



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.

The First Sunday in Lent each year presents Jesus in the wilderness confronting the reality of sin and evil. We hear of him fasting for forty days, and our season of Lent is our own forty-day journey into the wilderness, into the desert, into the outback of our own lives in imitation of his, just as his forty days was in imitation of the forty-year wandering of the people of Israel after their exodus from Egypt before reaching the Promised Land.

Commentators have debated how we are to understand the Greek *peiradzo*: is Jesus tempted into sin, or is his understanding of what it is to be the Son of God (remembering that the story of the baptism of Jesus is the one immediately before this one in all three Synoptic Gospels) being put to the test? Some have speculated about whether these three episodes are some kind of umbrella covering every form of sin. We seem to have gluttony (stone into bread), pride or hubris (jumping from the top of the temple), and greed or avarice (selling his soul to the devil for the kingdoms of the world). In terms of the seven deadly sins, catalogued by Evagrius Ponticus and John Cassian, this covers only three out of seven.

What had been proclaimed at the Jordan with the baptism of Jesus was that he was in a relationship with God, he was the beloved of God. Everyone who is baptised is proclaimed as the beloved of God also. An openness to the other, a concern for the wellbeing of others, is life, while being closed off from the other, being concerned only for the self, is death and sin. In the desert for forty days Jesus explored just what being in a relationship with God was all about. In the desert time of this Lent we are to explore what our being in a relationship with God is all about for us.

The tree in the middle of the garden, from which the serpent hung, brought death. In this story from Genesis we are given religious truth rather than literal truth, and the truth is that selfishness is sin. The tree on Calvary, from which Jesus hung, brought life. Writing to the Christians in Rome Paul understood this contrast between Adam and Christ. Sin came into the world through the first man, and righteousness came into the world through the last man. The first man brought death and condemnation, the last man brought life and justification.

The way through the temptations of our lives is to find strength and nourishment in the Word of God. St Augustine of Hippo said:

Do you think that the word of God is bread? If the Word of God, through whom all things have been made, were not bread, he would not say: 'I am the living bread that has come down from heaven.' You have learned, then, how to answer the tempter when you are in a bad way from hunger. [Footnote: Enarrationes in Psalmos 90/2. The excerpts from the translations of Augustine's homilies on the Psalms come from Augustine, Expositions of the Psalms, trans. Maria Boulding, in The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century, part III/15-20 (New York: New City Press, and Augustinian Heritage Institute, 2000-2004).]

Let us thank God that Jesus was sent to bring us life. Let us thank God that Jesus is the Word who nourishes us in our hunger. Let us thank God that the Spirit gives us strength to guide us through life's temptations. Let us thank God that the Spirit calls new members to our Christian family and pray that they soon join us in this eucharistic meal we share.

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 <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
1st Fri	7.30pm Novena Mass <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>

Exposition + Benediction

1st Fri	after 9.15am	7.30pm
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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
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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

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death"! Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**



Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:12, 17-19

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 2:5

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him. The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

Candelaria P Zozobrado, Paquita L Tagalog

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, Dragica Julich, Virginia Santos, Jenat Perera, Rosamma John Pellissery, Greg Marcellana, Sophie De Leon, Zenira D'Souza, Wally Atie, Dr Bronwyn Andrews, Rhonda & Damian, Gloria Bueno, Florencia Cunanan, Bev Lewis, Anshu Mala Nand, Emma Matoza, Zoey Illic, Geoffrey Robinson, Maryanne Jaramillo, Deidre Thomson, Leopoldo Cuisia, Elizabeth Candame, Florentina Elisura, Barbara Thompson, Elizabeth Newnes, Christina Properzi, Johnathan Gemin, Perla Magculang

Thanksgiving:

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

PRAYING in the *SILENCE* of the HEART

God, you love us and the contemplation of your forgiveness becomes a ray of goodness in the humble heart that entrusts itself to you/

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.

February Church Calendar

Mon	27	8:30am - Mass
Tues	28	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

March

Wed	1	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Thurs	2	9:15am - Mass 9:15am - Mass - Holy Cross
Fri	3	9:15am - Mass - church 7:00pm - Station of the Cross
Sat	4	9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	5	7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am - Mass 6:00 pm - Mass

Praying together

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer

Oh Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your powerful name, the protection of the living and the salvation of the dying. Purest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, Blessed Lady, to rescue me whenever I call on you. In my temptations, in my needs, I will never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary. What a consolation, what sweetness, what confidence fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you! I thank the Lord for having given you so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering your name. Let my love for you prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Perpetual Help. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me and grant me the favour I confidently ask of you. (Then say three Hail Marys).

Novena mass - 7:30pm every First Tuesday

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

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



Rosary Statue Family Roster

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

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

For the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home, please contact Bart Sarlabus bart.sarlabus@gmail.com or Melva Paguinto emcipi85@yahoo.com.au. Families on the roster, if unable to pick up please don't hesitate to contact Bart or Melva.

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 or the parish office.

⇒ **VINNIES VAN**

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

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

PLANNED GIVING

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

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

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

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



PLEASE DO NOT PLACE BAGS IN THE PARISH CARPARK

WE HAVE REMOVED OUR VINNIES' BINS DUE TO TOO MUCH RUBBISH LEFT IN THE CARPARK.



**First Sunday of Lent
25 & 26 February**



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.

**HOLY CROSS MASS TIMES
every THURSDAY at 9:15am**

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

What Is Lent All About, and Why Is It Important?

Have you ever wondered what people are talking about when they say they're giving something up for Lent? Do you want to understand what Lent is and how it relates to Easter?

Lent is the 40 days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter. Lent is often described as a time of preparation and an opportunity to go deeper with God. This means that it's a time for personal reflection that prepares people's hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter.

What Are the Key Days During Lent?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. You may have noticed people with a smudged, black cross on their foreheads. Those are ashes from the Ash Wednesday service. The ashes symbolize our grief for the things we've done wrong and the resulting division of imperfect people from a perfect God.

Maundy Thursday is the day before Good Friday. It commemorates the night before Jesus died, when He shared the Passover meal with His closest friends and followers.

Good Friday is the day Christians remember Jesus' death. The "Good" reflects how Jesus' death was a sacrifice on our behalf so we can receive God's forgiveness for our wrongs, or sins.

Easter Sunday is the joyful celebration of Jesus rising from the dead to give us the opportunity of eternal life. While people still die, Jesus made the way for people to have a relationship with God in this life and to spend eternity with Him in heaven.

What Happens During Lent and Why?

The three main things people focus on during Lent are prayer, fasting (abstaining from something to reduce distractions and focus more on God) and giving, or charity.

Prayer during Lent focuses on our need for God's forgiveness. It's also about repenting (turning away from our sins) and receiving God's mercy and love.

Fasting, or giving something up, is a very common practice during Lent. The idea is that giving up something that's a regular part of life, like eating dessert or scrolling through Facebook, can be a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice. That time can also be replaced with more time connecting with God.

Giving money or doing something good for others is a way to respond to God's grace, generosity and love. For example, some people spend time volunteering or donate money they would normally use to buy something, like their morning coffee.

It's important to note that doing these things can never make us earn or deserve Jesus' sacrifice or a relationship with God. People are flawed and will never be good enough for a perfect God. Only Jesus has the power to rescue us from ourselves.

Jesus sacrificed Himself on Good Friday to bear the punishment for all our wrongdoings and offer us forgiveness. He was raised from the dead on Easter Sunday to give us an opportunity to have a relationship with God for eternity.

Spending time during Lent praying, fasting and giving can make Jesus' sacrifice on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter even more meaningful.

Interested in learning more about Lent? Do you want to observe it but need guidance? Sign up for Cru's Lent Devotional. Each day of Lent, you will receive an email offering suggestions to help you reflect and pray as you look forward to Easter.

<https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/life-and-relationships/holidays/lent/what-is-lent-about-and-why-is-it-important.html>

YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

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

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

We headed home feeling fulfilled and with very happy faces.

Join us next time for another fun and adventure.

Frank Coleiro



YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

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

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

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



For all youth ministry enquiries,

✉ blaze@john23rd.org.au

or visit our FB page

www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/



BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM

COME AND JOIN

MORE YOUTH GROUPS

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YOUTH LEADERS

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YOUTH LEADERS

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YFC Australia
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Thank you to everyone who attended and donated to our WYD Fundraiser!

A big shout out to the following:

- ♥ Rudi Yap, Zumba Instructor Extraordinaire, for his fantastic class instruction and exhilarating energy!
- ♥ Ethan Zammit for helping with lighting and sounds, and
- ♥ Maz Aguas for the delicious catering!

We hope you all had a blast!!

Stay tuned for news about upcoming fundraisers



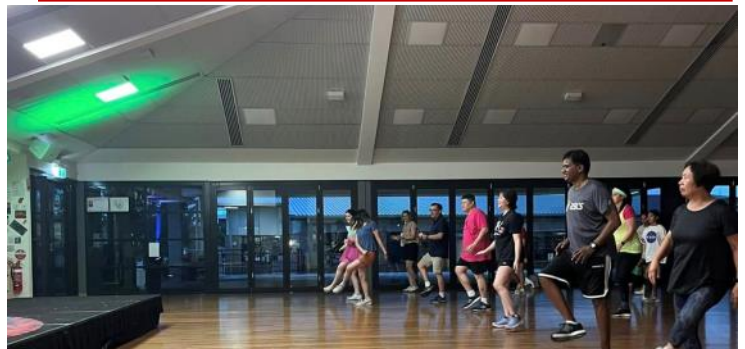
WYD Appeal - Blaze Youth

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



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.

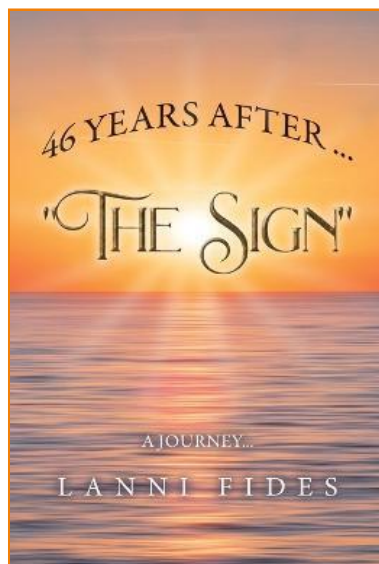
Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2023

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>



46 Years After The Sign: A Journey

Lanni Fides who is one of our parishioners, has kindly donated a few copies of her books to be sold with all proceeds going towards our WYD fundraising. If interested, please feel free to purchase a copy after mass at the front foyer for \$20.

"The Sign" is an inspiring-testimonial journey of a migrant couple from St John XXIII parish, about love, marriage, family life and spirituality! This book reveals the greatness & faithfulness of God to his people! A book for all ages.



KINDERGARTEN 2024 OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 7 MARCH, 2023
FROM 3:45PM



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HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER
www.stjohn23stanhope.catholic.edu.au



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NEW TO OUR PARISH?

**Welcome to our parish
community!**

Please take a welcome envelope
pack from the front entrance.

Visit our website

<http://john23rd.com/>

Like our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/john23rdparish

COELIACS

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

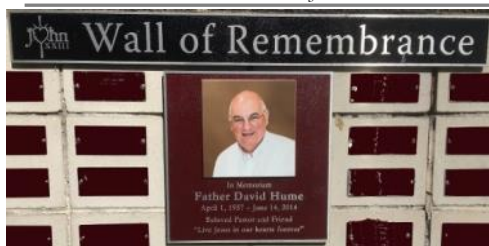


PARKING

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

For everyone's safety, please park at least a meter and a half from the church's driveway so as not to impede vehicles from entering, exiting or turning into or from the church's driveway. Vehicle safety is about more than just staying alert when parking your car.





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

The plaques cost \$400.00



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Risen Lord Community Praise & Worship Night



7.30pm
FRIDAYS,
St John23rd
College Hall

Come join us for an evening of deep intimacy with the Lord. Learn about the abundant and victorious life that Jesus died and purchased for us to have.

AVENUE



JULIA STELLA

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Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm



PRAISE AND WORSHIP

3rd Saturdays at 7:30pm

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