



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.

Last night we celebrated the most holy night of the year, the most important feast in the Christian calendar. We kept watch together as the Lord passed over from death to life, and we celebrated the fact that as his followers we too pass over from death to life in baptism. We thanked God for all the signs of new life and new hope in our world and we committed ourselves once again to bring that promise into the lives of others.

Last night we heard Matthew's story of the womb at the empty tomb. Today we hear John's story not only of Mary Magdalene at the tomb, who sees the stone moved away, but of Peter and the other disciple going there for themselves, seeing the burial sheets still there but the body gone. It is the Beloved Disciple who sees and believes.

Today we have the opportunity of singing one of only four sequences left in the modern liturgy, the eleventh-century *Victimae paschali laudes*. In it the empty tomb is the sign of the victory of life over death, the victory of forgiveness over sin, the victory of hope over despair, the victory of joy over sorrow. The great stone that sealed the tomb shut was meant to keep the body of the dead Jesus out of sight and to keep him inside forever. In our own lives we have many great stones that trap us where we do not want to be. We all have relationships that have broken down—with a family member, a neighbour, a work colleague—where it seems that nothing can be done to fix things. The glory of the resurrection has pushed that boulder aside and life has burst forth from its jail. The linen cloths used for burial were meant to keep the body wrapped up tightly. In our own lives we have many linen cloths that tie us down, that keep us trapped in an old way of life, unable to move, unable to let go. The glory of the resurrection has loosened the bonds of sin and freed us from the clutches of the living death that it brings.

Easter is our most holy day of the year. Yet, every Sunday is a little Easter; indeed, every day, as the sun rises to extinguish the darkness of the night, is also a little Easter. Preaching to his community in North Africa in the fifth century, St Augustine of Hippo reflected on the fact that the joy and hope of the new life of Easter is meant to be a daily reality for us. He said:

Christ suffered, let us die to sin; Christ rose again, let us live for God. Christ passed over from this world to the Father; don't let our hearts stick here below, but rather follow to the realms above. Our head hung on the tree, let us crucify the lust of the flesh. He lay in the tomb; buried with him, let us forget the past. He is seated in heaven, let us transfer our desires to sublime realities. He is going to come as judge, let us not bear the yoke with unbelievers. He is also going to resuscitate the corpses of the dead; let us deserve this transfiguration of the body by a transformation of our minds. He is going to set the bad on his left, the good on his right; let us choose our place with good works. His kingdom will have no end; let us fear the end of this life not a whit ...

Therefore, dearly beloved, let us make constant reflection on all these things our daily celebration of the Pasch, of Easter. What I mean is that we shouldn't treat these days as extra specially important, in such a way that we neglect the memory of the Lord's passion and resurrection at other times, while we have his body and blood as our daily banquet; this festival, rather, is intended to remind us more vividly of them, to stir us up to greater fervour, to renew our faith more joyfully, since in the course of the annual round of the seasons, it somehow or other sets the memory of what happened before our very eyes. Keep the passing feast in this way, and think about the coming kingdom that will abide forever. (Sermo 229D)

As we thank our God today for a life that breaks free from the tomb of death and the bonds of sin, let us rejoice and be glad, for this day, today, is the day the Lord has made for 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

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

### First Reading

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43*

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23*

**R.** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

### Second Reading

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the 1 Corinthians 5:6-8*

*Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.*

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our paschover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

### Gospel Acclamation

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

#### Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:1-9*

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.



## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Elizabeth Newnes, Hyacintha Pavirajasingam, Beryl Foster, Roland Rayeroox, Kathy Zdilar, Nick Travia, Baby Julian Samuel Epondulan

### Deceased:

Charles Briffa

### Anniversary:

John Baldacchino, Christopher Baldacchino, Censina Baldacchino, Roland Fernandes, Domina Fernandes

### Sick: Names published with permission.

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

### Thanksgiving:

Luz Borromeo

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*

Holy Spirit, mystery of a presence, you say to each of us;

"Why be worried? One thing alone is necessary: a heart attentive to understand that God loves you and always forgives you."

*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

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.

## Easter Offertory



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

**GIVE TO OUR PARISH**

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StJohn23rd Parish

## 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



### April Church Calendar

Mon	10	8:30am - Mass
Tues	11	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary prayers Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	12	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	13	9:15am - Mass
Fri	14	9:15am - Mass
Sat	15	7:30pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	16	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](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 Druiitt 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)



**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.

Dear Parishioners,

We are Looking for the Bible Study Program entitled 'THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY' which was kept in the Parish Office. It consists of 5 DVDs, a Leader Guide Book, and a Workbook. If you have borrowed it from the Parish Office a few years ago, could you please kindly return it to Tanya at the Parish office. Another ministry would like to make use of the Study. Thank you very much for your kind attention



THE BIBLE  
and the  
VIRGIN MARY  
JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

**DRIVEWAY/CARPARK SAFETY**

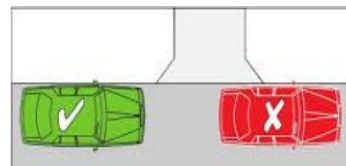
For everyone's safety, please **park at least 1.8 meters from the church's driveway entrance.**

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

**Congratulations to our 4 catechumens**

**Abbey Barron**

**Daniel Lennard**

**Jacqueline Hooper**

**Shane Lombardo**

May you continue to grow in God's grace and love.

Welcome to the Catholic faith!

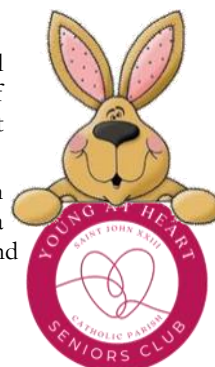
**YOUNG AT HEART**

"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!**



**'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.

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead.

Since Easter represents the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar.

In the Gospels, the precise details of the Easter narrative vary slightly, but none of these variances are critical to the main story. In fact, it is argued that the variances are simply matters of style and not substance. Despite the variances, the key aspects of the Easter story all match. Above all, they agree that the tomb of Christ was indeed empty, which is the most essential fact.

Based on direct evidence from the mid-second century, it is believed that Easter was regularly celebrated from the earliest days of the Church.

The Easter date is movable and always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Easter in the Roman Catholic Church is always on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.

Most Catholics attend Easter Vigil at midnight, although the services can be lengthy because many sacraments are performed, such as baptisms and Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, during the Mass. Services during the daytime on Easter are shorter and well attended.

Sunrise services are common, but are distinctly Protestant. Sunrise services are gathered before dawn and reflect the arrival of the women at Jesus' tomb early in the morning. The services take place outdoors, often in church yards, cemeteries, or in parks, and are timed so the sun will rise during the course of worship.

Traditional family activities vary by region. In the United States, children often hunt for Easter eggs, which are often brightly-dyed hard boiled eggs, though they can be plastic eggs filled with candy or small denominations of money. Candy is a traditional gift for Easter as children often break their Lenten fasts with sweets. Adults tend to share bouquets of flowers, greeting cards, and may gather for a family meal. Such celebrations are often secularized and focused on children and family rather than the religious aspect of the holy day.

Following Easter Sunday, the season of Easter begins and lasts for seven weeks, ending with Pentecost.

On this greatest day of the year, all fasting and somber thoughts are banished. As St. John Chrysostom announces in this famous Easter sermon, all are invited to the feast:

*"Let all then enter the joy of Our Lord!*

*Both the first and the last, and those who come after, enjoy your reward!*

*Rich and poor, dance with one another, sober and slothful, celebrate the day.*

*Those who have kept the fast and those who have not, rejoice today, for the table is richly spread.*

*Fare royally upon it-the calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry.*

*All of you, enjoy the banquet of faith!*

*All enjoy the riches of His goodness.*

*Let no one cry over his poverty, for the universal Kingdom has appeared!*

*Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again, for forgiveness has risen from the grave.*

*Let none fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free.*

*He has destroyed it by enduring it.*

*He spoiled the power of hell when he descended thereto. Isaiah foretold this when he cried, 'Death has been frustrated in meeting him below!'*

*It is frustrated, for it is destroyed.*

*It is frustrated, for it is annihilated.*

*It is frustrated, for now it is made captive.*

*For it grabbed a body and discovered God.*

*It took earth and behold! It encountered Heaven.*

*It took what was visible and was overcome by what was invisible.*

*O Death, where is your sting?*

*O Death, where is your victory?*

*Christ is risen, and the demons are cast down.*

*Christ is risen, and life is set free.*

*Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead.*

*For Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits for those who sleep, to Him be glory and power forever and ever!*

*Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

<https://www.catholic.org/lent/easter.php>

# HAPPY EASTER

**May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.**

**And may Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by your side to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.**



## 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	
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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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# EASTER CELEBRATION AND EGG HUNT

**Easter Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Following the 10.30am Mass**  
**At the Church grounds**

Kids up to age 10 are welcome

**1 parent or adult can assist a kid if need be**

**Bring 6 chocolate eggs as your entry to the Egg Hunt, and handover to the Team before the 10.30am mass**

**Stay in the church at the end of the mass and wait for instructions**

**Prizes will be available**



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For more events please go to [parracatholic.org/events](http://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

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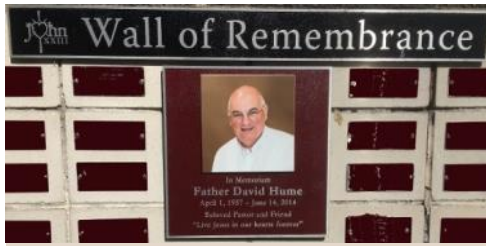
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Parish Sports Coordinator  
Neville - 0466 262850

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Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm



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