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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.

Dear Parishioners,

As a parish community, we have moved forward with lots of activities to support the spiritual, sacramental and pastoral growth of our parish. It is always the parish pastoral council, liturgy committee, finance committee and the various parish committees and ministries and people who are involved in them who have played the important role. The parish council plays an important role in the active life of the parish. The main role of the parish pastoral council is to support and give sound advice to the parish priest for the pastoral care of the Parishioners entrusted to his care. They give sound advice to the parish priest for the smooth functioning of the parish. Our parish council in this regard have done a great job with Fr. John and with me as well. Normally the term of the parish council is for two years but due to the unavoidable situations of COVID and then a new priest (me) taking charge, they have continued in their role a bit longer. They have all served the parish faithfully and on behalf of you all, I thank them for a service well done, CONGRATULATIONS. Now it is time for us to form a new council and continue and improve the great effort of building up our community and offer them the best pastoral care we can give them.

The New Parish Council will be composed of 5 elected members, 3 people appointed by the parish priest, the parish representative to the deanery council and the heads of all ministries and representative each from both our schools. In this regard in accordance with Canon 536, I invite nominations to be elected as members of the parish pastoral council.

The qualifications to be elected or be appointed as the member of the pastoral council.

- They should be above 18 years of age, practice the faith and be actively involved in the parish or willing to be involved.
- They should be able to discern, advice, cooperate and work with the parish priest and other members of the parish and be available for the parish meetings and able to respond if and when special need arise.

You could nominate a person whom you think is the best person to do the job or you could nominate yourself, if you consider that you can offer a service to the community. The nominated names can be dropped in the box either entrance of the church. Please include three qualities that you see in the person whom you recommend.

Nomination will close on the 9th July and the election will take place in the general assembly of the parish on the 16th July, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Church.

Parishioners, please come to this assembly. All members of various ministries, you too have to compulsorily be there.

Fr Jolly Chacko, MS



Next Friday, **16th June**, we celebrate the **Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. We will have 2 masses, 9.15am and 6.30pm. The 6.30pm mass is mainly for the children receiving First Communion and their families.

On the Saturday, **17th June**, we celebrate the **Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. The mass is as usual at 9am. We encourage parishioners to participate in the holy liturgy.



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
Thurs 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

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that

I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real

food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am

sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come

down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Alphonse Francis, Phyllis Chilla, Tony Zec, Grace Durante

Deceased:

Anniversary:

Trevor Cherry

Sick: Names published with permission.

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

Jun	6	13	20	27	
	<i>Sbalini</i>	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
Sep	5	12	19	26	
	Fernandes D	Erasmus B	Barnouti	Jacob	
Oct	3	10	17	24	31
	Deang	Erasmus B	Sebastian	Jacob	Richards

"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.

PRAYING in the SILENCE of the HEART

Holy Spirit, consoling Spirit, when we remain in your presence, silent, at peace, that is already prayer. You understand everything about us, and at times even a simple sigh can be a prayer.

Brother Roger of Taizé

Alpha at St John XIII

- ? Are you looking to connect with others from the parish
- ? Have you got questions about life and faith
- ? Want to deepen your spirituality
- ? Or want to know more about the Alpha Program

Alpha has started on **Thursday 25th May at 7 - 9pm**

If interested to join please contact Mei Velasco via phone 0410 040 434 or email mei.donnie.velasco@gmail.com



'On Our Knees' Booklet – June 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.

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 parishioners to register for direct debit or credit card deductions instead of the envelope system.

Parishioners who want to make a financial contribution are encouraged to use the TapnGo machines by the entrances or online via BPoint.

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May Church Calendar

Mon	12	8:30am - Mass
Tues	13	<i>Saint Anthony de Padua (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	14	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	15	9:15am - Mass
Fri	16	<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (S)</i> 9:15am - Mass 6:30pm - Mass
Sat	17	<i>The Most Immaculate Heart of Mary (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	18	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.

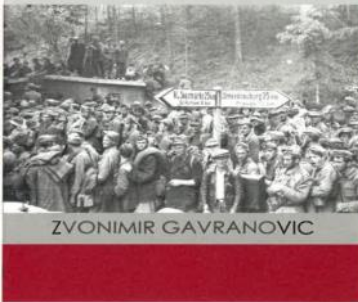
For more information contact maintenance@john23rd.org.au or the parish office.

⇒ **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

Bleiburg: Massacre of the Croatian People 1945



About the book:

This book tells the history of Croatia from its very beginning right up to 1945. In this way, readers would come to realise that the Croatian people are an ancient people who inhabited the region between the Drava River and the Adriatic Sea from the seventh century onwards. The book then deals with the creation of the Independent State of Croatia during the Second World War. Mention is also made of the suffering of the Slovene, German and Montenegrin peoples of the former Yugoslavia. It is good to acknowledge the past with all the horrors of war and learn to forgive the mistakes that were made. It is also important to think of

the present time and the future years to come and strive to improve our understanding of other people from different cultures and nations and not carry the hatred into future generations.

"This is a masterly book that can change lives. Zvonimir Gavranovic has spent a lifetime studying this and meditating on its wider meaning. His research is impressive, his findings sure and his applications to everyday life is sound. He knows that nurturing hatred for wrongs done in the past is bad for you. Yet if he urges forgiveness, he does not want us to forget our bloody past. It is a nourishing book."

Edmund Campion, Sydney

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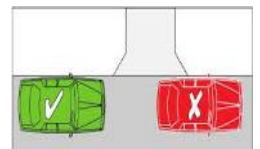
Book is \$50.

If you are interested to please call the Parish Office on 8883 5981.

DRIVEWAY/CARPARK SAFETY

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

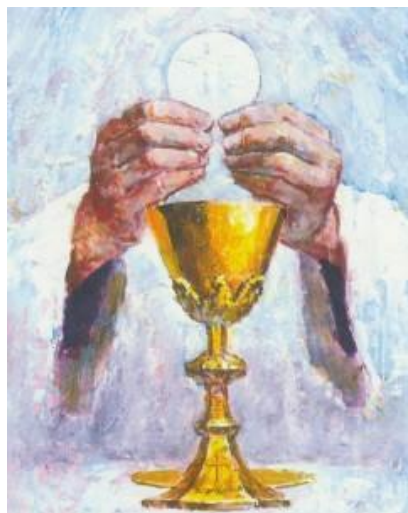
Your parked vehicle must not block the flow of traffic or impair the vision of other drivers getting into or out of the parking lot, basically impeding vehicles from entering, exiting or turning into or from the church's driveway.



Vehicle safety is more than just staying alert when parking your car. Let us not become a danger to other road users.

Remember to 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.



Congratulations to all the children who have received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this week.

What does the Solemnity of Corpus Christi celebrate?

Also known as the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, this feast honors Jesus Christ, Really, Truly and Substantially Present under the appearances of bread and wine. This Presence happens through the change which the Church calls transubstantiation ("change of substance"), when at the Consecration of the Mass, the priest says the words which Christ Himself pronounced over bread and wine, "*This is My Body*," "*This is the chalice of My Blood*," "*Do this in remembrance of Me*." In 2023, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is on June 8, but it is transferred to Sunday, June 11 in some dioceses.

Why do Catholics celebrate Corpus Christi?

The Catholic Church honours Christ's Presence in the Holy Eucharist with a special feast owing to St. Juliana of Liège, a 13th-century Norbertine canoness from Belgium. She had a great love for the Eucharist. When she was 16, she had a vision in which the Church was a full moon with a dark spot. The dark spot signified that the Church was missing a feast dedicated solely to the Body and Blood of Christ. Even though she had this vision several times, St. Juliana didn't think that she could do anything to help institute this feast. Therefore, she kept it a secret for many years. Once she was elected prioress, she finally told her confessor, who in turn told the bishop. This eventually led to the universal feast of Corpus Christi.

What does Corpus Christi mean?

The Latin words "Corpus Christi" translate to "Body of Christ."

Why is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi important?

The Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" (Second Vatican Council, Lumen gentium, no. 11). In the Eucharist, Jesus Himself re-presents for our benefit His Sacrifice on Calvary (Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:26-29), gives Himself to us in Holy Communion (Exodus 16:4, 35; John 6:1-14, 48-51), and remains among us until the end of the age (Luke 24:13-35; Mt. 28:18-20). He comes to us in this humble form, making Himself vulnerable, out of love for each one of us. Yet, as God Himself, the Body and Blood of Christ deserves our utmost respect and love, as well as our adoration.

St. Thomas Aquinas, Hymn "Tantum Ergo"

Down in adoration falling, Lo! the sacred Host we hail; Lo! o'er ancient forms departing, Newer rites of grace prevail; Faith for all defects supplying, Where the feeble senses fail.

St. Francis of Assisi said, "...In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood."

"Every year the feast of Corpus Christi invites us to renew the wonder and joy for this wonderful gift of the Lord, which is the Eucharist." - Pope Francis

When is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi?

The traditional date for Corpus Christi is the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, itself the Sunday after Pentecost. Thursday was chosen because it was the day on which the Last Supper was celebrated. Many ecclesiastical provinces (e.g. United States), however, celebrate it on the following Sunday, so that more people can attend. Where it occurs on Thursday, it is a Holy Day of Obligation, that is, Catholics must participate in the Mass.

What is the Corpus Christi procession?

Whenever the Eucharist is exposed for adoration of the people, it is placed in a sacred vessel called a Monstrance, whose clear glass permits the viewing of the Sacred Host. Such Exposition can take several forms, on the altar in a parish, for adoration and prayer, public devotions such as Eucharistic Benediction, and public processions on Corpus Christi, or at other times. In Catholic countries such processions often go throughout the city. The faithful usually sing and pray, all in honor of our Eucharistic King. This practice began in the 14th-century, and it has been promoted by popes, councils, and saints as a wonderful way to show the supreme importance of the Eucharist and the love that we have for Him.

What is the Holy Eucharist?

The Holy Eucharist is the greatest of the seven sacraments. The Catholic Church teaches that in the Eucharist, Our Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is really, truly, and substantially, present under the appearances of bread and wine. Our Lord is not merely symbolized by the bread and wine; nor is he present only through the faith of those present. Rather, the two material things, bread and wine, are completely changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ,

leaving behind only their sensible appearances. Thus, through the words of consecration spoken by the priest, Jesus, without ceasing to be present in a natural way in heaven, is also present sacramentally, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, wherever the consecrated elements are present.

Is the Eucharist biblical?

The Eucharist is discussed many times in Sacred Scripture in its root meaning "to give thanks" (Ps. 9:1, Is. 12:1,4; Col. 3:17; 1 Thess. 5:18). Giving thanks, or blessing God, was the essential element of the prayers of temple, synagogue, and daily life for Israel. There are many instances, as well, in the Old Testament where the Eucharist is foreshadowed even in its sacramental forms, such as Melchizedek's offering of bread and wine (Genesis 14:18-20), the Passover (Ex. 12:1-14), and the manna which sustained Israel until it could enter into the Promised Land (Ex. 16:13-17).

Christ likewise always gave thanks to His Father for His good gifts. This is recorded especially in contexts where He anticipated the forms of new covenant worship. These include the wedding feast of Cana (John 2), changing water into wine, the two multiplication of loaves miracles (Mt. 14:13-21; Mt. 15:32-39), multiplying substance to satisfy the needs of all, and His explanation of the Eucharist in the Bread of Life Discourse (John 6).

Finally, at the Last Supper He instituted the Eucharist, as the normative way of commemorating His Paschal Sacrifice on Calvary, commanding that we do this until He comes again (cf. 1 Cor. 11).

What does "Eucharist" mean literally?

"It is called Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words 'eucharistein' and 'eulogein' recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim - especially during a meal - God's works: creation, redemption, and sanctification." (CCC 1328)

What happens when we receive Holy Communion?

In Holy Communion, by obeying Jesus' command to eat His Flesh and drink His Blood, the faithful are personally united with Jesus Himself. It is fitting that we don't receive just a mystical Jesus, a spiritual Jesus, much less a metaphorical or symbolic Jesus. Jesus took our human nature (body and soul) at the Incarnation, His Body was nailed to the Cross and His Blood poured out in His death, and on Easter He rose with His Body and Soul. He continues to give us salvation and grace, immediately and directly through His Incarnate Sacred Body and Blood, just as He saved us, and just as He promised in John chapter 6.

Is Jesus present in the Eucharist?

From the earliest days of the Church Christians have believed that Christ was present in the Eucharist, but they did so without theory or explanation. St. Paul simply admonished the Corinthians against sacrilegious reception (1 Cor. 11), but about 160 AD St. Justin wrote the first effort at an explanation, in his Apologia to Emperor Antoninus Pius.

For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Saviour, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise have we been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh.

In the Middle Ages the character of this change was explored and systematically developed by theologians, especially St. Thomas Aquinas. Thus, the Council of Trent taught against the theories of some of the Reformers, that Christ is really, truly, and substantially present.

His Presence is real, because it has "real being." This philosophical term conveys that it has actual existence, and not just mental existence (as a fictional creature, or a concept of a thing would).

His Presence is true. Truth refers to an accurate statement of a reality. The Blessed Sacrament is called Christ because it is Christ. It is not simply a symbol, as a flag is the symbol of a nation, or as a photograph is a representation of the individual shown.

Finally, His Presence is substantial. Even though our senses detect the appearances or properties of bread and wine, the substance is Christ, Who is wholly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, under each element, and any parts of them.

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 topics.

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.

COME AND JOIN

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

MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord) YOUTH LEADERS		YFC (Youth for Christ) YOUTH LEADERS	
Rojith de Silva 0405 9563210	Nimeshi Fernando 0417 101009	<u>YFC International</u> Vince Erasmo 0406 253698	<u>YFC Australia</u> Jonathan Montaos 0401 478733



For all youth ministry enquiries,

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or visit our FB page

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BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM

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ST JOHN XXIII TABLE TALK

Table Talk provides an opportunity for people to share their personal stories in a safe and respectful space. Community members are then invited to join in the discussion and explore questions or concerns about the subject.

At this Table Talk, student leaders of St John XXIII invite you to join in the conversation as they discuss the subject of homelessness and asylum seekers.

5:00pm - Refreshments and entertainment
5:30pm - Framing and orientation
5:45pm - Table talk begins

Date
Friday 16 June, 2023

Venue
160 Perfection Ave,
Stanhope Gardens 2768
(Entry via Secondary Entrance)

REGISTER NOW

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. If you'd like to make a contribution towards our goal, you can go to the Parish's BPoint account site and caption your donation as "YOUTH - WYD DONATION".

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/StJohnXXIIIPGSG>

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



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

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>

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website.

For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0419 242435 or Marisa on 0412 280017.

Soul Food Podcast – Pastoral Formation

Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others?

Pastoral Formation's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: <https://pfparr.org.au/soulfood/>

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal available for in-person, virtual appointments

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews available for those unable to attend the office. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02)8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org

Mass available for the Nigerian Catholic Community

The Nigerian Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11am at Holy Family Church, South Granville, 200 The Trongate, Granville. For more information, please contact community chaplain Fr Chinonye Akamadu on 0451 174438 or chuk.akamadu@parracatholic.org or Stella Nwosu on 0405 478472.

Mass available for the South Sudanese Catholic Community

The South Sudanese Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every Sunday at 2pm at Mary, Queen of the Family Catholic Parish, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown 2148. For more information, please contact Deacon John Cinya on (02) 9622 1125 or John.Cinya@parracatholic.org

Safe Parishes Week – Safeguarding Mandatory Training is Due Now!

- Are you new to Parish Ministry this year and have not completed your Safeguarding Training?
- Are you an existing volunteer and have not yet completed your 6 points of mandatory Safeguarding Training?

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards **all** volunteers in parish ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training. The Office of the Children's Guardian expects all volunteers in parish ministry have now met this Standard. In the Diocese of Parramatta we have a zero tolerance of abuse. We therefore commit to keeping children safe as well as all adults at risk.

You are now required to register for the mandatory 6 points of Safeguarding Training to complete Cycle 1: Register for the Mandatory Training during Safe Parishes Week on **Friday 9th June at 9.30am - 2.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Marion Street Blacktown**

Please register for this mandatory training at safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.edu.au If you would like to complete your 6 points online, 'sign up' NOW at <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org

SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL

You would have already seen the media coverage regarding the ACT government's decision to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital in Canberra. This means that the ownership and management of Calvary Hospital will be taken away from the Catholic operator and given to the government-run non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead.

Catholic hospitals have faithfully served the community for 170 years. They treat more than 1.5million patients yearly or three patients every minute.

This decision has broader implications, a summary of which can be found at: www.savecalvary.com.au Here you can also sign the petition to save Calvary Hospital.

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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

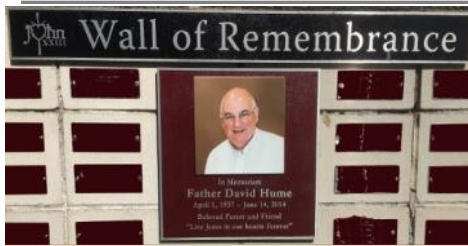
<http://john23rd.com/>

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COELIACS

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



MEMORIAL WALL

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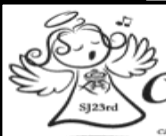
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PARISH SOCIAL VOLLEYBALL



Parish Sports Coordinator
Neville Reynolds
0466 262850

Come and join our sports socials every Saturday, 10:00am, at St John 23rd College's outdoor courts. If interested contact the coordinators listed above in order to be included in our WhatsApp Sports chat group.



Join and be part of the
Cake Angels
contact Madeline Huang
cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com



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Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm



PRaise AND WORSHIP
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Young at Hearts Seniors Group
Contact Frank Coleiro



Want to know more?

Contact Mei Velasco via phone 0410 040 434 or email mei.donnie.velasco@gmail.com



COLUMBARIUM

Columbarium Niches reservations are getting filled from neighbouring parishioners. For our parishioners who are planning to buy a Niche, do so without delay, because we always want to prioritise members of our parish who wish to buy the Niches. For further information please contact the Parish Office.