



## Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 6 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.

Today's gospel (Luke 20:27-38) picks up over a chapter later than last Sunday's, so we have missed more references to the resolute march to Jerusalem, Jesus' warnings of his approaching death, his entry into the city (in which is found the last mention of the Pharisees) and the cleansing of the temple, and the consternation of the chief priests and leaders that provokes them to keep a watch on him. Thus we suddenly find ourselves in Jerusalem with the chief priests and leaders having replaced the Pharisees as opponents of Jesus, and just as the Pharisees did, they engage him in typically Jewish disputes over the Law—which, as in all philosophising, is a method of teasing out nuances of meaning. The gospels are often the earliest witnesses to some disputed points at that time.

The link to the first reading (2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14) is their shared phrase "there were seven brothers", and that the brothers die. The Maccabees excerpt is curiously abbreviated as we leap from the opening speech of the first brother to the last breath of the second, thence continuing until abruptly terminating with the final witness of the fourth. So having heard the testimony of three, and of the death of not entirely the same three, the final three of the seven are omitted entirely, possibly leaving attentive congregants feeling somehow riddled upon if not bemused. Perhaps the Lectionary's devisers drew inspiration from Scheherazade's legendary method of telling her 1001 stories to keep hearers hungering for the next instalment, but the Lectionary does not deliver it. On the other hand, perhaps we should be relieved in not having to hear all the gruesome details and are to attend solely to the terminating witness to the brothers' belief in the resurrection, the denial of which was a tenet of the Sadducees. Modern Christians often find it incomprehensible that some Israelites, even the priests, could have rejected, as do modern atheists, any notion of an afterlife and the immortality of the soul, but they did. There is, after all, nothing new under the sun.

The Sadducees' hypothetical case of the seven-times widowed yet still childless woman was used to challenge belief in any kind of afterlife, but it opens questions about the nature of marriage itself. Jesus' response locates marriage entirely within the earthly life (the only one the Sadducees accepted) and with a solely earthly purpose. How so? Because marriage exists as a social arrangement to do with procreation, and procreation has to do with the fact that we die: on earth people marry and have children because people die on earth; in heaven there is no dying, and so there is no begetting or birthing, and so there is no marrying in heaven. So, murderous so-called martyrs with expectations of endless virginal recreation are deluded dupes who would find heaven disappointing. On a different path, others seek to redefine marriage in an entirely novel manner, historically speaking, almost refusing to acknowledge that across all human societies, and in whatever manner they have contracted or honoured it, it has always been a socially regulated arrangement emerging from procreation. Other unions may be deserving of similar social regulation, but that does not make them the same.

In the second part of Jesus' response we find a typically Jewish style of arguing based in the form of a verb used in a Scripture passage. Hebrew verbs function differently from ours and allow peculiar shades of meaning, so many rabbinic discussions revolve around a text's use of a particular form. Referring generally to Exodus 3 Jesus draws on the form of the verb "to be" used in verse 14 to explain the name of God, and this is followed by the second instance of the description, "God of Abraham..." The form cannot be tied to the past, so that statement indicates also now and the future. His point is that, according to Scripture, Abraham and Isaac and Jacob are, but since they have died in this world they are alive in another way, alive to God.

### 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 <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
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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  
*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

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### First Reading

*A reading from the second book of Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14*

*The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.*

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15*

**R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.**

Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. **R.**

I kept my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **R.**

Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. **R.**

### Second Reading

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5*

*May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.*

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

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### Gospel Acclamation

*Revelation 1:5, 6*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 20:27-38*

*He is not a God of the dead but of the living.*

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

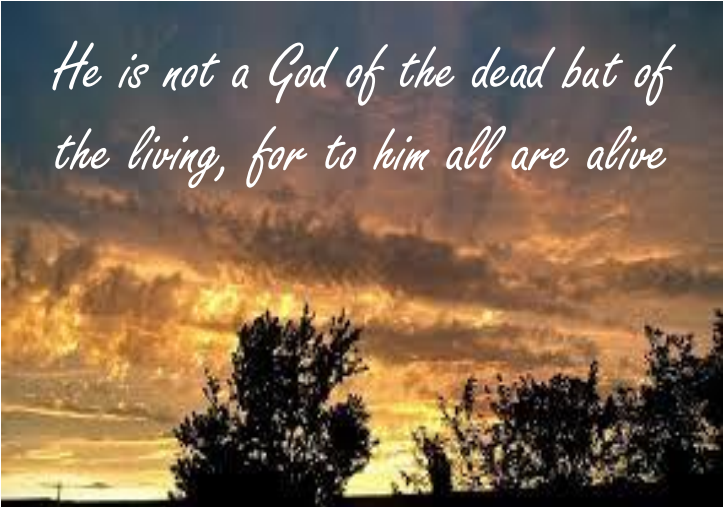
Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.



*He is not a God of the dead but of the living, for to him all are alive*

## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

### Deceased:

Solferino Agra Sr, Victorina Agra, Ruby Agra  
Charles Briffa

### Anniversary:

Josephine Grace Vimala

### 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,  
Florenia 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	7	8:30am - Mass
Tues	8	9:15am - Mass
Wed	9	<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Thurs	10	<i>Saint Leo the Great (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	11	<i>Saints Martin de Tours (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Sat	12	<i>Saint Josaphat (M)</i> 9.00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	13	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

## PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Music is often an important part of any special gathering and celebration. In the Eucharist we celebrate our faith and our singing in the Liturgy unite us as a single worshipping community. It expresses our shared faith. In fact St Augustin says "singing once is praying twice." Singing expresses the wonders of God, of the life, death and resurrection of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit among us. Music also expresses joy and enthusiasm. In this regard, I like to express our gratitude on behalf of the parish to each member of our parish choir.

One of our young and talented parishioners, Maria John, who is a music teacher and music therapist is offering her talent and gift to the parish in training our children from age 6 to 12 in view of forming a Little Children's Parish Choir. It has two purposes, firstly, to help children to express their joy, enthusiasm and faith through singing. Secondly, to demonstrate their musical talents.

In this regard, we request our parishioners to allow your children to be trained in church music and be part of the parish children's choir. (A big thanks to Maria). If you would like your children to be part of it.

Please pick up the form, to be filled from the parish entrance tables and bring back.

Fr Jolly Chacko

### 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

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parents: \_\_\_\_\_



## 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.

### YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

Please note our next get together meeting will be in the church kitchen on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> Nov, after the 9.15am mass to discuss our next outings and our Xmas Party.

All seniors of the Parish that wants to join are most welcome.



### ⇒ SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FACILITATORS

We require assistance at the children's baptismal rites during Sundays 12pm. For interested parties please contact the Parish Office on 8883 5981.

### ⇒ GARDENERS AND CLEANERS

Now that the church is open for celebrations, its floors need to be swept of dust, cobwebs brushed off, candle stands cleaned and garden kept green. We would like to request all our volunteer cleaners and gardeners to come back and continue their ministry.

For more information contact [maintenance@john23rd.org.au](mailto:maintenance@john23rd.org.au) or the parish office.

### ⇒ VINNIES VAN

The Vinnies Van provides food, friendship, compassion and dignity to those experiencing homelessness and social isolation in the Mount Druitt and Parramatta areas. To become a volunteer of Vinnies Van you must be 16 years of age and over and available to attend induction training upon commencement.

For more information on joining the SJ23rd Vinnies Van team, please contact Naomi Reynolds at [naomi1.rey@gmail.com](mailto:naomi1.rey@gmail.com)

### Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group

Please come and join the Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group at 6.30pm in the Parish Office Kitchen. For further enquiries please call Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039

### Paying our debt together

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

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

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

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



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

**A well-known word that is close in meaning to 'liturgy' is the word 'worship'. But while worship can be done privately, 'liturgy' is always a public, group activity.**

Like many other 'churchy' words, 'liturgy' comes from the language used by the early church in its worship and writings – Greek. The word liturgy is derived from leitourgia which was used to refer to any public work or function exercised by the people as a whole. The people who do the work of liturgy are the people of God, all baptised.

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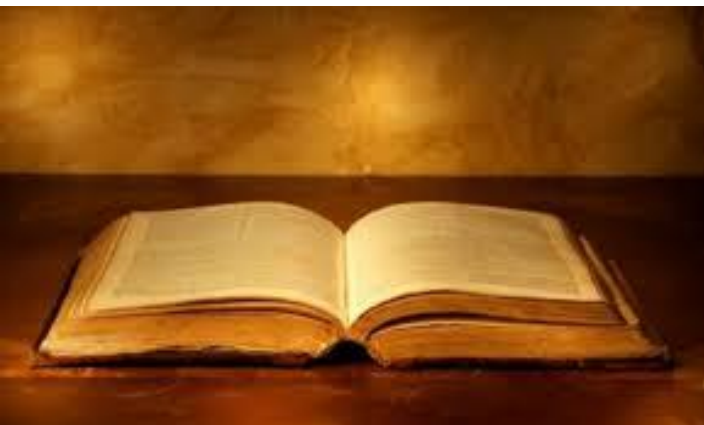
A working definition of 'liturgy' that is helpful is 'The official, public worship of the Church'.

Some of the best-known forms of liturgy in the Roman Catholic Church are:

- ♦ Mass (or Eucharist) *(In the celebration of Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.)*
- ♦ Baptism *(Because water is essential to all life, the water of baptism symbolises the life-giving grace that sustains those who have become children of God.)*
- ♦ Confirmation *(Confirmation is about renewing one's baptismal promises before receiving communion for the first time.)*
- ♦ Marriage *(The mutual love of man and woman becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves humanity.)*
- ♦ Funerals *(At a Catholic funeral the community gathers to say farewell to the person who has died and entrust that person to God's loving care.)*
- ♦ Penance (or Confession) *(Through this process, a person is reconciled with the Church and continues to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ.)*

In the Catholic Church, we worship using forms and patterns of worship that have developed during the Church's 2000-year history. Every day of the year falls into a particular place into the church's liturgical calendar, and certain scripture readings and prayers are assigned for use at Mass each day. The celebration of the rites of Baptism, Marriage, Funerals and so on are set out in the Church's ritual of books.

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.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/liturgy/>





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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.



'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.

### Bleiburg: Massacre of the Croatian People 1945



ZVONIMIR GAVRANOVIC

#### About the book:

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

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until 1 December 2022**

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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.



## 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.

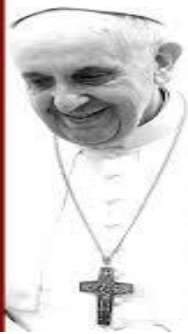
Join us for a fun night filled with music, games, discussion, prayer and of course pizza. BLAZE youth session runs from 7:15 to 9pm and is held every second Friday throughout the school term in the St John XXIII school hall.

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)

Youth Coordinator	Asst Youth Coordinator	Youth Leaders	
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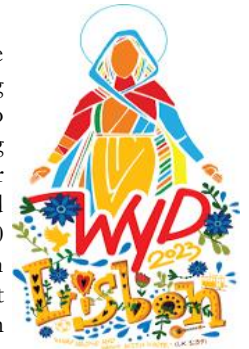
**For all youth ministry enquiries,**  
 ✉ [blaze@john23rd.org.au](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au)  
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**BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM**



### 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)

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### St John XXIII Catholic College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

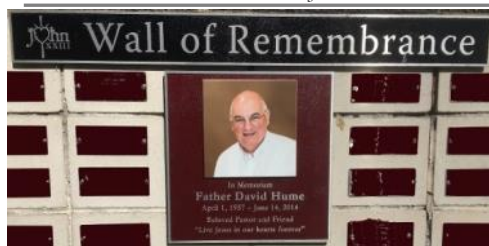
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**St John23rd**  
**College Hall**

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### COLUMBARIUM

Columbarium Niches reservations are getting filled from neighbouring parishioners. For our parishioners who are planning to buy a Niche, do so without delay, because we always want to prioritise members of our parish who wish to buy the Niches. Cost for a niche is \$3000. For further information please contact the Parish Office.



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contact Madeline Huang  
[cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com](mailto:cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com)



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**SJ23rd Prayer Group**



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**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.