

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.

Most of the gospel passage we hear today is found only in Matthew's Gospel, especially in the way these four teachings about killing, adultery, divorce, and swearing oaths are structured. There will be two more next week.

'You have learnt how it was said ... but I say to you.' With this antithetical pattern Matthew introduces us to why Christianity is the complete form of God's plan for the world. What Jesus is saying here is that to be a good Christian it is not enough to keep the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are not the pinnacle of Christian living. They are only the foundation upon which true Christian virtue needs to be erected. Jesus sets out a deepening and a radicalising of what God revealed at Sinai to Moses. There is a two-step path to how we are to live. The first is the step, captured in those ancient commandments, of moving from killing to not killing, of committing adultery to not committing adultery, of stealing to not stealing. Jesus tells us this is only the first step.

The second step is not only not to kill but not even to get angry, not only not physically to commit adultery but not even mentally to commit adultery. This is the hidden wisdom of God, not that we are to be better persons but we are to be new persons, new persons in baptism, new persons in the Spirit of God. The Christian is not about doing the bare minimum but about being one's complete self.

St Augustine of Hippo explains this two-step path to virtue in his Commentary on the Sermon on the Mount: 'Not to kill is, therefore, the least commandment, and whoever breaks it will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But those who fulfil it in the sense that they refrain from killing are not all at once heroes fit for the kingdom of heaven. They have, to be sure, risen to a certain degree; but to be perfect they will not even become angry without cause'.

It is interesting to note that Augustine qualifies anger. He says that it is wrong to get angry 'without cause'. This is not what Jesus said. It would seem that Augustine accepted that not all anger was bad. When I look at what Jesus said, I have my own dilemma. I doubt that we can truly live without ever feeling angry. What we can control is how we deal with such emotion. We are capable of finding ways of not letting anger control us. As the author of the letter to the Ephesians writes (4:26): 'Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry'. The author acknowledges that we are going to get angry, but he urges us to deal with it, and to deal with it immediately, before it festers and ruins our relationships with others.

What I think we find Jesus saying in all of this is not so much that God does not want us simply to obey rules and regulations as much as God wants us to live lives full of love for each other. The law of the Lord is the way of love; the law of the Lord is the way of peace; the law of the Lord is the way of Jesus, who gave himself for others. We keep the law of God not simply by what we do and don't do but by keeping it within our hearts, allowing that law to mould us and fashion us into the image of the Son. Jesus wants us to be wholehearted, not legalistic.

We can be thankful today that God has revealed to us the fullness and maturity of life in the Spirit. We can be thankful for the wisdom that God brings us, a wisdom that goes beyond the bare necessities and leads us to the full blossoming of our human potential, which will only be realised in the kingdom to which we have been invited by God's grace.

Geoffrey D. Dunn

Parish Ministry Invitation

Our parish is celebrating the next 3 weeks as parish ministry week. It is a time for every parishioner to find his or her role in the parish.

How can each of you be a part of the parish mission?

How can you support the parish?

How can the parish support you?

Take a few moments at home, discuss with your family, co-parishioner, priests, members of the different ministries in the parish, the liturgy team, finance committee, parish council. We are one big spiritual family and we wish and pray that all of us will be part of that family. Stand up and be counted and included. Please don't exclude yourself. You can make a difference in this parish.

Make a difference.

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."

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
Tues 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
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

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

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus - Sirach 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

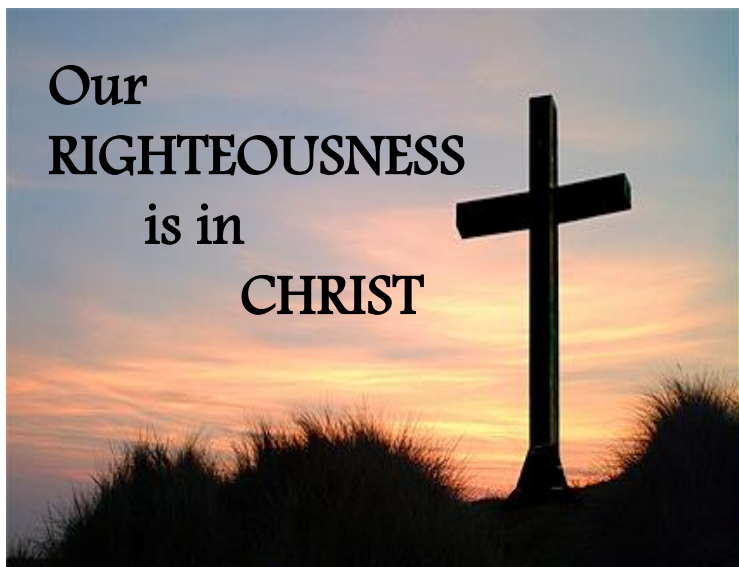
R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R.**



Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Fr Ruben Elago, Censina Baldacchino,
Teresita Ombina, Sonya Merchant,
Clarrie Conolly, Gwen Kendall

Anniversary:

Sick: Names published with permission.

Liv Toole, Elsie Knapp, Roland, Michael,
Rosario, Elizabeth Langley, Father Joseph,
Peter Dawson, Valeria Laureta, Karam Matte,
Carrie Conolly, Melissa Randall, Tony Muscat,
Isagani Ocampo, Emma Matoza, Bev Lewis,
Adrian Gould, Sophie De Leon, Kelly Ryan,
Zenira D'Souza, Dragica Julich, Adolfo Mayo,
Cristina Arceo, Charlie Busuttil, Hilary Regan
Raymond Lanzona, Rosamma John Pellissery,
Zoey Illic, Mavie Delacruz, Virginia Santos,
Dr Bronwyn Andrews, Ben & Etta Benesa,
Greg Marcellana, Gloria Bueno, Jenat Perera,
Wally Atie, Deidre Thomson, Maria Romeo,
Rhonda & Damian, Geoffrey Robinson,
Maryanne Jaramillo, Elizabeth Candame,
Florentina Elisura, Barbara Thompson,
Anshu Mala Nand, Leopoldo Cuisia,
Florescia Cunanan, Elizabeth Newnes,
Christina Properzi, Johnathan Gemin,
Perla Magculang, Cindy Dadivas

Thanksgiving:

Consuelo Mangona

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,
in your Gospel we realize that what
counts above all is compassion.
Grant us, then, hearts full of goodness.

Brother Roger of Taizé

COELIACS

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

February Church Calendar

Mon	13	8:30am - Mass
Tues	14	<i>Saints Cyril and Methodius (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	15	9:15am - Mass followed by Young at Hearts Bus Trip
Thurs	16	9:15am - Mass
Fri	17	9:15am - Mass
Sat	18	9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass 7:00pm - BLAZE Zumba night
Sun	19	7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am - Mass 6:00 pm - Mass

Praying together

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer

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).



Novena mass - 7:30pm every First Tuesday

Join us for novena prayers every Tuesday, 7:00pm then pick up our Lady's statue. Roster below.

You may invite either Fr Jolly or Fr Zvonimir to join you in prayers at home. Please organise with the parish office.

Rosary Statue Family Roster

Feb	7	14	21	28	
	<i>Sebastian</i>	D'Souza	Ring	Jacob	
Mar	7	14	21	28	
	Paguinto	Ring	Shalini	Jacob	
Apr	4	11	18	25	
	Deang	Jacob	Erasmus B	Sebastian	
May	2	9	16	23	30
	Vernon	Paguinto	Erasmus	Sebastian	Tina B
Jun	6	13	20	27	
	Shalini	<i>available</i>	Richards	Barnouti	

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

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.

OUR FINANCE AT A GLANCE (Average monthly figures)

Income - Second Collection and donations	Includes envelopes, loose collection, Credit cards, donations and bank interest	\$ 24,000
Expenses	Includes office wages, insurance, utilities, car rentals, telephone, Liturgical, etc.	\$ 18,000
Loan repayment		\$ 5,000
	Reserved for contingency expenses	\$ 1,000
Total Expenses		\$24,000

First collection Income	The first collection goes to the maintenance of the priests' and deacons' allowances, food, medical, accommodation and housekeeping (pastoral)	\$ 4,700
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Monthly Pastoral expenses		\$ 9,000
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Monthly Shortfall - \$ 4,300

Our existing Parish Loan \$ 3.49M

Owed to the Catholic Foundation \$ 38,200

Paying our debt together

Thank you to all our parishioners who have always so generously supported our Parish. We will always be grateful for your generosity

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 from the website.

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

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

or
scan the QR
code



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.



WE NEED YOU

⇒ **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.

⇒ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FACILITATORS**

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

⇒ **GARDENERS AND CLEANERS**

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

For more information contact maintenance@john23rd.org.au or the parish office.

⇒ **VINNIES VAN**

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

For more information on joining the SJ23rd Vinnies Van team, please contact Naomi Reynolds at naomi1.rey@gmail.com

PLANNED GIVING

We encourage everyone to join in the planned giving to the parish.

Please fill up the forms on the pews and drop it off in either the "planned giving" box in the front foyer or in the letter box near the sacristy.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

For information on different ministries and planned giving, please speak with the team members who are available at the front entrance of the church.

PALMS

Please bring your palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration.

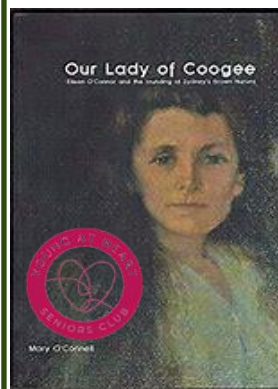
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Thank you.



YOUNG AT HEART PARISH SENIORS BUS TRIP

Pilgrimage Bus Trip with Fr Zvonimir to Eileen O'Connor at Coogee



- **15th February, Wednesday**
 - departure time after the 9:15am mass
 - returning around 3-4pm.
 - tea and coffee on arrival.
 - bring your own lunch
- We will be having our lunch near the beach which is only 5 minutes away from the place. *(weather permitting)*

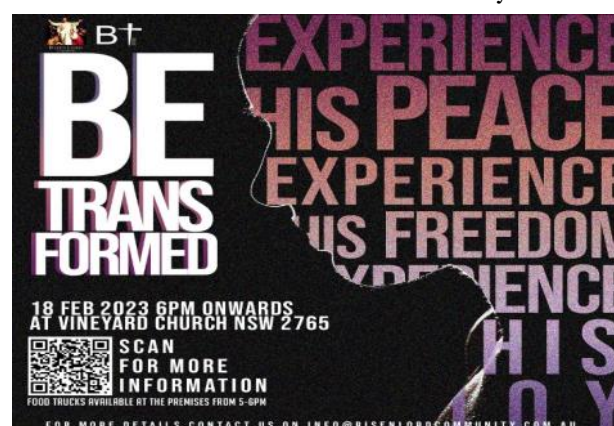
SEATS ARE BOOKED OUT

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE BAGS IN THE PARISH CARPARK.

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Here's a New Year's Resolution for you.



Leave the anxiety, frustration, and weariness in 2022. Step into 2023 refreshed and renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit. You're invited to a night of worship **'Be Transformed'** on Saturday, February 18.

There'll be food trucks from 5pm followed by an evening of live music, worship, healing and prayer ministry from 6 pm at Vineyard Church.

Visit Risen Lord Community.com.au to register for this free, family-friendly event.

Anything worth doing is worth preparing for.

Just imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced. Imagine that there will be many graces offered me this year. Let's even imagine that God is going to help transform our lives, with greater freedom, greater joy, deeper desires for love and service.

If we want it, we will choose it.

Lent will be this wonderful season of grace for us if we give ourselves to it. And, we will give ourselves to it to the degree we really want it badly. So, in these days before Lent, we need to prepare our hearts. We need to prepare by realizing how much we want to grow in freedom, how much we need to lighten our spirits and experience some real joy, and how much some parts of our lives really need changing.

So, preparing our hearts is a process of preparing our desires. This means practicing our sense of anticipation. If I imagine Lent as an "ordeal" or a time I dread in some way, then I've already pre-disposed myself to not get very much out of it. These days before Lent are a time to start anticipating something wonderful that is about to happen.

Our Focus: On what God wants to give us.

Our sense of excitement and anticipation will grow more easily if we begin to imagine what God wants to give us. There is really something coming that we can truly look forward to. If we get too focused on ourselves, and what we are going to do or not do, we could risk missing the gift God wants to give us. We have to keep aware of the fact that grace comes from God. This is about God's great desire to bless us. Then, it is easier for us to imagine that what we really want to do is place ourselves in a space to receive what God wants to give us.

Not starting from a dead stop.

Taking some time to get ready for Lent will ensure that we aren't going to miss the first week or two of Lent, because we are just getting started. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, but we want to be ready to really take off on that day, rather than just beginning to think about Lent on that day. Part of what makes a vacation or a special anniversary so special is the build-up to it.

Before we get to Ash Wednesday, we should start asking ourselves some questions and we should start with some preparations. "What does God want to give me this year?" This question may require that I slow down a bit and listen to my inner spirit. For example, even if I'm very busy, I realize I'm hungry when I hear my stomach start "growling." "What am I going to be doing on Ash Wednesday?" Too often, Ash Wednesday is like every other day, except that I manage to get to church and get ashes on my forehead. Is there anything else I can do on Ash Wednesday? How will fasting and abstaining happen for me, for my family on that special day?

Lent is not something I need to do alone.

If I have a spouse, or children, or some close friends, or distant e-mail companions, I can begin now to talk about how we will support each other in this Lenten journey. The anticipation and the preparation is transformed with the companionship of family and close friends. We shouldn't be deterred by the fear that our spouse or children or friends "won't be into it." Jesus said, "Fear is useless; what's needed is trust." Let's begin now to tell others about our desires. Let's help support others' expectations. Let's help others see that Lent doesn't have to be something I avoid, and certainly can't be reduced to "giving up candy." We can help our loved ones to begin to imagine what they could receive from God in these days.



Ash Wednesday is a great place to start with our planning. "What are we going to eat?" We shouldn't be embarrassed if we really haven't fasted in a long time, or perhaps ever before. We can plan to intentionally have only one full meal on Ash Wednesday. We can make that meal very meaningful and symbolic.

Getting ready, means getting my house ready, too. And, it can mean lots of choices.

In the days before Lent, we can read some of the resources here that give concrete ideas of ways to get ready to begin. Choosing Lent, Acting Lent gives a number of ways we can enter Lent with our whole selves, - as body-persons, who use our senses to help us experience things deeply. The symbols in our home, and the concrete choices we make can shape the way we will begin Lent, as individuals and as a family.

And, it doesn't take much time.

It doesn't take a lot of time to prepare for the beginning of Lent. It just takes desire and focus. God can do so much with that. We can give God more of a space to touch our hearts if we begin to establish some simple patterns. We could wake up each morning, and for something like a half a minute to a minute, stand by the edge of our beds, and just ask the Lord for the grace to let this day be one in which I long for the beginning of Lent. Perhaps we need to ask for specific helps or graces to get ready to begin Lent. Whatever we try to say, our Lord can understand the Spirit trying to speak through our simple words. And all it takes is the time to find and put on our slippers. And each night, in the days ahead, we can practice giving thanks to God before I go to bed. This simple pattern, in the morning and evening can stir our spirits to look forward to and prepare for Lent, as a season of grace.

May our Lord bless us all on this journey ahead.

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/index.html>

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

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

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

Youth Coordinator	Asst Youth Coordinator	Youth Leaders	
Amanda Lee 0413 545 318	Caitlin Green 0425 579 594	Anna Todhunter Taylor Coutinho Natasha Surjanto	Charlotte Todhunter Johnathan Soosaipillai



For all youth ministry enquiries,

✉ blaze@john23rd.org.au

or visit our FB page

www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/



BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM

COME AND JOIN

MORE YOUTH GROUPS

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

Rojith de Silva 0405 956 3210
Nimeshi Fernando 0417 101009

YFC (*Youth for Christ*)
YOUTH LEADERS

[YFC International](#)
Vince Erasmo 0406 253698
[YFC Australia](#)
Jonathan Montaos 0401 478733

WYD Appeal - Blaze Youth

BLAZE Youth will continue to raise funds every second weekend by hosting various events to support the participating youths of our wonderful church. BLAZE leaders hope to raise \$20,000 and we are still way off our mark.. If you'd like to make a donation towards our goal, you could go through the Parish's BPoint account site <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/StJohnXXIIIPGSG> and caption your donation as "YOUTH - WYD DONATION".

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 you can contact us via email blaze@john23rd.org.au

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO OUR ENDEAVOURS





WYD'23

ZUMBA NIGHT

80'S THEME



Join us for an evening of Zumba!
Saturday, February 18th
7-8pm
Tickets: \$20 Limited Spots!
Location: St John XXIII Catholic College Hall

All proceeds go to our WYD Pilgrimage!
Tickets will be sold after mass!

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

✉ celstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.celstanhope.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

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'The Well' offering on-demand spiritual nourishment
For more events please go to parracatholic.org/events or <https://catholicoutlook.org/>

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2023



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.

Ministries for Formation include Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar.

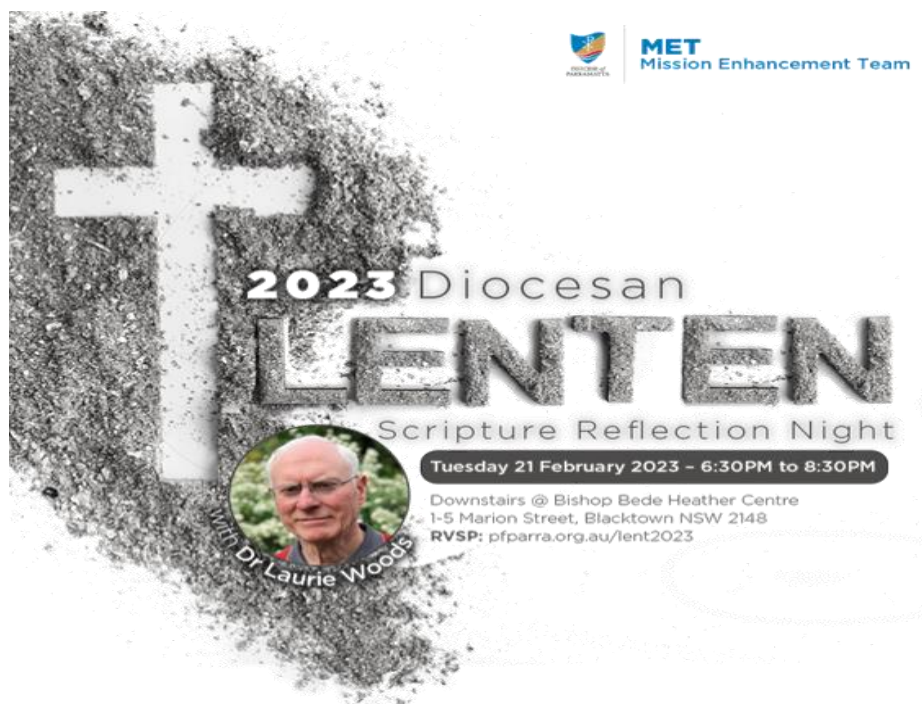
Comprehensive training for ministers who wish to serve at the altar during Mass for their parish.

All applications need to be endorsed by your parish Priest prior to attending the first Introductory session.

<https://officeforworship.org.au/wp->



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Mission Enhancement Team



Hi! My name is Natasja Surjanto, I am an altar server as well as a youth leader for Blaze Youth. I have been serving at Mass for 10 years now and a youth leader for 4 years. You may have seen me around either serving or speaking about our Blaze Youth fundraisers in the next few months. There are a few reasons as to why I am going to World Youth Day:

- ♥ to deepen my Catholic faith so that I can walk towards holiness,
- ♥ to experience a unique opportunity where young people are gathered together in Christ, and
- ♥ to learn about the history, miracles and lives of Saints who came from these famous places.

But most importantly, to come back from World Youth Day and share the Good News as well as my experience to the youth of our parish but especially to my students.

I am excited to embark on this journey and encounter Christ in the lives of young people.



CONTACTS

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours

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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

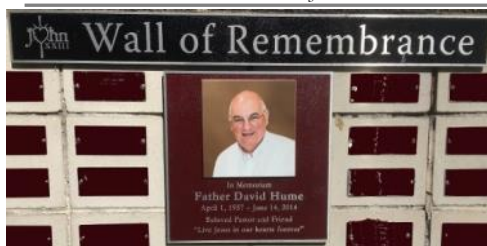
Please make sure when you come to Mass, let us consider our neighbours.

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>



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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AVENUE



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Scan for a property market update



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.

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10:00 AM SATURDAYS
ST JOHN XXIII COLLEGE GROUNDS

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



TABLE TENNIS SOCIALS

10:00 AM SATURDAYS
ST JOHN XXIII COLLEGE GROUNDS

Parish Sports Coordinator
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.



Join and be part of the

Cake Angels

contact Madeline Huang
cakeangels.sjohn23@gmail.com



Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm



PRAISE AND WORSHIP

3rd Saturdays at 7:30pm
SJ23rd Prayer Group