

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.

## OUR ENTRY INTO LENT

In a few days time we begin our Lent. The Ash Wednesday celebrations open our entry into the season of Lent. It provides us an itinerary and time for amore intense spiritual training. It leads us to reflect and practice the three important penitential practices that are part of the biblical and Christian tradition - prayer, almsgiving and fasting. They prepare us to celebrate Easter as a true experience of God's power and presence in our lives. The Paschal vigil proclaims to us, "Dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores innocence, brings us peace and humbles our earthly pride". As we reflect on the important means of our spiritual growth, let us focus on the value and meaning of fasting first.

The Lenten liturgy reminds us and makes us aware of the forty days of fasting by the Lord. Our fasted forty days before hen entered in his public ministry. After fasting for a few days the Lord was hungry. Jesus through prayers and fasting prepared himself for the mission of ministry. It was a preparation to resist the tempter. Many times we ask the question what is the value and meaning for us in depriving ourselves of the things we enjoy and are good.

Our sacred Scripture teaches that fasting helps us to avoid sin and resist temptations. It is an instrument through which we can restore our relationship with God. Jesus condemns the attitude of the pharisees about their scrupulous law about fasting. True fasting is always a way of turning our hearts towards God.

It is always turning our hearts to God. It is doing God's will. Through fasting a believer submits himself before receiving the tablets of the law, Elijah fasting before he meets the Lord on Mount Horeb, the people of Nineveh responds to God's call to repent through fasting. We see fasting was a part of the life style of many saints.

St Peter Chrysologus wrote. "Fasting is the soul of the prayer, mercy is the life blood of fasting, so if you pray, fast: if you fast, show mercy: if you want your petition to be heard hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself".

Thus fasting calls us to live for our brothers and sisters. Voluntary fasting enables us to grow in the spirit of the Good Samaritan, who bends low and goes to the help of his suffering brother. As we wait at the door of lent, let us begin our effort to celebrate our own resurrections from the evil ways by having deeper intimacy with God and to becoming Good Samaritans for our brothers and sisters who are wounded, abandoned and suffering.

It is a time to return to the Lord. Let our fasting and abstinence help others to have their daily needs. Let us continue to be in dialogue with God everyday through our fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

*Fr Jolly Chacko*

### 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

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

### First Reading

*A reading from the book of Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18*

*You must love your neighbour, as yourself.*

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13*

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**



**Love**

**your**  
**ENEMIES**

### Second Reading

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 3:16-23*

*All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.*

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

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### Gospel Acclamation

*1 John 2:5*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:38-48*

*Love your enemies.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Fr Ruben Elago, Brother Celestine Gavin, Censina Baldacchino, Kathleen Allabyrne, Sonya Merchant, Gwen Kendall

### Anniversary:

Gertrude Silva, Victor Francis, Elsie Keenen, William Keenan

### Sick: Names published with permission.

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

### 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,  
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	20	8:30am - Mass
Tues	21	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	22	<i>Asb Wednesday</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Thurs	23	9:15am - Mass
Fri	24	9:15am - Mass
Sat	25	9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	26	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	
	<b>Paguinto</b>	Ring	Shalini	Jacob	
Apr	4	11	18	25	
	<b>Deang</b>	Jacob	Erasmus B	Sebastian	
May	2	9	16	23	30
	<b>Vernon</b>	Paguinto	Erasmus	Sebastian	Tina B
Jun	6	13	20	27	
	<b>Shalini</b>	<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](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.

### OUR FINANCE AT A GLANCE (Average monthly figures)

<b>Income - Second Collection and donations</b>	Includes envelopes, loose collection, Credit cards, donations and bank interest	<b>\$ 24,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	Includes office wages, insurance, utilities, car rentals, telephone, Liturgical, etc.	<b>\$ 18,000</b>
Loan repayment		\$ 5,000
	Reserved for contingency expenses	\$ 1,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$24,000</b>
First collection Income	The first collection goes to the maintenance of the priests' and deacons' allowances, food, medical, accommodation and housekeeping (pastoral)	\$ 4,700
Monthly Pastoral expenses		\$ 9,000
<b>Monthly Shortfall</b>		<b>-\$ 4,300</b>
<b>Our existing Parish Loan</b>		<b>\$ 3.49M</b>
<b>Owed to the Catholic Foundation</b>		<b>\$ 38,200</b>

### 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](mailto:maintenance@john23rd.org.au) or the parish office.



**PLEASE DO NOT PLACE  
BAGS IN THE PARISH  
CARPARK.**

**WE HAVE REMOVED OUR  
ST VINCENT DE PAUL BINS  
DUE TO TOO MUCH RUBBISH  
LEFT IN THE CARPARK.**

**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.

⇒ **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)

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

This Wednesday, 22nd February, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

It is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Please do participate in the Holy Mass on that day. We have 3 Masses to make it convenient for everyone. The first Mass in the morning at 6.00am, the second Mass at 9.15am and the third Mass at 7.30pm.



The Founding Principal of Holy Cross, Kathleen Allabyrne, has passed away. Let us remember her in our prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace



**HOLY CROSS MASS TIMES  
every THURSDAY**

Date/Week	Grade attending the Mass	Reconciliation after Mass
Week 4: 16th February 9:15am	Year 2	Year 5
Week 5: 23rd February 9:15am	Year 3	
Week 6: 2nd March 9:15am	Year 5	Year 6
Week 7: 9th March 9:15am	Year 6	
Week 8: 16th March 9:15am	Year 1	Year 4
Week 9: 23rd March 9:15am	Year 4	
Week 10: 30th March 9:15am	Kindergarten	

## When Should We Leave After Mass?

In many parishes, people leave Mass at different time. Some people leave right after Communion, some during the recessional hymn, and some stay after Mass to offer a prayer of thanksgiving. So when should we leave after Mass?

Msgr. Stuart Swetland weighed in on this question recently on Go Ask Your Father™, saying:

“The answer to this question of when should we leave Mass, I believe, is when we have made a thanksgiving after Mass. The law says that Mass is ended when the priest blesses us and the deacon or the priest tells us the Mass is ended. That is when the Mass is over.

It is appropriate, and I think polite, that we stay in the pew while the singing is going on, because that is part of our thanksgiving that we give in that recessional hymn. But I think most Catholics (unless there is something they immediately have to do for some reason or those with very young children who have trouble as it is with the length of Mass) we should stay after Mass to make a proper thanksgiving.

You know, we’re never closer to Jesus this side of heaven than when we have just received Him in the Eucharist. And having received Him into our souls, we have become a living tabernacle of His presence. This is a time for us to, very tenderly and very honestly, give Him thanks and praise, and to dwell and abide in the intimacy of our one-flesh union with Him in the act of receiving Communion worthily.

This is such an efficacious time, a fruitful time of prayer and thanksgiving. So, I think most people should stay after the music has completed, after they have finished singing the last hymn.

Start small, maybe two or three minutes to start, but the goal should be about 5 to 10 minutes of thanksgiving. Talk to the Lord and let your heart speak to Him.

I know you’ve had time, especially in a big parish when Communion takes a while, to make a thanksgiving and have a meditation after you receive or while you wait to receive Communion. And that’s very important prayer as well, of course. But I think that time after Mass to really speak, as Cardinal Newman put it, as heart speaking to heart, that is such a powerful time, that I recommend doing it that way, to say a thanksgiving.

So by the law, yes, the Mass is ended when the priest pronounces it and we receive the final blessing and are sent forth by the deacon or priest. But the proper thing is for the community to sing, with fullness of voice and mind, and then to give the proper thanksgiving.

And then we should go out and mingle with those we have just worshipped with. We should greet them, talk with them, and hopefully carry on a social relationship with our fellow parishioners.”

By Stephen Foley 28/06/18

<https://relevantradio.com/2018/06/when-should-we-leave-after-mass/>

## YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

“The Young at heart” pilgrimage with Father Zvonimir to Eileen O’Connor at Coogee was a very enjoyable day. On arriving we were welcomed by Monica O’Connell, coordinator of the house. We were offered coffee/tea etc. on arrival. While having our refreshments Monica briefed us with a short story of Eileen O’Connor which was a very impressive story. We were shown around the place, Eileen O’Connor’s bedroom & the tomb where she was buried in the chapel.

Father Zvon led the prayers in the chapel for us. Later we all sat to have lunch at the Coogee beach which was very pleasant.

We headed home feeling fulfilled and with very happy faces.

Join us next time for another fun and adventure.

Frank Coleiro



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

or visit our FB page

[www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/](https://www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/)



**BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM**

## COME AND JOIN

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.



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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO OUR ENDEAVOURS**



## 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

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

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

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



**'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.

### Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2023

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-content/uploads/2022/09/Liturgical-Ministry-Formation-Enrollment-Form-2023.pdf>



MET  
Mission Enhancement Team

**2023 Diocesan  
LENTEN**  
Scripture Reflection Night

**Tuesday 21 February 2023 - 6:30PM to 8:30PM**

Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre  
1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown NSW 2148  
RVSP: [parracatholic.org.au/lent2023](https://parracatholic.org.au/lent2023)

with Dr Laurie Woods

## CONTACTS

### PARISH OFFICE

#### Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

#### Office Contacts

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### CLERGY

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Fr Jolly Chacko

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📞 0417 541 637 (for emergency only)

#### Assistant Priest:

Fr Zvonimir Gavrancic

✉ [Zvonimir@john23rd.org.au](mailto:Zvonimir@john23rd.org.au)

### STAFF

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Tanya Gatt

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### NEW TO OUR PARISH?

**Welcome to our parish  
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Please take a welcome envelope  
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### Reminder

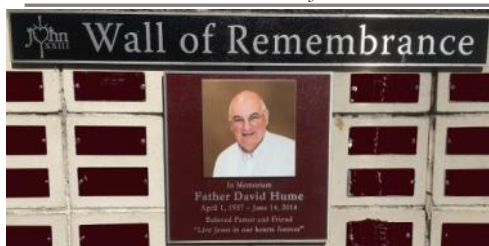
Please make sure when  
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### MEMORIAL WALL

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)

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## AVENUE



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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.

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## PARISH SOCIAL VOLLEYBALL GAME ON!!



10:00 AM SATURDAYS  
ST JOHN XXIII COLLEGE GROUNDS

**Joseph - 0404 793800**

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### 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.



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**Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm**



### PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**3rd Saturdays at 7:30pm**

**SJ23rd Prayer Group**