



Welcome to the community of the Catholic Parish of St John 23rd Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens where the love of Christ is shining in so many ways.

The second discourse of Matthew's Gospel occupies chapter 10. We hear it proclaimed on this Sunday and the following. In Matthew's version, the mission of the Twelve is only to the people of Israel (10:5-16) and they are to preach the nearness of kingdom not only in word but in action, by healing the sick, raising the dead, cleansing lepers, and casting out demons. Jesus warns them of the opposition they would encounter (10:17-25), before moving to today's section, which speaks of the fearlessness the apostles are to need in the face of such opposition.

'Do not be afraid', is the exhortation of Jesus to his apostles and to us. We live in a church seemingly enmeshed in endless scandal; the good news of God's love seems imprisoned in the darkness of unending failure among those of us who seek to serve God's people through leadership and ministry. Our society has lost trust in the institutional church because of such inexcusable evil. The words of Jesus today promise that even such tragedy cannot overpower the message, even though it certainly seems that way at the moment. Jesus promises that God watches over those whom the rest of the world forgets, the sparrows among us. It does seem hard to believe in a God who cares for the small and insignificant when many of the most vulnerable among us suffer at our hands instead of being cherished.

So these words of Jesus are ever more pressing as things look darkest. More than ever, Jesus' call to bear witness to him needs to be taken up by every baptised person. The Spirit has been given to us and it is the Spirit who shines in the darkness, it is the Spirit who makes Jesus come to life within us, it is the Spirit who gives us strength in our weakness. We bear witness to him by the faithfulness we show to his gospel, by the life-affirming care we lavish upon the downtrodden and destitute, the helpless and the homeless, the vulnerable and the needy.

Augustine of Hippo advises his community: 'Let us fear, in order not to fear; that is, let us fear wisely, in order not to fear groundlessly' (Sermo 65). We would be wise to fear denying God by a life of sin that does not bear witness to the life and love promised us. We would be wise to fear complacency, which blinds us to the demands of constant reform and conversion.

While today's gospel calls us to action, it also calls us to give thanks. We must be thankful for those who do witness to what is true and right, even if their fidelity is overshadowed by the failings of others. We must be thankful that fear is not the final word, that failure will not extinguish the good news of God's love, no matter how much that flickering light of hope seems to be about to go out. We must be thankful that the grace of God, poured into our hearts through the Spirit who makes our gifts of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ given up for our nourishment, is about to be given once again to us in this sacred meal we share.

Geoffrey D Dunn

Our Parish Mission

The parish of St John XXIII is a faith community with the Eucharist as its heart. Inspired by John XXIII's prophetic opening of the windows of the Church, we welcome the fresh air of the Holy Spirit, inviting every person to share in the responsibility of enriching the life and faith of our community by sharing their gifts and talents."

Mass Times

Mon	8:30am
Tues-Fri	9:15am
Sat	9.00am, 6pm Vigil
Sun	7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm

Holy Cross Primary School Mass
Thurs 9:15am *during school days*

Masses for Special Occasions

1st Tues	7.30pm Novena Mass <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
1st Fri	7:30pm Novena Mass <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>

Exposition + Benediction

1st Fri	after 9.15am 7.30pm
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Reconciliation

After the weekday masses
Sat after the 9am mass
until 10.30am
5:15 - 5:45pm *before the Vigil Mass or upon request*

Sacraments

Sun	12pm Baptism <i>by appointment</i>
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Devotions & Prayers

Mon	7.30pm Christian Meditation <i>Frances Pegram 0417 406715</i>
Fri	6.30pm Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group <i>Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039</i>

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

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 20:10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needs and does not spurn servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:12-15

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:26, 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:26-33

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.



Don't let your **fear**
overcome your **faith**
Let your **faith**
overcome **fear**

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Antionette De Souza, Terisita Contemplacion, Jose Arceo, John Sullivan

Anniversary:

Theodore Buot, Alvin Reyes Jr, Edaia Lucero, Luz Borromeo, Jessie D'Cruz, Iyrika D'Cruz

Sick: Names published with permission.

Lord Jesus, heal me. Heal in me whatever You see needs healing. Heal me of whatever might separate me from You. Heal my memory, heal my heart, heal my emotions, heal my spirit, heal my body, heal my soul. Lay Your hands now gently upon me and heal me through Your love for me. Amen.

Cesar De Jesus, Hilary Regan, Emma Matoza, Elsie Knapp, Susanne Krajancic, Tony Muscat, Jerry Bondoc, Carrie Conolly, Charlie Busuttill, Maryanne Jaramillo, Cindy Dadivas, Zoey Illic, Remedios de Huzman, Dr Bronwyn Andrews, 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, Florencia Cunanan, Pat Daly, Zenira D'Souza, Jonathan Gemin, Kelly Ryan, Anshu Mala Nand, Adrian Gould, Bev Lewis, Liv Toole, Dragica Julich, Raymond Lanzona, Sophie De Leon, Adolfo Mayo, Karam Matte, Florentina Elisura, Deidre Thomson, Jo Daly, Elizabeth Candame, Jennifer Estrada, Roland, Michael, Rosario, Epifania Samaniego, Rhonda Damian, Christina Properzi, Gloria Bueno, Ben & Etta Benesa, Geoffrey Robinson

Thanksgiving:

Merita Fernando

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, 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*

June Church Calendar

Mon	26	8:30am - Mass
Tues	27	<i>Our Mother of Perpetual Help (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	28	<i>Saint Irenaeus (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Thurs	29	<i>Saint Peters and Paul (S)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	30	9:15am - Mass

July Calendar

Sat	1	9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	2	7:30, 9:00 - 10:30 am Mass 6:00 pm - Mass

Praying together

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer

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

Novena mass - 7:30pm every First Tuesday

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

You may invite either Fr Jolly or Fr Zvonimir to join you in prayers at home.

Please organise with the parish office.



Rosary Statue Family Roster

Jun	6	13	20	27	
	<i>Sbalini</i>	<i>Cayas</i>	<i>Richards</i>	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
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"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



THE YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

The Young At heart Seniors of the parish is organizing "A Coffee Morning" at the Vanilla Cream Café at Annangrove, Friday, 30th of June, departing after the 9.15am mass.

Transport will be available for those who do not have means of getting there.

Please contact Frank on 0459 504625 for expressions of interest to join no later than Wednesday the 28th of June. Table reservation is required. .

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.

⇒ 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



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

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.

Nominate a person whom you think is best suited to do the job or nominate yourself, if you consider you can offer a service to the community.

Nominated names can be dropped in the box located at both entrances of the church.

Please include three qualities that you see in the person whom you recommend.

Parish council nominations will close on the **9th July**. Election will take place during the general assembly of the parish on the **16th July, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm** in the Church.

The qualifications of the pastoral council member

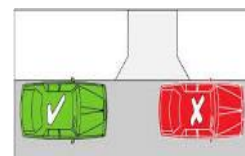
- ◇ 18 years of age and above, practice the faith and be actively involved in the parish or willing to be involved.
- ◇ be able to discern, advice, cooperate and work with the parish priest and other members of the parish and be available for the parish meetings and able to respond if and when special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

Parishioners are asked to come and attend the assembly. Attendance for all ministry members is compulsory.

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.



A parish is a community of Christ's faithful within the Diocese. The pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a parish priest by the bishop.

The Second Vatican Council recommends that

In dioceses, as far as possible, councils should be set up to assist the Church's apostolic work, whether in the field of evangelization and sanctification or in the fields of charity, social laity in whatever way proves satisfactory. (Apostolate of the Laity, n.26)

By reason of the knowledge, competence or pre-eminence which they have the laity are empowered-indeed sometimes obliged-to manifest their opinion on those things which pertain to the good of the Church. If the occasion should arise this should be done through the institutions established by the Church for that purpose and always with truth, courage and prudence and with reverence and charity towards those who, by reason of their office, represent the person of Christ. (The Church, n.37)

In the Code of Canon Law (Canon 536) states that

#1. If the diocesan bishop judges it opportune after he has heard the presbyteral council, a pastoral council is to be established in each parish, over which the pastor presides and in which the Christian faithful, together with those who share in pastoral care by virtue of their office in the parish, assist in fostering pastoral activity.

#2. A pastoral council possesses a consultative vote only and is governed by the norms established by the diocesan bishop.

In order for the Church to have the fulness of God's light and guidance the people must be consulted. Thus a totally new ministry of the people of God is born: a special ministry of people and pastor reflecting on the parish's ministerial activity.

On the basis of that reflection a discernment of what needs to be changed or developed in the parish takes place. It is this ministry that is specifically the task of the parish pastoral council.

The parish pastoral council is a representative body of the whole parish, priests, religious and laity, working together to form a Christian community which seeks out and responds to the spiritual and material needs of all God's people.

A parish pastoral council, therefore, should be truly pastoral and reflect the sharing of responsibility for the Church's mission so that the Church in this diocese may be more obviously the presence of Christ.

OBJECTIVES

1. To announce the Word of God, to instruct people in the truths of the faith and to provide catechetical formation.
2. To foster works by which the spirit of the Gospel, including issues of social justice, will be promoted.
3. To provide religious education for children and young adults.
4. To bring the Gospel message to those who have ceased the practice of their faith and to those with no faith.
5. To provide for and to promote the celebration of the sacraments particularly the Eucharist and Penance, and see to it that the Eucharist is the centre of the parish assembly.
6. To labour diligently so that spouses and parents are supported in fulfilling their responsibilities and to foster Christian family life.
7. To encourage and sustain communion within the parish, the diocese and the universal church. This objective includes especially the promotion of Christian unity.

ROLE AND FUNCTION

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body. As such it has the right and duty to provide wise and constructive assessment to the pastor. It is to be involved in prudent policy making, goal planning and setting objectives for the furtherance of the Christian ministry within the parish.

The mission of the Parish Pastoral Council, in cooperation with the pastor, is to see to it that every avenue is opened for all members of the parish to:

1. realise their call as disciples of Christ;

2. develop the confidence and skills they need to carry out their mission;
3. find in the parish the structure they will need for their continuing growth and support;
4. review regularly individual parish goals and strategies to that everyone will have a sense of proceeding purposefully towards establishing God's reign.

In carrying out this role the Parish Pastoral Council will:

1. Provide for education and formation of parish councillors and parishioners in understanding the role of the council within the mission of the Church.
2. Initiate processes of pastoral planning in order to
 - Develop a vision for the parish
 - Plan appropriate goals and objectives for the spiritual, liturgical and apostolic life of the parish
 - Ensure regular evaluation of the parish's attempts to achieve these goals
3. Overview the workings of the parish groups and services and the sharing of services with other parishes so as to provide for
 - The efficient coordination of those services and
 - The initiation of new services where needed.
4. Ensure that lines of communication are kept as open as possible amongst parish administration, parish agencies and individual members of the parish and be a means of communication with other parishes, the deanery and the diocese.
5. Prepare the parish for the future, particularly through opportunities for future leaders of the parish to emerge and be trained.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

- a. The Council shall consist of:
 - a) Pastor, other clergy and pastoral associates;
 - b) Elected parishioners in sufficient numbers to adequately represent the parish;
 - c) Such parishioners as may be co-opted by the pastor and council provided that these not exceed the number of elected members.
2. People who are active members of the Church community and have reached the age of 18 years are eligible for election.
3. Membership of the council shall be for a period of two years. A retiring member may be reelected provided that he/she has not served for more than six consecutive years. On completion of six years service a retiring member may again be eligible after a lapse of one year.
4. Should the position of an elected member become vacant the council shall have the power to appoint a replacement until the next election.
5. Any member of the council may resign by giving written notice intention to the secretary. The resignation shall operate from its acceptance by the council.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Pastor is ex-officio the president of the council.

Council members shall elect their own chair, vice chair and secretary. They may hold office for no more than two years.

The council shall normally meet once per month or as often as necessary.

Sub-committees may be appointed as required to which other persons may be co-opted. These groups report to the council.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

An annual general meeting of parishioners should be held on a date fixed by the council.

<https://faithinourfuture.files.wordpress.com/2014/02/parish-pastoral-council-statutes.pdf>

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	
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

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

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BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

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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.

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

ORDER YOUR COPY NOW

Book is \$50.

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

CONTACTS

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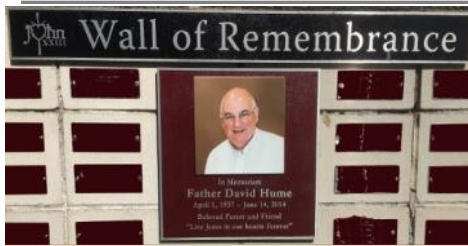
Those who are gluten intolerant may receive communion with a gluten low host. Please inform the acolyte before Mass.



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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/>



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COLUMBARIUM

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