



*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.*

Today is the eighth and last day of the octave of Easter. What we have been celebrating for eight days is the significance of the one paschal event. That is why our gospel passage today starts on the day of the resurrection itself. The Jesus whom the disciples saw that evening was different, yet the same. The author of the gospel presents many dimensions of what the resurrection meant for the disciples in a few short lines: the risen Christ overcomes fear, the risen Christ brings peace, the risen Christ gives the Spirit (and we may note how John, unlike Luke, does not separate these events by fifty days), the risen Christ sends us forth on mission, and our mission is to bring his forgiveness to the world.

We call this story in John's Gospel the story of doubting Thomas. That is quite unfair to Thomas, as it really only focuses on half the story. The other disciples were just as bad; they were fearful, they did not believe it was him until he showed them his hands and his side. The main point of the story is what happens next. The one who suffered fills them all with joy, Thomas and the others alike. The point of the story is not about doubt but about belief.

Then the story takes a funny twist: the focus turns to those who have not seen and yet believe. This is meant to be a statement about us. It seems that Jesus is almost being critical of Thomas for not having believed the reports of his fellow disciples and for wanting to see the risen Lord for himself. It is true that we did not know Jesus in the flesh; we did not experience his life among us in Judea two thousand years ago. Yet, Jesus is not asking us for blind faith. We do not see him in the flesh, but this does not mean that we cannot see him. Seeing is believing, as we commented on for the Fourth Sunday in Lent.

Where do we see Jesus today? Who carries the scars of his suffering in their own bodies for us? We see Jesus in his body, the Church. That is to say, we see Jesus in each other, in our fellow Christians. We are to be marked with signs of our Christianity just as clearly as Jesus was marked with the wounds of his crucifixion. Those holes in his hands and his feet are the proof of his uncompromising love for us and his uncompromising rejection of sin. We, who have been marked with the sign of the cross in baptism, are to make that love for others and rejection of sin visible for others to see by the way we live. St Augustine of Hippo, in his homily on this passage, in speaking of Thomas' encounter with the risen Lord, noted that 'Flesh he touched, but godhead he acclaimed' (*Sermo 145.4*). He touched a person and recognised God. This gives us a challenge: we need to be Jesus for others, we need to make him visible through the way we treat others. When people encounter us, do they touch God? We see Jesus in his body and blood, in the eucharist. We thank God for the mercy that has been shown us. We thank God for the ways we have touched the risen Lord through our encounters with others. We thank God for the ways in which we have made that risen one real for those who touch us. We are an Easter people, and alleluia is our song.

*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

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### First Reading

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24*

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

### Second Reading

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter 1:3-9*

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

*John 20:29*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31*

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me, Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Elizabeth Newnes, Hyacintha Pavirajasingam, Beryl Foster

### Deceased:

### Anniversary:

**Sick:** Names published with permission.

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

### Thanksgiving:

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

Apr	4	11	18	25	
	Deang	Jacob	Ring	Sebastian	
May	2	9	16	23	30
	Vernon	Paguinto	Erasmus B	Sebastian	Tina B
Jun	6	13	20	27	
	Shalini	Cayas	Richards	Barnouti	
Jul	4	11	18	25	
	D'Souza	Ring	Vernon	Jacob	
Aug	1	8	15	22	29
	Lozada	Meena B	Sebastian	Pangilinan E	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*

God, you love every human person.  
When we surrender ourselves to you,  
we come to understand that even what  
pains our heart is made bright by the  
Holy Spirit.

*Brother Roger of Taizé*

### April Church Calendar

Mon	17	8:30am - Mass followed by Young at Heart Seniors Easter Morning Tea
Tues	18	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary prayers Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	19	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	20	9:15am - Mass
Fri	21	9:15am - Mass
Sat	22	6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	23	Cake Angels Stall after morning masses 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am - Mass 6:00 pm - Mass

## Easter Offertory



Your gift supports our parish to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all

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## 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

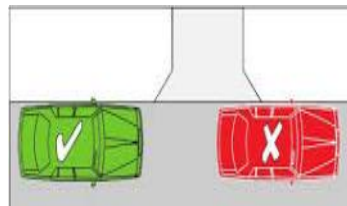
The Vinnies Van provides food, friendship, compassion and dignity to those experiencing homelessness and social isolation in the Mount Druitt and Parramatta areas. To become a volunteer of Vinnies Van you must be 16 years of age and over and available to attend induction training upon commencement.

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

#### DRIVEWAY/CARPARK SAFETY

For everyone's safety, please park at least 1.8 meters from the church's driveway curb 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 please always use the footpath on both sides of the church car park 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.

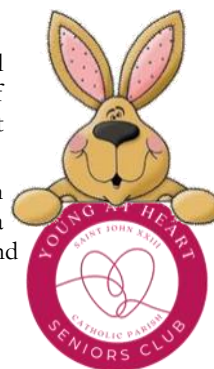
#### YOUNG AT HEART

"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!**



#### 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.

#### 'On Our Knees' Booklet – April 2023 issue

Each booklet is a powerful aid to personal prayer, including personal reflections based on daily liturgical readings.

For anyone desiring to delve deeper into the living Word of God and discover how our Lord speaks to us through it, this is the prayer tool for you.

The booklets are free of charge and will be kept in the church foyer. We pray that this resource blesses you and leads you deeper in your journey with Christ.

#### A BIG THANKS TO

**CLYSON CLEETUS and SHELTON D'CHUNA**

who have taken a lot of time to clean our memorial walls and concreted surroundings with pressure gurney, and have done pest control at the church and the priest residence as their Easter gift to the church. Any pest related works you can contact Shelton on 0423 002 614.

**Thank You!**



## Paschal Triduum Celebration

Every year we celebrate the Paschal Triduum but each year our celebration always seems to feel something different.

It was indeed a wonderful 3 day celebration. Throughout all these celebrations, we would like to thank everyone involved and who have made the Triduum a celebration of the “Solemnity of all solemnities” and culminating in a “Great Vigil Sunday” feast.

- ♥ Maundy Thursday stand-in apostles for the washing of the feet—thank you and hope that you will continue to be of service to our community; the elegant Garden of Repose by Nanette Gamboa.
- ♥ Good Friday Stations of the Cross by our youth group, it was a sacrifice as it rained, but no matter, there was a feeling of fulfillment having to go and think of our Lord’s hardship and suffering.
- ♥ Good Friday veneration of the cross was very solemn and very well attended.
- ♥ Easter Vigil celebration is always a very exciting event especially welcoming catechumens to the fold of our Catholic faith. The beautiful flower arrangement by Grace Agbulos adding beauty to our church; the RCIA preparation group guiding and helping our catechumens on their path to our Catholic faith.
- ♥ the constant planning by the Liturgy ministry to have all celebration run smoothly and the Music ministry for leading us into the solemn and prayerful singing and most specially Ethan Zammit for capturing our momentous event to be remembered forever.

This year we made Easter Sunday more fun specially for the kids with our Easter Egg Hunt. It is so lovely to hear the children’s delightful shrieks while in search for those delicious chocolate eggs, but more so the parents’ excitement to see their kids’ find. Thank you to all parents for bringing the kids and getting them to participate, to the Liturgy ministry for organizing this happy event.

For photos, go and follow us on  <https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish> and/or  [www.instagram.com/sj23stanhope](https://www.instagram.com/sj23stanhope)



with gratitude & congratulations!!



## 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)

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For all youth ministry enquiries,

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or visit our FB page

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



**BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM**

# COME AND JOIN

## MORE YOUTH GROUPS

<b>CRL</b> ( <i>Community of the Risen Lord</i> ) <b>YOUTH LEADERS</b>	<b>YFC</b> ( <i>Youth for Christ</i> ) <b>YOUTH LEADERS</b>
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### 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)

## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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

**Holy Cross Primary**  
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### PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESAN SYNOD

O God, who always walks with us  
on the journey of life, we call upon you  
to lead us forth united.

Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod.

Keep us anchored in your love.  
Open our hearts as we listen and discern.  
Reveal to us the way we are called  
to go out into the deep.  
Give us the courage to pursue  
the mission with bold humility.

May we experience renewal in our local  
Church today, and for generations to come.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ,  
who in the power of the Holy Spirit  
continues to guide your Church, to the  
fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever.

Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.



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



### 'The Well' offering on-demand spiritual nourishment

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with. Check out our featured range of videos and resources for children, families and young people. Visit [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au) today.

### Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2023

Ministries for Formation include Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. Comprehensive training for ministers who wish to serve at the altar during Mass for their parish.

All applications need to be endorsed by your parish Priest prior to attending the first Introductory session.

<https://officeforworship.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Liturgical-Ministry-Formation-Enrollment-Form-2023.pdf>

### MET FaithLIFE Scripture Course: Starting 2 May

Want to learn more about different ways to pray? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on "Prayer" with Br Barry Donaghue, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesdays: 2 + 9 + 16 May. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather

## CONTACTS

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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](https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish)

### COELIACS

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

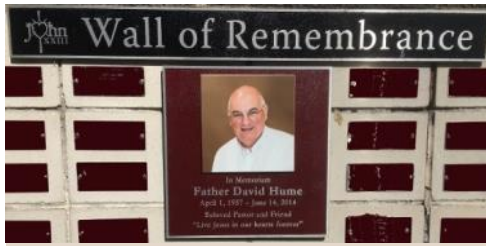
**PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION**

**Support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community.**

**"God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called."**  
— recently ordained priest, Father Matthew Dimian.

**Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal**  
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### MEMORIAL WALL

The wall in front of the church is devoted to the memory of our deceased family and friends, especially if they are buried overseas. For any enquiries please email [columbarium@john23rd.org.au](mailto:columbarium@john23rd.org.au)

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### COLUMBARIUM

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