

We have witnessed in the last few Sundays in Lent that being a Christian is all about being a new person. It is about the change from thirst to satisfaction (the woman at the well), it is about the change from darkness to light (the man born blind), and today it is about the change from death to life (the raising of Lazarus). Jesus is living water, Jesus is the light of the world, and Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

This passage from John's Gospel, particularly Jesus' statement that he is the resurrection and the life, is most familiar to us from the funeral liturgy. In the context of someone's death his words often bring comfort and hope. We apply these words to physical death, but they extend beyond that, to apply to spiritual death as well.

The prophet Ezekiel lived in the early years of the exile of the people of Judah in Babylonia, modern-day Iraq. The people of Judah were not refugees: they were prisoners of war, the captive slaves of the victorious enemy. Many of them probably would have preferred death to the living nightmare of what they were suffering. The last third of Ezekiel, from chapters 33 to 48, is a message of hope and salvation for people who cannot believe what had happened to them, for a people full of despair and in the depths of depression. One of Ezekiel's messages is about the valley of the dry bones. Ezekiel's vision is of the bones being covered in flesh and coming back to life. The words are addressed to the people in exile, so it is obvious that the prophet was not talking about physical death. God's promise is that the Spirit will reanimate them, give them fresh hope, and will restore them to their homeland. 'You will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil', the prophet promises. Interestingly, these words of Ezekiel are the words on the monument to Holocaust survivors at the Yad Vashem memorial in Jerusalem.

Paul tells the Christians in Rome that the Spirit has made a home in them. Just as it is the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead so it is the Spirit who gives life to our bodies. Paul was not talking about the afterlife, but the here and now. It is the same with the story of Lazarus. It is not only a story about what God offers us after we die, but what God is offering us today, while we live. Through initiation, through baptism and confirmation and eucharist, our God is offering us life for today, not just for when we die. If we want to rise again after death, we have to rise again while we are alive. We have to rise up out of the waters of baptism and live new lives.

Augustine of Hippo told his congregation this same message sixteen hundred years ago. It is not just physical death that should worry us but spiritual death, which is sin, that is our concern. Augustine said:

For everyone who sins dies. Yet everyone fears the death of the body, though few the death of the soul. Everyone takes care that the death of the body should not occur, bound though it is to come some day. This is why they are troubled. It is a source of trouble to prevent the being who will die from dying, yet no one troubles to prevent the one who will live forever from sinning ... If only we could persuade everyone, and ourselves with them, to be as much in love with the life that endures as we are with the life that is running away. (In Euangelium Iohannis Tractatus 49)

In our eucharist today we thank God for the gift of life. We thank God not simply for the eternal life we hope to enjoy after death, but for the eternal life we hope to enjoy while we live. We thank God, who is full of mercy and redemption, for us even when we sin. We thank God for the Spirit who gives us life. We thank God for the broken body and the spilt blood of the Lord, who gives us life. We thank God that the sin of death is transformed into the grace of life. As we thank God today we commit ourselves once again in these days of Lent to being those who believe in life by the way we live today.

*Geoffrey D Dunn*

#### Reminder

**Daylight saving ends at 3am, Eastern Daylight Saving Time on Sunday 2 April 2023.** Make sure to put your clocks back one hour.



#### Second Rite of Reconciliation

We will have Second Rite of Reconciliation on Tuesday 28th March, in preparation for Easter.

No novena prayers for that night.

#### 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

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

### First Reading

*A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14*

*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 129*

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ear be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **R.**

### Second Reading

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11*

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

*John 11:25, 26*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel

*A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-4*

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life, If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him 'Lord by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me. But I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

**the LIFE**



**John 11, 19-27**

**the Resurrection**

## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Hyacintha Pavirajasingam, Rolande Rayeroux, Danny Roots, Michael Callaghan

### Anniversary:

Natividad Reyes

### 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 Dadiwas Adolfo Mayo, Cristina Arceo, Charlie Busuttil, Adrian Gould, Kelly Ryan, Raymond Lanzona, Hilary Regan, Mavie Dela Cruz, Maria Romeo, Greg Marcellana, Sophie De Leon, Wally Atie, Gloria Bueno, Florencia Cunanan, Bev Lewis, Anshu Mala Nand, Emma Matoza, Zoey Illic, Rosamma John Pellissery, Christina Properzi, Dragica Julich, Virginia Santos, Jenat Perera, Dr Bronwyn Andrews, Maryanne Jaramillo, Elizabeth Candame, Barbara Thompson, Geoffrey Robinson, Rhonda & Damian, Elizabeth Newnes, Florentina Elisura, Jonathan Gemin, Zenira D'Souza, Leopoldo Cuisia, Jennifer Estrada, Deidre Thomson, Perla Magculang, Mario Matias

### Thanksgiving:

Anna Sebastian

If you or a family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please contact the parish office.

## 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

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	available	Richards	Barnouti	
Jul	4	11	18	25	
	available	available	Vernon	Jacob	

*"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.

### PRAYING in the SILENCE of the HEART

Holy Spirit,  
you always come to enfold us in your peace. And when within us dwells a joy drawn from the Gospel, it is capable of bringing us a breath of life.

*Brother Roger of Taizé*

### March Church Calendar

Mon	27	8:30am - Mass
Tues	28	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Wed	29	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	30	9:15am - Mass 9:15am - Mass - Holy Cross
Fri	31	9:15am - Mass - church 7:00pm - Station of the Cross followed by Mass
<b>April</b>		
Sat	1	9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	2	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am - Mass 6:00 pm - Mass



### Paschal Triduum Events Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet

The Liturgy Team wish to invite parishioners who would like to take part in the 'Washing of the Feet' during the Holy Thursday Mass.

This is a sacred and solemn event in our church's history which is well known as the Last Supper.

There will be a sign up sheet at the Church foyer for those who might be interested to be involved as one of the 12 Apostles. Please write your name, email and mobile number. Please note, that we are looking for parishioners from a range of ages and ethnicity to celebrate best and highlight our multicultural community.

For further information, please contact Bob Agbulos on 0422 106525.

## 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.



#### ⇒ 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.

#### ⇒ 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.

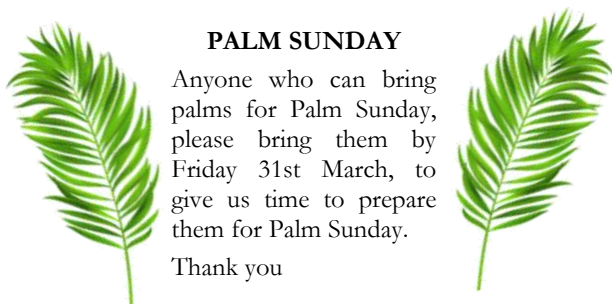
For more information on joining the SJ23rd Vinnies Van team, please contact Naomi Reynolds at [naomi1.rey@gmail.com](mailto:naomi1.rey@gmail.com)



#### PALM SUNDAY

Anyone who can bring palms for Palm Sunday, please bring them by Friday 31st March, to give us time to prepare them for Palm Sunday.

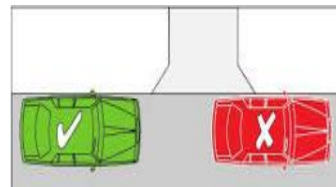
Thank you



#### DRIVEWAY/CARPARK SAFETY

For everyone's safety, please **park at least 1.8 meters from the church's driveway entrance**.

Your parked vehicle must not block the flow of traffic or impair the vision of other drivers getting into or out of the parking lot, basically impeding vehicles from entering, exiting or turning into or from the church's driveway.



Vehicle safety is more than just staying alert when parking your car. Let us not become a danger to other road users.

Remember to always please use the footpath when walking around the church parking lot, again for safety reasons.

Please make sure when you come to Mass, let us consider our neighbours. Do not block the neighbours' driveway.



St John 23rd Parish

**RCIA PROGRAM**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This year our Parish is blessed to have four catechumens who are in their final weeks of preparation to receive the Sacraments.

**Abbey Barron**

**Daniel Lennard**

**Jacqueline Hooper**

**Shane Lombardo**

Abbey and Jacqueline will be baptized and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist while Daniel and Shane will be receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, only, during the Easter Vigil celebration.

Please continue to pray for them and their families as they go through their final preparation in their faith journey.

May they be strengthened and blessed with the grace to grow and know the faith.



#### Please donate to Project Compassion 2023



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

#### YOUNG AT HEART

"The Young at Heart" Seniors group will have their next event on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of April for an Easter Monday Morning Tea at the church kitchen after the 8.30am mass.

We also encourage all seniors of the Parish to come along and join the group for a cuppa, yummy food and have a chat and enjoy each other's company.

Please bring a plate to share.

**SAVE THE DATE FREE!**



By Scott P. Richert

Updated on June 25, 2019

For Roman Catholic Christians as well as many Protestant denominations, the Easter Triduum (sometimes also referred to as the Paschal Triduum or simply, the Triduum) is the proper name for the three-day season that concludes Lent and introduces Easter. Technically speaking, a triduum refers simply to any three-day period of prayer. Triduum comes from Latin meaning 'three days.'

## Easter Triduum

The three 24-hour periods of the triduum include the major feasts for all four days at the heart of the Easter celebration: the evening feast of Holy Thursday (also called Maundy Thursday), Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. The Easter Triduum memorializes the suffering, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In Anglican and Protestant denominations, like the Lutheran, Methodist and Reformed churches, the Easter Triduum is not considered a separate season, but rather one that included portions of Lent and the Easter festival. For Roman Catholics since 1955, the Easter Triduum is formally considered a separate season.

## Holy Thursday

Starting with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday continuing through the Good Friday service and Holy Saturday and concluding with vespers (evening prayer) on Easter Sunday, the Easter Triduum marks the most significant events of Holy Week (also known as a Passiontide).

On Holy Thursday, the Triduum begins for Catholics with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, during which bells are rung and the organ played. The bells and organ will then remain silent until the Easter Vigil Mass. The Mass of the Lord's Supper includes a ritual washing of the feet in most Catholic congregations. The altars are stripped of ornaments, leaving only the cross and candlesticks.

For Protestant denominations that celebrate the Triduum, it begins with a simple evening worship service on Holy Thursday.



## Good Friday

For Catholics and many Protestants, the Good Friday church ceremony is marked by a ritual unveiling of the main cross near the altar. This is the day that marks the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The Catholic worship service does not include Communion on this day. Catholics may ritually kiss the feet of the Jesus figure upon the cross; for some Protestants, a similar devotion has them simply touching the cross.

## Holy Saturday

After nightfall on Holy Saturday, Catholics hold an Easter vigil service, which represents the faithful awaiting the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his burial. In some congregations, this vigil service is held before dawn on Easter Sunday. This service includes a ceremony of light and darkness, in which a paschal candle is lit to represent the resurrection of Christ: members of the congregation form a solemn procession to the altar.

The Easter Vigil is considered the pinnacle of the Easter Triduum, especially for Catholics and is usually celebrated with a devotion equal to that bestowed on Easter itself.

## Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday marks the end of the Triduum and the beginning of the seven-week Easter season that will end with Pentecost Sunday. Easter Sunday church services for Catholics as well as Protestants is a joyous celebration of resurrection and rebirth of Jesus and mankind. Popular Easter symbolism includes many images of rebirth as found in the world of nature and from religious traditions through history, including fragrant lilies, newborn animals and spring plant growth.

Richert, Scott P. "What Is the Easter Triduum?" *Learn Religions*, Aug. 25, 2020, [learnreligions.com/what-is-the-easter-triduum-541518](https://learnreligions.com/what-is-the-easter-triduum-541518).

# EASTER TRIDUUM



## Good Friday



6th April, Thursday	7th April, Friday	8th April, Saturday	9th April, Sunday
<b>7:30pm Mass</b> (School Hub) Holy hours after the Celebration of Mass of the Lord's Supper <u>the church will be open till midnight for anyone who might want to stay and pray.</u>	<b>10:00 am - Stations of the Cross</b> (St Mark's school ground) <b>3:00 pm - Veneration of the Cross</b> (School Hub)	<b>7:30 pm - Easter Vigil Mass</b> (Church)	<b>7:30 am,</b> <b>9:00 am,</b> <b>10:30 am,</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>



## 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



### WYD Appeal - Blaze Youth

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

We will continue to try and raise funds every 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 contribution towards our goal, you can avail of 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)

## MORE YOUTH GROUPS

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

Rojith de Silva 0405 9563210  
Nimeshi Fernando 0417 101009

**YFC** (*Youth for Christ*)  
**YOUTH LEADERS**

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

## HOLY CROSS MASS TIMES every

Date/Week	Grade attending the Mass
Week 10: 30th Mar	Kindergarten



## KINDERGARTEN 2024

Applications are now open.



Please download your enrolment pack from our website and submit your documentation prior to 31 March 2023



## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

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

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

### Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

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

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

### St John XXIII Catholic College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

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### '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>

### Masterclass for Sponsor Married Couples - Friday, 24 March

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 24 March at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email

[met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Marisa on (02) 8838 3460.

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### NEW TO OUR PARISH?

#### Welcome to our parish community!

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### COELIACS

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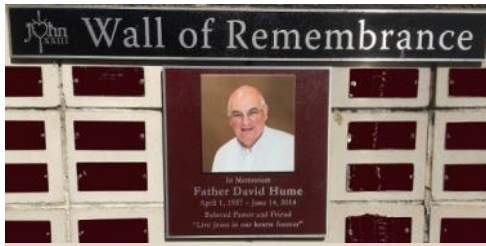
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— recently ordained priest, Father Matthew Dimian.

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Please support Catholic Mission weekend on 25/26th March.





### 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

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### TABLE TENNIS SOCIALS

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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.



Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm



### PRAISE AND WORSHIP

3rd Saturdays at 7:30pm

*SJ23rd Prayer Group*