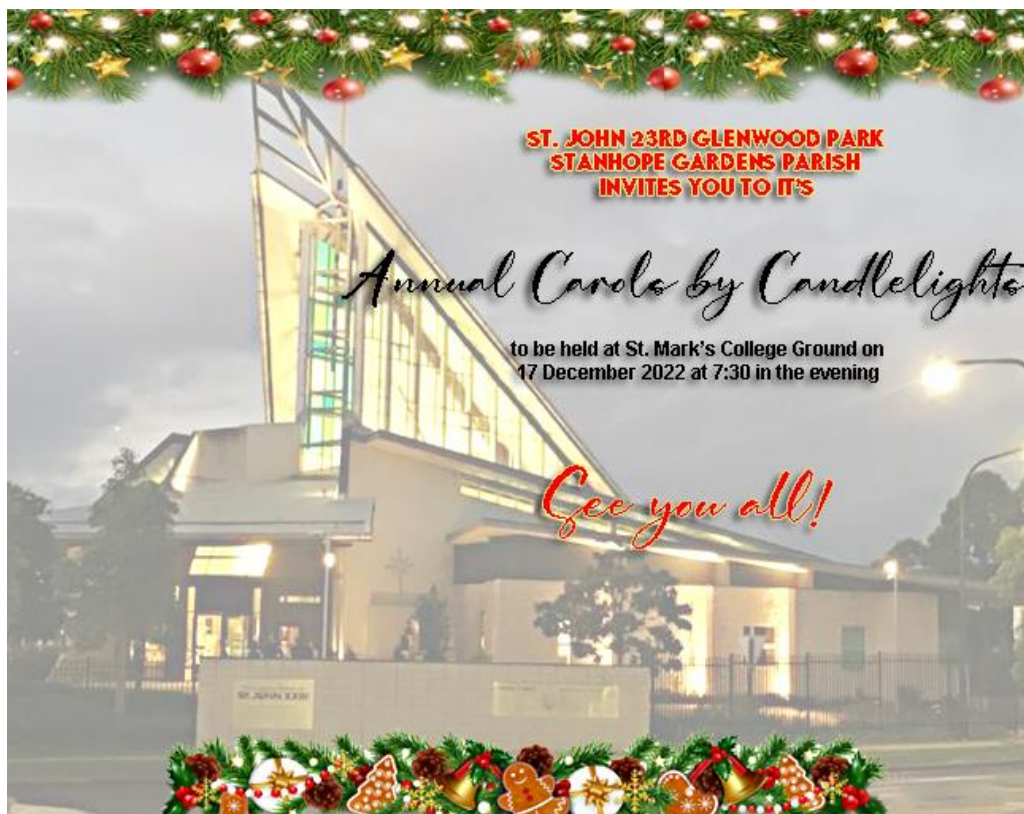
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Reminder

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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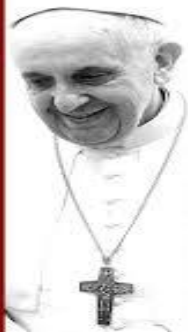
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or visit our FB page

www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/



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

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CRL YOUTH LEADERS

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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

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

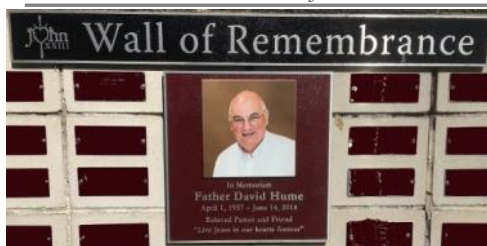
Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

✉ stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 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

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cakeangels.sjohn23@gmail.com



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10:00 AM SATURDAYS
ST JOHN XXIII COLLEGE GROUNDS

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

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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.