



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.

Symbolically, blindness is darkness and sight is light. The author of the letter to the Christians in Ephesus tells us that we once lived in darkness but now we live in the light of the Lord. We all know the expression 'to see the light'. It refers to the sudden, complete understanding of something that is usually the complete opposite of what we believed before. Ultimately it derives from the stories about the encounter between Jesus and blind people: today's story from John's Gospel, the blind man from Bethsaida in Mark 8, and blind Bartimaeus in Mark 10 (with parallels in Luke 18 and Matthew 20).

He gives them sight, but they receive more than that. They are given insight, insight into who Jesus really is. Their physical disability is a metaphor for a spiritual truth. As blind people they stumble around, unable to find their way. When they see they gain freedom and wholeness. Of course, the reality is that many blind people are not that helpless and can learn to manage quite well. However, the metaphor remains: to be blind is to be aimless and lost.

So today we have Jesus say that he is the light of the world. He gives purpose and meaning and direction to our lives. He brings healing and wholeness to broken lives. This is why light is an important symbol in our Easter season and initiation liturgy. The paschal candle is the light shining in the darkness. At baptism we are each given a candle lighted from that paschal candle to represent the insight that we have gained: no longer do we walk with tiny steps and arms outstretched feeling our way, not sure where we are going. By becoming a follower we walk with bold steps in the right direction.

'Seeing is believing', goes the old expression, first recorded by John Clarke in 1639, but once again deriving from the Gospel of John, in particular from John 20:29, where Jesus comes to Thomas after the resurrection. Clarke, however, missed the point. It is all well and good for Thomas to believe in the risen Jesus because he saw him, but the rest of that verse goes on, 'blest are they who have not seen and have believed'. The stories of Jesus and the blind men tell us this as well. Even before they can see they believe what Jesus promises them. Jesus tells the man born blind to go, wash, and he trusts what Jesus says, and then he sees (see the connection between water and light, font and paschal candle!). He believes and then he sees; he does not see first and believe second.

Is it possible for us to see Jesus today, like the man born blind did and like Thomas did? The answer must be yes. We can see Jesus in those who are his disciples. Augustine of Hippo said as much when he preached on this gospel story:

Are we to think, brothers and sisters, that he was here then and is not here any longer? ... It is now that faith is working by love; and if we are working now, then this is the day; Christ is here. Hear his promise and do not think he is absent ... He himself has said, 'And know that I am with you always, until the end of the world' (Matt 28:28 [sic]). [Footnote: In Euangelium Iohannis Tractatus 44; my own translation.]

This then is our Christian mission. Just as in baptism our candle is lighted from the paschal candle, who is Jesus, so our light must be the light of Christ shining in the darkness of our world. Our task is to be Jesus for others. In our eucharist today we thank God for the gift of Jesus, who has washed us and given us sight and insight. We thank God for the light that gives us true meaning and direction. We thank God for this season of preparation for initiation and renewal. We thank God for all those people who have shared their light and faith with us. We say yes to the call to live in that light and to be that light for those whom we meet.

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

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

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading

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

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet', replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him'. Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Rolande Rayeroux, Leanne Sultana,
Ramon Umali, Grace Casaceli

Anniversary:

Eduardo, Raymond C Torres Sr,
Aure Menguito

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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:

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*

God of every human being,
when we simply desire to welcome your
love, a flame rises up little by little deep
in our souls. Very fragile though it be, it
always keeps burning.

Brother Roger of Taizé

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	Erasmio B	Sebastian	
May	2	9	16	23	30
	Vernon	Paguinto	Erasmio	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 or Melva Paguinto emcipi85@yahoo.com.au. Families on the roster, if unable to pick up please don't hesitate to contact Bart or Melva.

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



March Church Calendar

Mon	20	<i>Saint Joseph (S)</i> 8:30am - Mass
Tues	21	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	22	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	23	9:15am - Mass 9:15am - Mass - Holy Cross
Fri	24	9:15am - Mass - church 7:00pm - Station of the Cross followed by Mass
Sat	25	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord (S)</i> 9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	26	7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am - Mass 6:00 pm - Mass

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. Mahatma Gandhi
We are in urgent need for volunteers to assist in the different pastoral ministries in our Parish.



WE NEED YOU

⇒ SRE Teachers

If you could spare an hour during weekdays to spread God's word teaching the scriptures to children, **WE NEED YOU**. We currently have 4 public primary schools and a high school in our parish where we hold scripture classes during school hours for 30 minutes during Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For more information call Asoki 0430 020265 or Renuka 0414 795814. Training and resources will be provided.

⇒ SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FACILITATORS

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

⇒ GARDENERS AND CLEANERS

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

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

⇒ VINNIES VAN

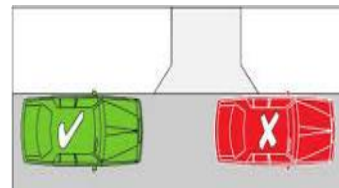
The Vinnies Van provides food, friendship, compassion and dignity to those experiencing homelessness and social isolation in the Mount Druitt and Parramatta areas. To become a volunteer of Vinnies Van you must be 16 years of age and over and available to attend induction training upon commencement.

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

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.

Thank you,

RCIA Team



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, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Stations of the Cross



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

followed by mass

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In a nutshell

According to the early Fathers of the Church, all true repentance must begin with humility. To take our eyes off others' sins and instead to admit our own is an act of humility.

In our faults we come to know more profoundly the love of God. Repentance then is to live within the dialogue of salvation.

Lent is a time to delve deeply into our lives during this season of penance and give a thorough look at what our values are and how we live them out each day.

Repentance in the early church

By Marcellino D'Ambrosio/Catholic News Service

The call to a change of heart and a change of life was a hallmark of the ministry of Jesus, of his forerunner, John the Baptist, and of his apostles. And the Lenten season, which has been part of the Christian year from the earliest days of the church, has always made repentance its centerpiece.

But if we take a good look at the way the early church approached sin, repentance and the Lenten season, we notice some significant differences from the way American Catholics of the 21st century ordinarily approach these things.

Many today see Lent as a season of spiritual self-help. Each person picks something to give up and tries to work on a fault or two. We may attend a parish penance service, but Lenten penance is pretty much a personal thing.

For the first few centuries after the resurrection, to become a Christian was a radical act. It involved a complete break with a former way of life and the values of a pagan society. Baptism was not only a solemn commitment to a holy God and a holy lifestyle, but an empowerment by the Holy Spirit that made it possible to live the Gospel.

So for a person to fall into serious sin after baptism was abnormal. It signaled something was seriously wrong and required an urgent response not only on the part of sinner, but of the entire community.

Today, a lengthy period of sometimes painful physical therapy is often required to restore an injured limb to health. In the early church, a lengthy period of penance was understood as spiritual rehab, necessary to restore the health of sinners and the well-being and equilibrium of the church.

For the first 800 years of the church, those who had fallen into grave sin would come to church for a prolonged period dressed in sackcloth and ashes, seeking the prayers of the community. Though sins were confessed privately to the bishop, penance was therefore a public affair.

Lent was a special time when the whole church labored in penance alongside catechumens preparing for baptism and penitents preparing to receive absolution and reconciliation at Easter.

It was a time of solidarity and unity, with the mature and the strong walking shoulder to shoulder with the immature and the weak, all wearing the same ashes.

While praying and doing penance for those seeking healing from serious sin, everyone sought purification from the sneaky venial sins that quietly eat away at our hearts and lurk in so many nooks and crannies of our lives.

This solidarity and unity in doing penance together underscores another feature of repentance in the early church. The church is holy according to the creed. But it is also one.

The early church took seriously the call to unity, expressed in a love between Christians that was striking to those from the outside looking in. The first church collections were for widows and the poor, not for the maintenance of buildings. Martyrs would embrace one another in the arena before their execution and cause the spectators to remark, "See how they love one another."

But like us, Christians of the first centuries sometimes lost their perspective. Sins against unity were considered among the most serious of spiritual offenses.

When young members of the Church of Corinth tore the community in two, seizing leadership from the elders appointed by the apostles, Pope Clement of Rome intervened. He did not issue a bureaucratic decree to resolve the problem, but rather a long and beautiful teaching on the root of disunity and the nature of true repentance.

What is the cause of disunity and dissension, he asked. Is it not pride? Rivalry, bitter criticism of others, the dwelling on others' faults, refusal to forgive shortcomings — don't these come from a perverse passion to exalt and justify ourselves?

Ultimately the pride that disrupts unity among people is the very thing that drives a wedge between us and God. For pride exalts itself against everyone, even God.

In the tradition of the Fathers of the Church, picked up and developed by the medieval monks, seven deadly sins are identified from which all other sins flow. The deadliest of these seven is pride.

Therefore, according to the early Fathers of the Church, all true repentance must begin with humility. To take our eyes off others' sins and instead to admit our own — this is only possible through humility. To take our eyes off ourselves and look to God is also an act of humility.

"Humility" is closely related to the word "humus," the component of earth that makes it fertile. When we get too big for our britches and our life becomes spiritual sterile, we need to recall that we came from the earth and will return to the earth. We need to get grounded once again.

Perhaps this is why the season of Lent begins with the sign of the cross traced on our forehead with ashes. "Remember, man, that you are dust and unto dust you shall return."

D'Ambrosio is author of "When the Church Was Young: Voices of the Early Fathers." Connect with him @DrItaly.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

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

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

Youth Coordinator	Asst Youth Coordinator	Youth Leaders	
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For all youth ministry enquiries,

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or visit our FB page

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

MORE YOUTH GROUPS

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

Rojith de Silva 0405 9563210
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YFC (*Youth for Christ*)
YOUTH LEADERS

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[YFC Australia](#)
Jonathan Montaos 0401 478733

HOLY CROSS MASS TIMES every

Date/Week	Grade attending the Mass
Week 9: 23rd Mar	Year 4
Week 10: 30th Mar	Kindergarten



St John XXIII
Catholic College

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

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For more events please go to 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 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 or phone Marisa on (02) 8838 3460.

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NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance.

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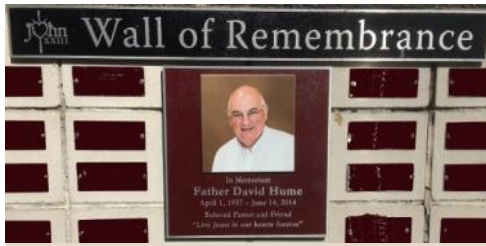
Those who are gluten intolerant may receive communion with a gluten low host. Please inform the acolyte before Mass.

Support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community.

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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

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Joseph - 0404 793800
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Preema - 0406 786768

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TABLE TENNIS SOCIALS

10:00 AM SATURDAYS
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Parish Sports Coordinator
Neville - 0466 262850

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