



## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 20 November 2022



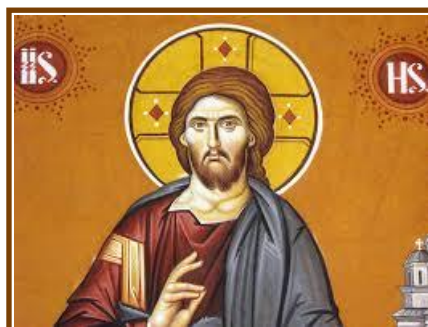
Welcome to the community of the Catholic Parish of St John 23rd Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens where the love of Christ is shining in so many ways.

For the sake of precision, the common designation of a character in today's gospel (Luke 23:35-43) as "the Good Thief" is oxymoronic; if he were good at being a thief he would not have been caught. Luke does not say that he is a thief, but refers to him as an "evil doer". It is Mark and Matthew who the two crucified alongside Jesus robbers or thieves, but they both deride him. John refers to them simply as "two others", so they neither deride nor repent. So Luke's character's later appellation is a result of cross-pollination or of the harmonisation of the separate gospels in people's minds. What are we to make of Luke's unique account?

Back on Sunday 24C we read what the Lectionary's introduction calls the "Gospel within the Gospel: the message of pardon and reconciliation—the parables of God's mercy". Mercy is not mentioned directly in any of the three parables; the concept they do clearly share is the rejoicing that takes place on retrieving what had been lost. To speak of mercy, which is to put aside retribution and to release from punishment, makes no sense concerning the lost coin or missing sheep, for what punishment could either deserve? A stupid and bad shepherd might indeed punish a reclaimed sheep for having strayed, but what could be done to punish a retrieved coin, and who would try it? The wayward son of the third parable may merit censure, but he meets instead the compassion of his father, who does not treat the son as he himself thinks he deserves—that is mercy. Again, however, it is not mercy that is common to all three parables, but God's rejoicing, which is a grace, the bestowal of a good thing undeserved. God's rejoicing over the redeemed and regained is a manifestation of God's merciful grace.

It is worth thinking about some simple definitions. A penalty is the punishment deserved for a bad thing, reward the bestowal of a good thing earned, grace the good thing undeserved, and mercy the undeserved release from the penalty deserved.

Those parables, two of which are unique to Luke, were told in the middle of the journey to Jerusalem, on the way of the cross; at its beginning Jesus had invited his disciples metaphorically to take up their cross and follow him (Sunday 12C); here on the last Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the feast commonly called Christ the King, we are at that journey's end, at Jerusalem and on the cross. Here we are presented with Luke's unique account of one who echoes those parables, the one crucified with him though he had not taken up the cross of discipleship to follow him, who acknowledges his own wrongdoing and asks to be remembered in the kingdom, and who is promised welcome in paradise that same day. He is not rewarded for any good thing he has done. Rather here is the lost sheep brought home by the shepherd, here we find not so much a lost coin unearthed but perhaps a rough diamond, and here the errant brother is welcomed by the elder brother, "the first born from the dead" (NRSV, Colossians 1:18), who invites him on the Father's behalf into heaven's celebration of the lost and restored.



He is before all things,  
and in him all things  
hold together.

He is the head of the  
body, the church

### 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

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

### First Reading

*A reading from the second book of Samuel 5:1-3*

*They anointed David king of Israel.*

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 121:1-5*

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David. **R.**

### Second Reading

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:12-20*

*He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.*

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation; for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominions, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**



### Gospel Acclamation

*Mark 11:9, 10*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 23:35-43*

*Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Maria Caterina Chiddo, Felicidad Villanueva,  
Father Peter Maher, Marie Lancaster,  
Maria Nikolic

### Deceased:

### Anniversary:

Kevin Daly, Riolen & Aeldred Weber,  
Rev Sr Thomas Acquino

### 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

God of compassion,  
we praise you for the multitudes of  
women, men, young people, who, all  
over the world, seek to bear witness to  
peace, to reconciliation, to  
communion.

*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	21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M) 8:30am - Mass
Tues	22	Saint Cecilia (M) 9:15am - Mass
Wed	23	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	24	Saints Andrew Dung Lac and companions (M) 9:15am - Mass
Fri	25	9:15am - Mass
Sat	26	9.00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	27	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

## PARISH NEWS

### 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 COCOVID 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](mailto: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!



## SJ23RD YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

SJ23rd "Young At heart" seniors are organizing a "Xmas Lunch at the Fiddler" on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December at 11.30pm – 12.00pm start.

Seniors of the Parish are most welcome.

To join the group for lunch please contact Frank on 0459504625, as booking is essential. Closing date to register your name is on the 5<sup>th</sup> December.



## Bleiburg: Massacre of the Croatian People 1945



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by Fr. Zvonimir

Published by ATF Press.

PO Box 234, Brompton, SA 5007

Email: [gbsiqueira@atf.org.au](mailto:gbsiqueira@atf.org.au).

Until 1 December 2022

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

Forms at the church foyer.

## 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](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	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	

*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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

#### 24<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 25<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Liturgy is always an action, something we do. It is a public action, a ritual action, and a symbolic action. It is the proclamation of the word that God speaks to us; it is in the breaking of the bread that we recognise Christ. We participate in the action of the liturgy by responding, singing, listening and joining the gestures.

### Liturgical seasons

The worship of the Catholic Church follows a calendar that is based on a cycle of liturgical seasons plus saints' days celebrated throughout the year.

Just as we mark our lives by anniversaries, the Church celebrates the mysteries of Christ's life in a recurrent pattern. Within the cycle of a year the Church remembers and celebrates Christ's conception, birth, death, resurrection and sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

During the course of the year we bring to mind past events and people to keep the mystery of faith alive today and we look forward to Christ's return in glory at the end of time. As pilgrim people, we are constantly nourished by the story of Jesus and guided by the saints, our ancestors in the faith, living witness of God's unchanging love.

In some respects the church's way of keeping time conflicts with the secular calendar. The new liturgical year begins on the first Sunday of Advent at the end of November, just as many other things like the academic year are coming to an end.

The seasons of the liturgical year are:

- † Advent – a period covering the 4 Sundays before Christmas during which we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth and anticipate his coming again at the end of time. The liturgical colour for Advent is violet.
- † Christmas – the season of Christmas celebrates Christ's birth and early manifestations. It runs from 25th December to until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after 6th January. The liturgical colour for the Christmas season is white.
- † Lent – the 6-week time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and finishes on the evening of Holy Thursday. The liturgical colour for Lent is violet.
- † Easter – the heart of the liturgical year is the Easter Triduum (three days) celebrated from the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday evening. The Easter Vigil is the high-point of the celebration. The joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection continues for the 50-day Easter season from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. The liturgical colour for Easter is white.

Apart from these seasons, there are 33 or 34 weeks of the year that do not celebrate a particular aspect of the mystery of Christ but are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. This period of the Church calendar is called Ordinary Time because the weeks are numbered in order. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green.

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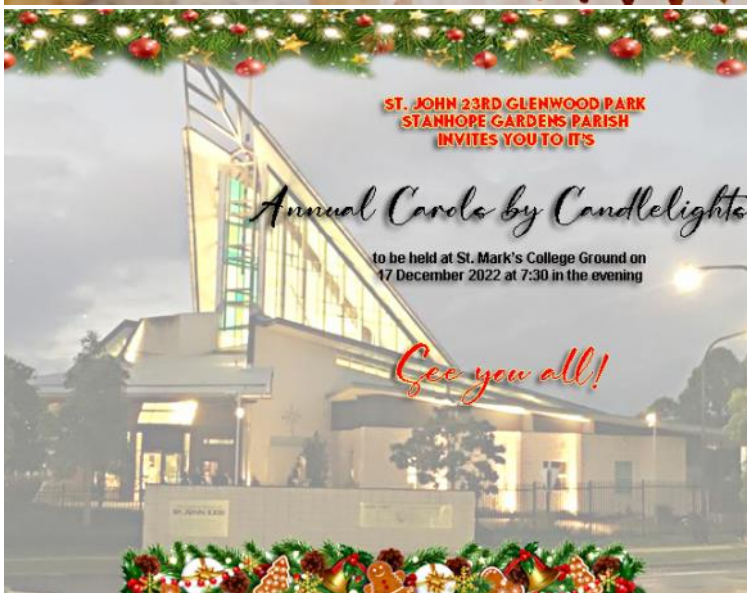


**BLAZE YOUTH PRESENTS**

# BAKE SALE

4th December, after 7:30am, 9am and 10:30 am masses

All proceeds will go towards WYD funding

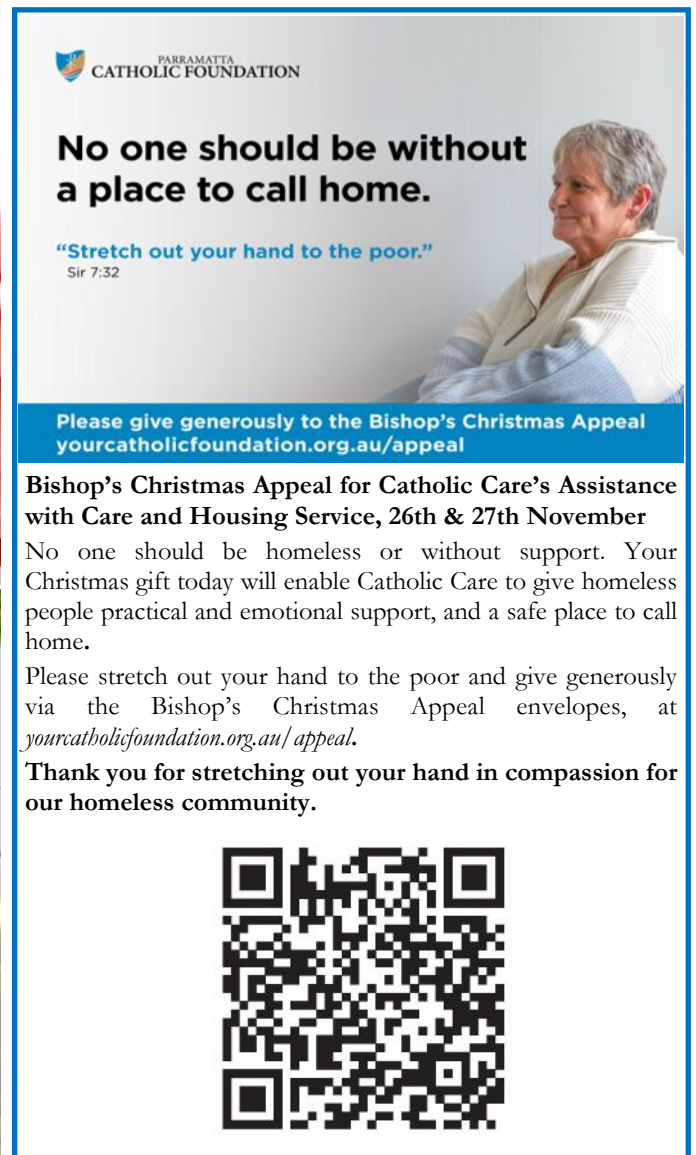


**ST. JOHN 23RD GLENWOOD PARK STANHOPE GARDENS PARISH INVITES YOU TO ITS**

## Annual Cards by Candlelight

to be held at St. Mark's College Ground on 17 December 2022 at 7:30 in the evening

*See you all!*



**PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION**

## No one should be without a place to call home.

**"Stretch out your hand to the poor."**  
Sir 7:32


**Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal**  
[yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

**Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing Service, 26th & 27th November**

No one should be homeless or without support. Your Christmas gift today will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support, and a safe place to call home.

Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes, at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal).

**Thank you for stretching out your hand in compassion for our homeless community.**





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

**Reminder**

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

Do not block the  
neighbours' driveway.



**OFFICE FOR WORSHIP**  
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

For more events please go to [parracatholic.org/events](http://parracatholic.org/events) or <https://catholicoutlook.org/>

**Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022**

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



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

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

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

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

**Mass for Deceased Clergy – Friday Nov 25**

Bishop Vincent will celebrate a Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the Diocese at St Bernadette's Church, 367 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill on Friday, November 25 at 10.30am, which will be followed by prayers at the priests' section of Castle Hill Cemetery, Gilbert Road, Castle Hill. You are warmly invited to attend these celebrations.

**PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION**

**Parish Fundraising Resources**

**No one should be without a place to call home.**

**Help Catholic Care end homelessness in our community.**

**Bishop's Christmas Appeal**  
26 and 27 November 2022

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

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For all youth ministry enquiries,

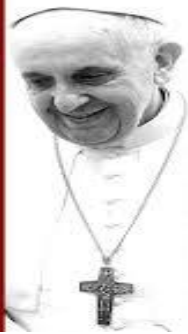
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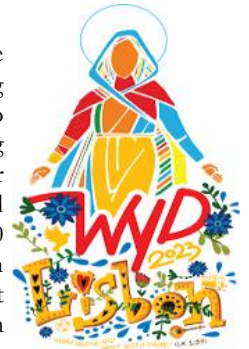


**BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM**



### 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

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

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

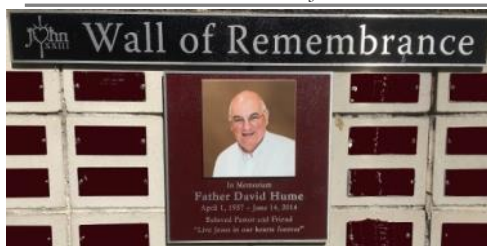
Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

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

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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  
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St John23rd  
College Hall**

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# AVENUE



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## COLUMBARIUM

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## PARISH SOCIAL VOLLEYBALL



10:00 AM SATURDAYS  
ST JOHN XXIII COLLEGE GROUNDS

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

## 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.