



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.

We all know how refreshing a glass of cold water is on a hot day. We also know these days, because it is on so many television shows, that water has a lot of health benefits as well. It maintains our fluid balance, helps control our kilojoule intake, gives energy to our muscles, keeps our skin clear, our kidneys functioning properly, prevents cramp and muscle ache, promotes clearer thinking, etc. Water is key to life.

Yet, fizzy soft drinks are more popular than water. Tea and coffee and alcohol are always popular thirst quenchers, and we know that they all have negative consequences when we consume them. Not everything we drink is good for us. Today's scriptural passages speak of the human thirst for life and how that thirst is met.

The people of Israel, we are told, after they had fled Egypt, wandered in the desert for forty years before they reached their ancestral home, the Promised Land. There are at least two things going on in this Exodus account just proclaimed. On the one hand, the people are thirsty; in fact they are tormented by thirst in the desert. God provides life-giving water for them. On the other hand, the people complain and grumble about being thirsty in the desert. As the psalm said, at Meribah and Massah their hearts hardened in the desert and they put God to the test. Even though God had liberated them from slavery in Egypt, this was not enough: they wanted more. I think we can say it is okay to want more, but the people of Israel questioned the gift of freedom God had given them through Moses. When they said they would have been better off staying in Egypt rather than being led by God through the desert, they were rejecting, or at least doubting, the gift of new life God was offering.

The Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, or the well of Shechem, also wants more out of life. In her dialogue with Jesus she begins to realise that she is thirsty for meaning in her life, thirsty for fulfilment, thirsty for satisfaction, and that she had not yet found it. The story, found only in John's Gospel, tells us she had been married and divorced many times; she had drunk the fizzy soft drink, the tea and coffee, the alcohol of life, but had not discovered the one thing that would benefit her: living water. Marriage can be a way of finding fulfilment and a way of finding God, but it had not worked that way for her. But rather than grumble about the failures of her life, this woman—this foreign woman, let us not forget—remained opened to promise. When Jesus offers her living water, she is ready to say yes to that.

Not only was the Samaritan woman thirsty, but Jesus was thirsty too. This is the part of the story we probably do not think much about, but St Augustine of Hippo did when he preached on this passage about 1600 years ago. He said, 'Yet in asking her for a drink, he was really thirsting for that woman's faith'. Augustine continued, 'He asks for a drink and he promises a drink. He is in need and wants to receive; he is rich and wants to satisfy the needs of others'. [Footnote: In Euangelium Iohannis Tractatus 15. The excerpts from the translations of Augustine's homilies on the Gospel of John come from Augustine, Homilies on the Gospel of John, trans. Edmund Hill, in The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century, part III/12 (New York: New City Press, and Augustinian Heritage Institute, 2009).]

What God is offering this woman through Jesus, according to Augustine, is the Holy Spirit. He asks her for her faith and she offers it to him by recognising him as the messiah. She runs to share this discovery with the rest of her village. Faith is not just for personal benefit: it is to be shared. As Augustine reminds us, 'She is a symbol of the Church not yet justified, but about to be justified, for this is the drift of their conversation'. She is also a symbol of those preparing for initiation. Jesus asks them to give him their faith and in return he gives them his body and blood as nourishment for a life that is full of meaning and satisfaction.

We are thankful today for the God who has given us living water in baptism to quench our thirst and give our lives true purpose, we are thankful for Jesus who breaks down all the barriers that divide us and reaches out to us in our need, we are thankful for the Spirit who fills us with faith.

*Geoffrey D Dunn*

## 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

<b>Mon</b>	8:30am
<b>Tues-Fri</b>	9:15am
<b>Sat</b>	9.00am, 6pm Vigil
<b>Sun</b>	7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

**Holy Cross Primary School Mass**  
**Tues** 9:15am during school days

### Masses for Special Occasions

<b>1st Tues</b>	7.30pm Novena Mass <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
<b>1st Fri</b>	7:30pm Novena Mass <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>

### Exposition + Benediction

<b>1st Fri</b>	after 9.15am 7.30pm
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### Reconciliation

After the weekday masses
<b>Sat</b> after the 9am mass until 10.30am
5:15 - 5:45pm before the Vigil Mass or upon request

### Sacraments

<b>Sun</b>	12pm Baptism by appointment
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### Devotions & Prayers

<b>Mon</b>	7.30pm Christian Meditation <i>Frances Pegram 0417 406715</i>
<b>Fri</b>	6.30pm Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group <i>Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039</i>

### Praise & Worship

<b>Fri</b>	7:30pm Risen Lord Comm
<b>3rd Sat</b>	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

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

## First Reading

*A reading from the book of Exodus 17:3-7*

*Give us water to drink.*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 94:1-2, 6-9*

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

## Second Reading

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

*cf John 4:42, 15*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42*

*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews.'

But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

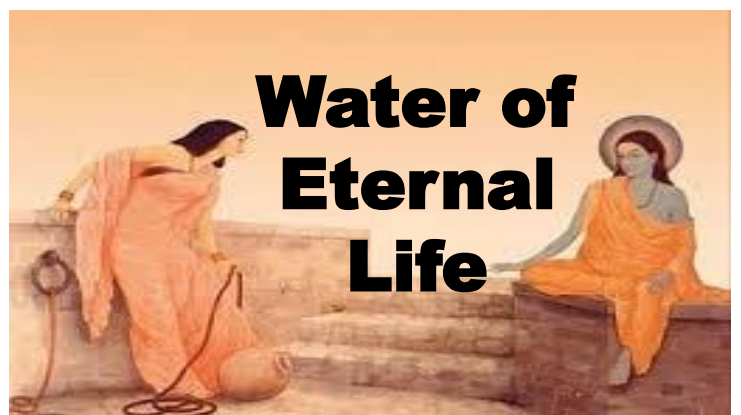
Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.



## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Rolande Rayeroux, Ramon Umali

### Anniversary:

Neomisa & Gregory Reynolds, Carlo Cayas, Alfonso Ronanillo, Magdalena Miranda, Ramon Eudela

### 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 Dadivas 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, Leopoldo Cuisia, Jonathan Gemin, Elizabeth Newnes, Florentina Elisura, Zenira D'Souza, Jennifer Estrada, Deidre Thomson, Perla Magculang, Mario Matias

### Thanksgiving:

Abigail Pragasm

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*

Merciful God,  
in the footsteps of the apostles and of the Virgin Mary, you are preparing us to abandon ourselves to you, in trust and in love.

*Brother Roger of Taizé*

### LOST & FOUND

#### LOST ITEMS LEFT AT CHURCH

If you have lost eye glasses, sunnies, pocket purse etc. please contact the parish office on 8883 5981.

### March Church Calendar

Mon	13	8:30am - Mass
Tues	14	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	15	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	16	9:15am - Mass 9:15am - Mass - Holy Cross
Fri	17	<i>Saint Patrick (S)</i> 9:15am - Mass - church 7:00pm - Station of the Cross followed by Mass
Sat	18	9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
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

Mar	7	14	21	28	
	<i>Paguinto</i>	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	
Jul	4	11	18	25	
	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	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.

## Stations of the Cross



This season of Lent  
join us every Friday  
at 7:00pm

*followed by mass*

## 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**

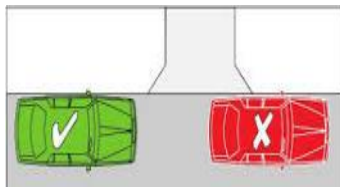
Now that the church is open for celebrations, its floors need to be swept of dust, cobwebs brushed off, candle stands cleaned and garden kept green. We would like to request all our volunteer cleaners and gardeners to come back and continue their ministry.

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

**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.



**Funeral Mass**  
**Rolande Rayeroux**  
**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March,**  
**at 1pm.**

⇒ **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)

**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.



After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.

**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.



**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.

Thank you,  
 RCIA Team



**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL**  
**Bishop of Parramatta**

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March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The Second Sunday of Lent and the Transfiguration of the Lord.

Dear friends in Christ,

Not long after my Installation as your pastor, I desired to hold a Diocesan Synod in order to develop a pastoral plan which would follow my predecessor's "Faith in Our Future" and chart a new pathway for the Diocese. However, we had to wait for the long-delayed national Plenary Council to conclude.

Today, after much prayer and consultation, I formally announce the convocation of the Synod in the Diocese of Parramatta. This will be the first Synod in the history of our young Diocese. Like the national and universal synods, ours will be also held in two phases. The first assembly will be held from Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 October 2023 and the final assembly will be held near the middle of next year 2024.

Recognising the fruits of the Plenary Council and in the spirit of synodality, to which you have already contributed so deeply, I invite you to walk with me as we discern further a framework by which we can revitalise our Church in the Diocese and discover together a path of renewal for all of us.

I have appointed a Preparatory Commission to lead this process, chaired by Sr Ailsa Mackinnon RSM, Chancellor of Ministries and Qwayne Guevara as the Lead Facilitator.

Pope Francis has called the entire People of God into a journey of listening and discernment, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide us towards personal conversion and renewal in the Church. Pope Francis explains that '*The journey of synodality is the journey that God wants from His church in the third millennium*'.

In preparation towards the Synod, I encourage you to participate in prayer, listening, discernment and local action, guided by the Holy Spirit, as we seek to witness to the Gospel and foster a more welcoming, compassionate, and humble Church. The Diocesan Synod will have a significant impact on the way in which we live out community and mission.

The time is now, here in the Diocese of Parramatta, for us to 'go out into the deep' (Luke 5:4) and step into the future that awaits us - one that is inspired by the deep understanding that God's love is not reserved for a few, but for all. Let us accompany one another along this path with firm hope and abiding trust in our God who desires our good, and who dwells among us.

St Mary of the Cross McKillop, pray for us.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv**  
**Bishop of Parramatta**

## 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

### 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

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

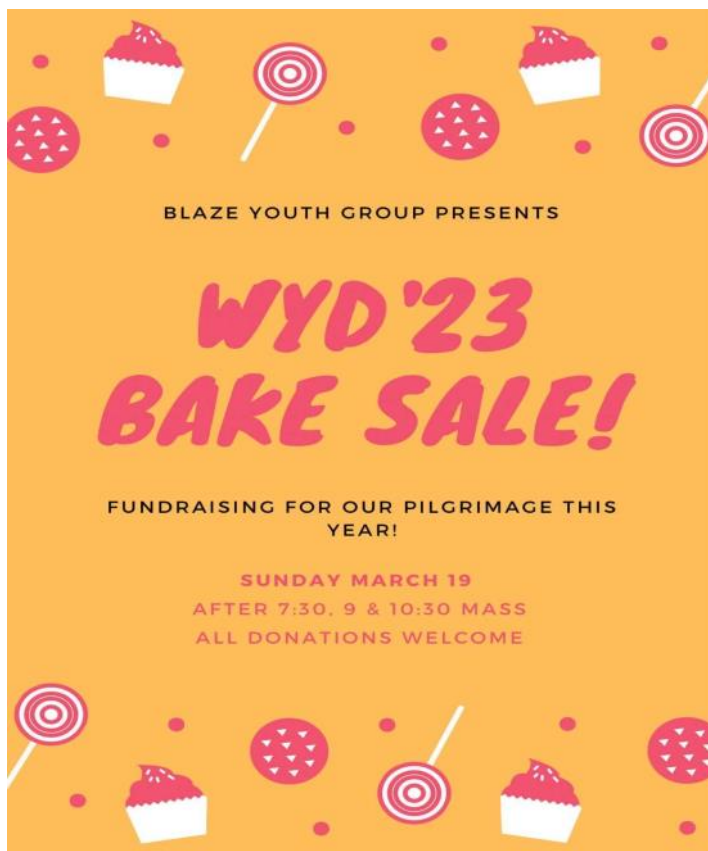
We will continue to try and raise funds every by hosting various events to support the participating youths of our wonderful church. BLAZE leaders hope to raise \$20,000 and we are still way off our mark.. If you'd like to make a contribution towards our goal, you can avail of the Parish's BPoint account 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)



### HOLY CROSS MASS TIMES every

Date/Week	Grade attending the Mass	Reconciliation after Mass
Week 8: 16th Mar	Year 1	Year 4
Week 9: 23rd Mar	Year 4	
Week 10: 30th Mar	Kindergarten	



### OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

**Catholic Early Learning Centre**  
160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens  
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✉ [celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au)  
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**Holy Cross Primary**  
49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood  
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☎ (02) 8664 7100  
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**St John XXIII Catholic College**  
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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>

### Holy Hour for Vocations - Wednesday, 15 March

Join Fr Chris del Rosario and the Vocations Team in praying for Vocations in the Church. This time of prayer is open to all, and will be held at 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

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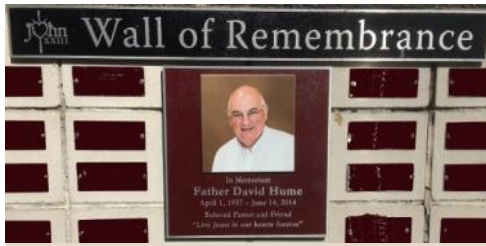
Those who are gluten intolerant may receive communion with a gluten low host. Please inform the acolyte before Mass.



What a beautiful way to end the celebration of mass. Our seniors group enjoyed a get together for a morning tea, or is it coffee, at the Vanilla Cream Cafe at Annangrove. Although only a few turned up, they enjoyed the camaraderie, interesting conversation and laughter plus the very good cappuccino and yummy cakes.

Come and join this fun loving group. Be included, enjoy life and be able to contribute in our parish life.

Watch out for the next activity.



### 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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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.

