



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

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

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus 19:2-6

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:6-11

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:
Antionette De Souza, Alphonse Francis, Phyllis Chilla, Tony Zec, John Sullivan, Milan Starik, John Amarathuparambil John

Deceased:
Julia Dadvivas Samonte, Edna Lucero, Anna Perovich

Anniversary:
Father Dave Hume, Nena Celdran Matias, Francisco Enriquez, Luz Borromeo

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

Thanksgiving:
Norman & Sabina Reynolds

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	
	Sbalini	Cayas	Richards	Barnouti	
Jul	4	11	18	25	
	D'Souza	Ring	Vernon	Jacob	
Aug	1	8	15	22	
	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.

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



PRAYING in the SILENCE of the HEART

Holy Spirit, in you we are offered a way of discovering this amazing reality:
God does not wish suffering or distress for people; he never creates fear or anguish in us,
God can only love us.
Brother Roger of Taizé

May Church Calendar

Mon	19	8:30am - Mass
Tues	20	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	21	Saint Aloysius Gonzaga (M) 9:15am - Mass
Thurs	22	Saints John Fisher and Thomas More (M) 9:15am - Mass
Fri	23	9:15am - Mass
Sat	24	9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	25	The Nativity of John the Baptist (S) 7:30, 9:00 - 10:30 am Mass 6:00 pm - Mass


Paying our debt together

Thank you to all our parishioners who have always so generously supported our Parish. We will always be grateful for your generosity

FIRST COLLECTION goes to support the priests and deacons of the Diocese.
SECOND COLLECTION provides for the running costs of the church and ministry expenses; it also goes to pay off our church mortgage.
A Planned giving Program is in place to help us with the planning /budgeting for the church expenses. To register, an **SJ23rd form** is available at the church foyer or from the website.
The Parish Finance Committee encourages 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.

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.

LEMONADE STAND

Thank you to everyone who supported our first ever lemonade stand.

Special thanks goes to the following for making this happen:



- 🍋 Fathers Jolly's and Zvon's garden harvest made into lemonade;
- 🍋 Antonette and Mariliza Aguas and friends for preparing the delicious drink and yummy treats that went with it;
- 🍋 Amanda Lee, Brendan Webber and other youth members from our BLAZE youth group, for helping in the

setting up, selling and packing up

Thank you all. They were able to raise ~\$660.00 which will go to the church's coffers.

⇒ 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



Our Lady of Perpetual Help (also known as Our Lady of Perpetual Succour) is a Roman Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary as represented in a celebrated 15th-century Byzantine icon also associated with the same Marian apparition.

The icon has been in Rome since 1499, and is permanently enshrined in the church of Sant' Alfonso di Liguori, where the official Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help text is prayed weekly. In the Eastern Orthodox Church, this artistic iconography is known as the Virgin of the Passion or Theotokos of the Passion due to the instruments of the Passion present on the image.

Due to the Redemptorist Priests, who had been appointed as both custodians and missionaries of this icon by Pope Pius IX in 1865, the image has become very popular among Roman Catholics in particular, and has been very much copied and reproduced. Modern reproductions are sometimes displayed in homes, business establishments, and public transportation.

On 23 June 1867, the image was granted a Canonical Coronation and its official recognition of the Marian icon under its present title. The Redemptorist priests are the only religious order currently entrusted by the Holy See to protect and propagate a Marian religious work of art.

The feast day of Our Mother of Perpetual Help is celebrated on June 27, with novena devotions held every Wednesday. Under Pope Pius XII's Pontificate, our Mother of Perpetual Help was designated as the national Patroness of the Republic of Haiti and Almoradi, Spain.

Art:

A brief explanation of the symbolism in the icon of our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, also known as Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, is a title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary by Pope Pius IX, associated with a celebrated Byzantine icon of the same name dating from the 15th century. This icon has been in Rome since 1499, and is currently in the church of Sant'Alfonso di Liguori all'Esquilino. The image has become very popular among Roman Catholics in particular, and has been very much copied and reproduced.

1. Meaning of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Icon1) Greek initial for Mother of God.
2. Greek initial for St. Michael, the archangel.
3. Greek initial for St. Gabriel, the archangel.
4. Mary's mouth is small for silent recollection. She speaks little.
5. Mary's eyes are larger, for in all our troubles, they are turned towards us always.
6. Star on our Lady's veil means she is the star of the sea who brought the light Jesus into this world.
7. Red tunic is the color worn by virgins at the time of Christ (AD33).
8. Christ's hands turned palms down into his mother's indicate that the grace of redemption is in her keeping.
9. Mary's left hand supports Christ possessively. That means she is his mother. It's a comforting hand for everyone who calls on her.
10. Dark blue mantle – the color worn by mothers in Palestine. means Mary is both virgin and mother of Christ.
11. The entire background is gold representing the heaven.
12. Golden crown placed on the original picture as a token of many miracles wrought by our lady invoked under the title of perpetual help.
13. Greek initials for Jesus Christ.



14. Foot with falling sandal represents Christ's divine nature, barely clinging to earth. The human nature is symbolized in the other foot to which the sandal is more firmly bound. This simply means that Christ has two natures, Human and Divine.

<http://devotiontoourlady.com/our-lady-of-perpetual-help.html>

The Story:

The icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help represents the Christian mystery of Redemption.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help is a Byzantine icon that is believed to have its origin sometime during the 13th -15th century. The image is also known as "Our Lady of Perpetual Succour." The icon is known for being miraculous; over the centuries countless healings and special graces have been attributed to it, so much so that the image has been honored and venerated by many Popes.

The miraculous icon is painted on wood and measures about 20" in height (54 x 41.5 centimeters) and depicts the Virgin Mary, under the title "Mother of God," holding the Child Jesus.

The Archangels Michael and Gabriel, hovering in the upper corners, hold the instruments of the Passion. St. Michael (in the left corner) holds the spear, the wine-soaked sponge, and the crown of thorns. St. Gabriel (in the right corner) holds the cross and the nails.

The intent of the artist was to portray the Child Jesus contemplating the vision of His future Passion. Frightened by the vision, he runs to his mother for consolation. The anguish He feels is shown by the loss of one of His sandals as he quickly flees into the arms of his Mother.

Despite a forboding vision of suffering, the icon also conveys the triumph of Christ over sin and death, symbolized by the golden background as a sign of the glory of the resurrection. The royal crowns on the heads of Jesus and Mary also symbolize their triumph as the King of Kings with his Queen Mother.

In a very beautiful way, the Child Jesus grasps the hand of the Blessed Mother. He seeks comfort from His mother as He sees the instruments of His passion. The position of Mary's hands – both holding the Child Jesus (who seems like a small adult) and at the same time presenting Him to us – convey the reality of our Lord's incarnation, that He is true God who became also true man. <https://www.catholiccompany.com/the-meaning-behind-the-our-lady-of-perpetual-help-icon/>

Tradition:

Celebrating and the Procession

All around the world celebrating and the processions of today's feast are being enjoyed...from Scottsdale, to Nigeria, to the Philippines, and more!

Any Catholic can be consecrated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and ask her intercession, by following these simple steps:

- 1) Be enrolled by name at a church or shrine where a confraternity is canonically erected.

The Confraternity of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is a spiritual organization whose members are united for the express purpose of honoring and serving the Mother of God under the special title of "Our Mother of Perpetual Help." The Archconfraternity is canonically established at the church of St. Alphonsus in Rome, where the original image of Our Mother of Perpetual Help is venerated.

- 2) Recite the Act of Consecration to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Members are urged (but not obligated) to:

- a. Renew this Act of Consecration once a month;
- b. Have recourse to our Mother of Perpetual Help in every need;
- c. Have a Perpetual Help picture in their homes;
- d. Wear an Our Mother of Perpetual Help medal;
- e. Spread this devotion to others.

<https://www.saintsfeastfamily.com/copy-of-st-cyril-of-alexandria-june>

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.

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	
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MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord) YOUTH LEADERS		YFC (Youth for Christ) YOUTH LEADERS	
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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. 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



For all youth ministry enquiries,

✉ blaze@john23rd.org.au

or visit our FB page

www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/

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BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM

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160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

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Bleiburg: Massacre of the Croatian People 1945



ZVONIMIR GAVRANOVIC

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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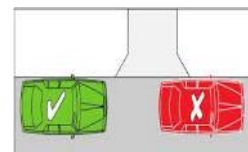
Book is \$50.

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.





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Pastoral Formation



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NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance.

Visit our website

<http://john23rd.com/>

Like our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/john23rdparish

COELIACS

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

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://pfparra.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

Office for Safeguarding

The Parish and Diocese of Parramatta takes the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. This includes past or present forms of abuse.

Safeguarding those who are vulnerable is part of the mission that Jesus Christ entrusts to our Church. We all have a role to play in safeguarding those who are vulnerable.

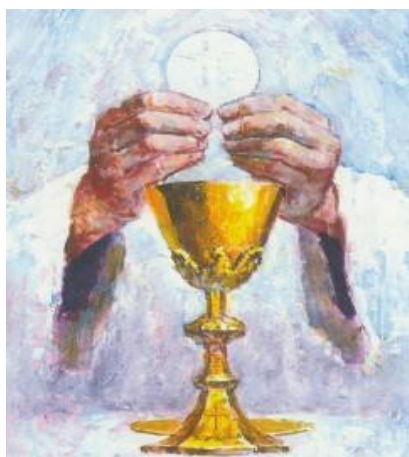
If you have any concerns about someone's immediate safety, or you suspect a crime may have or is likely to occur, please contact NSW Police on Triple Zero (000).

Concerns about safeguarding in the Diocese may be referred to your Parish Priest, or directly to the Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards

Ph (02) 8838 3419

Email: safeguarding@parracatholic.org

Information about the Diocese's response and supports about safeguarding children and vulnerable people are available at www.safeguarding.org.au



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

Congratulation's Antonia Zammit

19-year-old Antonia Zammit from St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens, has been selected to be part of "Ensemble23" – a group of volunteer artists and performers that will be a central part of the upcoming World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal.



Joining over 40 people from around the world, Antonia will travel to Lisbon for six weeks of intense rehearsals ahead of World Youth Day Week, where she will perform in front of Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics during the Welcome Ceremony, the Way of the Cross and the Night Vigil.

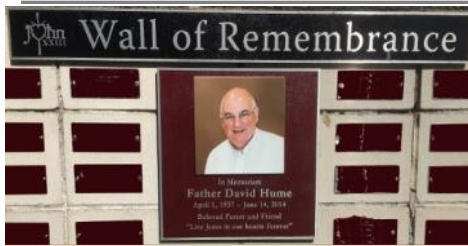


Office for Safeguarding

The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to:

◆ Act with Justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person

◆ Act with justice and ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount <https://safeguarding.org.au/>



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

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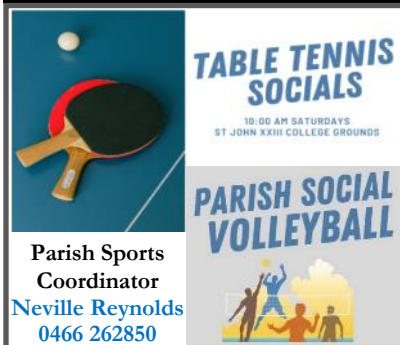
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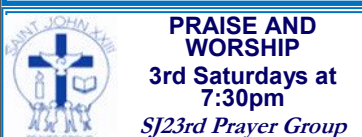
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Parish Sports Coordinator
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Come and join our sports socials every Saturday, 10:00am, at St John 23rd College's outdoor courts. If interested contact the coordinators listed above in order to be included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



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.