

Only in chapter 3 of John's Gospel do we find the story of the encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus, a Pharisee. Jesus tells Nicodemus of the need to be born again or from above. That encounter ends with the words we hear today: God loves the world, God gave his only Son, God wants us to have eternal life, God does not condemn the world, God wants to save the world. This is some of the richest theological reflection on the divine will and human destiny in the Scriptures. These words go well together with those found in Exodus: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, forgiving sin. We are reading these passages, however, in the context of Trinity Sunday.

This is another of those Sundays that perhaps should not exist. Every Sunday is a Trinity Sunday, every action of God is an action of the Trinity, every prayer we make is made to a triune God. Yet, it is all too easy for us to think only of the Son and the Father, as we find in the passage from John about Father and Son loving and wanting to save the world.

In the earliest Christian centuries, there was strong debate about the relationship between Son and Father, as Christian thinkers grappled with seemingly contradictory passages of Scripture: 'the Father and I are one' (John 10:30) and 'the Father is greater than I' (John 14:28). Christians believed in Father, Son, and Spirit because they are mentioned in the New Testament, but just how to preserve there being only one God, and also Father, Son, and Spirit, taxed their ingenuity. Was Jesus truly God? Was Jesus just the Father in human form? Eventually some outstanding thinkers, including Augustine of Hippo, who wrote ten books on the Trinity, would talk about one God in three persons, each person being distinct but not separate from the other in terms of internal relationships: the quality of the Father is to be unbegotten, the quality of the Son is to be begotten (but eternally, such that God has never existed apart from being Father and Son), and the quality of the Spirit is to proceed from the Father (and from the Son, although this would cause disagreement with Christians in the East).

In Sermo 71 Augustine reflects on the nature of the Trinity for his community: 'the property of the Father is to be the author and origin of the others, the property of the Son is to be born, the property of the Holy Spirit is to be the communion of Father and Son, and the property of all three is to be equal to each other'. If that is all there is to it, then it would merely be a dry and abstract theological puzzle without much significance. However, as Augustine points out, the true meaning of the Trinity is that we are invited to be part of it. 'So by what is common to them both the Father and the Son wished us to have communion both with them and among ourselves; by this gift which they both possess as one, they wished to gather us together and make us one, that is to say, by the Holy Spirit who is God and the gift of God. By this gift we are reconciled to the godhead, and by this gift we enjoy the godhead. After all, what use would it be to us to know any kind of good if we didn't also love it?' (Sermo 71).

We are thankful today for a God who is love, for a Father whose love begets the Son, for a Son who loves totally and completely, for a Spirit who unites them in perfect harmony. We are thankful today for the invitation to share in this life. We begin to experience the life of the Trinity through our sharing in eucharist. We taste what it is to love totally and we begin to realise the great promise God holds before us.

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 by appointment
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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

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus 4:4-6, 8-9

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Daniel 3:52-56

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of the heaven.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 13:11-13

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

cf Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 3:16-18

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

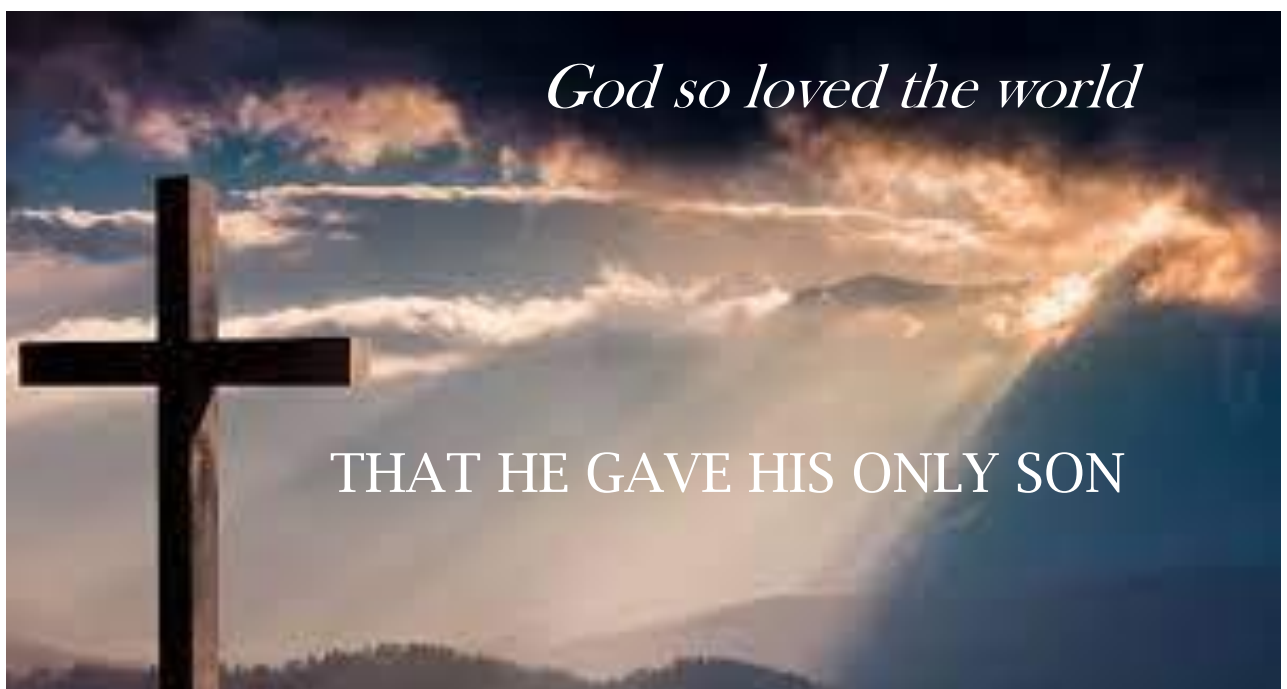
No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Philomena Tait, John Fergerson, John Eaton,
Arockia Mary Savarimuthu, Phyllis Chilla,
Tony Zec

Deceased:

Zeena Mendez

Anniversary:

Thelma and Clarence Duncan,
Daraporn Muangruen

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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, Phyllis Chilla,
Carrie Conolly, Ben & Etta Benesa, Bev Lewis,
Adrian Gould, Jerry Bondoc, Mavie Dela Cruz,
Charlie Busuttill, Mario Matias, Cindy Dadivas,
Christina Properzi, Emma Matoza, Wally Atie,
Kelly Ryan, Sophie De Leon, Zenira D'Souza,
Zoey Illic, Maryanne Jaramillo, Gloria Bueno,
Remidios de Huzman, Pat Daly, Adolfo Mayo,
Liv Toole, Florencia Cunanan, Karam Matte,
Florentina Elisura, Jennifer Estrada, Jo Daly,
Roland, Michael, Rosario, Anshu Mala Nand,
Dr Bronwyn Andrews, Barbara Thompson,
Raymond Lanzona, Elizabeth Candame,
Rhonda & Damian, Cristina Arceo,
Deidre Thomson, Jonathan Gemin,
Perla Magculang, Virginia Santos

Thanksgiving:

Kasey Mendoza

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

Christ Jesus, Saviour of every life,
you suffer with all who experience hardships
and you always welcome any who entrust to
you their own burdens.

Brother Roger of Taizé

May Church Calendar

Mon	5	<i>Saint Boniface (M)</i> 8:30am - Mass
Tues	6	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	7	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	8	9:15am - Mass
Fri	9	9:15am - Mass
Sat	10	9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	11	<i>The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ</i> 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	
	Shalini	Cayas	Richards	Barnouti	
Jul	4	11	18	25	
	D'Souza	Ring	Vernon	Jacob	
Aug	1	8	15	22	29
	Lozada	Meena B	Sebastian	Pangilinan E	Jacob
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



Pentecost celebration

THANK YOU to everyone who made our celebration an eventful one. The beautiful music and of course, the food which always bring people together. A profound gratitude to everyone who provided the sumptuous offerings for the day. They were all delicious but hopefully we had some workout afterwards to reduce all the carbs we consumed. Let us continue to have wonderful get together like this. Again, **THANK YOU** to our generous benefactors.



Paying our debt together

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

FIRST COLLECTION goes to support the priests and deacons of the Diocese.

SECOND COLLECTION provides for the running costs of the church and ministry expenses; it also goes to pay off our church mortgage.

A **Planned giving Program** is in place to help us with the planning /budgeting for the church expenses. To register, an **SJ23rd form** is available at the church foyer or from the website.

The Parish Finance Committee encourages all parishioners to register for direct debit or credit card deductions instead of the envelope system.

We encourage everyone to contribute financially using the TapnGo machines by the entrances or online via BPoint.

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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.

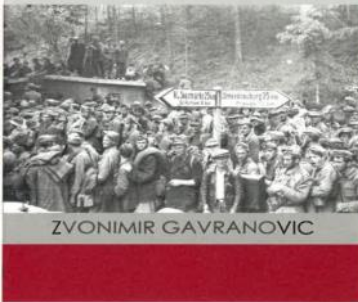
For more information contact maintenance@john23rd.org.au or the parish office.

⇒ **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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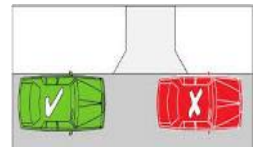
Book is \$50.

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 and welcome our new Ministers
Thank you for your service.

From their childhood, Catholics learn to pray the sign of the cross: “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

At Mass, the priest’s prayers frequently mention the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as well. The reason for this is that Catholics believe that God is not merely Unity (as all monotheists believe), but also Trinity. But what does this mean?

A Few Definitions

What we mean when we say that God is a Trinity is that there is one divine nature, one divine substance. A “substance” or “nature” is what something is. God, as a Trinity, exists in three Persons. A person is “who” someone is. In our experience, one human person each possesses one human nature. A husband and wife, no matter how closely united, are still two separate beings. In God, however, three Persons possess the same divine nature. If you were to ask each Person in the Trinity, “Who are you?” each person would answer something differently: “I am the Father;” “I am the Son;” “I am the Holy Spirit.” If you were to ask each Person, “Who are you?” you would get the same answer from each Person: “I am God.” Not, “I am a God,” as a human would say, “I am a human.” Rather, each divine Person, while not identical to the other divine Persons, is one in being with the other two divine Persons and is fully God. The word we use to describe this in the Nicene Creed is consubstantial. While we say in the Nicene Creed that the Son is consubstantial with the Father, it is also true that the Spirit is consubstantial with the Father and the Son.

Jesus Revealed the Trinity

Jesus’ life was the greatest revelation to us of God’s inner life. He claimed for Himself things that belonged only to God, like the power to forgive sins. His words and actions led the religious leaders of the time to believe he was a blasphemer, someone who shows a lack of reverence for God or who claims the attributes of God for himself. Yet Jesus also prayed to the Father and spoke to and about the Father as a separate Person. Jesus also promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with his disciples after he was no longer with them in his physical body (John 14:26). After Jesus’ death and resurrection and his ascension into heaven, early Christians understood that the Holy Spirit was also God. Yet Jesus was clear when he talked about the Holy Spirit that the Holy Spirit was someone other than himself or the Father.

Jesus was also clear that there is only one God, however. While he spoke to the Father as someone other than himself, he did also claim to be one with the Father. Jesus was the Messiah promised by the God of Israel, and that God was one God. Israel knew that there was only one God. Early Christians realized through what God had said through the Jewish prophets and through what Jesus said and did that God is one, but that God exists in three Persons.

The Doctrine Develops

During the first several centuries of Christian history, the Church encountered many different ways of thinking about God and about who Jesus was in relationship to the Father. The result of this was that the Church developed a more sophisticated language to talk about God. That is where we developed the use of the terms person and nature to make distinctions about God. The Nicene Creed, written at the Council of Nicea in 325 and revised at the Council of Constantinople in 381, was the result of the Church’s continued thinking about the Trinity. Catholics typically say the Nicene Creed at every Sunday Mass even over 1600 years later because the Trinity is so essential to the Christian faith.

Analogies

Our earthly experience does not give us a lot of preparation for understanding the Trinity. When we meet other human beings, each human person possesses one human nature—there is only one nature per person and only one person per nature. Because the Trinity goes beyond our earthly experiences, analogies may be helpful in understanding it. On the other hand, any one analogy taken too far will not describe the Trinity accurately.

The Shamrock

The story goes that St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach the Irish about the Trinity. That story may not be true, but the analogy is that just as there are three leaves on the shamrock, so there are three persons in God. This can be helpful in seeing that three things can also be one united thing. However, the Father, Son, and Spirit are not three parts of God.

Water

Another analogy for the Trinity is that God is three in one, just as H₂O can exist as a solid, a liquid, and a gas. This, too, can be helpful in understanding that there is something about God that is one and something about God that is threefold. However, ice, water, and vapor are three modes of being of H₂O. To take this analogy too far would be to think that God exists in three modes and can express being God in three ways. However, the Father, Son, and Spirit are not just modes of being. We might say that this analogy emphasizes the oneness of God at the expense of God’s three-ness.

The Family

The family is a great analogy for the Trinity. The family is united in love, and the three Persons of the Trinity live in a relationship of love with one another. A pregnant mother contains another person within her, which is similar to how the Divine Persons cannot be separated from each other. The Holy Spirit is sometimes defined as the love between the Father and the Son, and when a husband and wife express their marital love, sometimes a new human person results. We even use the familial terms Father and Son to describe two Persons of the Trinity. However, this analogy also has its limits.

Obviously, a human family of three persons contains three separate human natures, not one. Furthermore, the human child begins to exist after his or her parents exist, whereas the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are coeternal (meaning that each Person of the Trinity never began to exist and will never stop existing: God always exists, without beginning or end). We might say that this analogy emphasizes the three-ness of God at the expense of God’s oneness.

Conclusion

The Bible tells us, “God is love” (1 John 4:8). As a Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit love one another completely and entirely. Love is truly the essence of God’s inner life. At times the Trinity may seem like a dull doctrine, but Jesus showed us this truth about who God is to reveal God’s inner life to us. God loves us and wants us to know him. God created us out of love, and we are created for love. We are created out of relationship for relationship. Faith in the Trinity, therefore, is not merely a doctrine but a dogma that shows us who God is and who we are as creatures made in his image.

<https://www.aboutcatholics.com/beliefs/the-trinity/>

‘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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

Blaze is a youth group, Yrs 4 - 12, with the mission of creating a space for teens to learn, grow, serve and live out our Catholic faith. We facilitate the understanding and growth of our faith through various activities exploring the catholic perspective on a variety of themes such as social issues, teen challenges and faith-related topic.

Join us for a fun night filled with music, games, discussion, prayer and of course pizza. BLAZE youth session runs from 7:15 to 9pm and is held every second Friday throughout the school term in the St John XXIII school hall.

If you would like to come along to one of our sessions, please contact the team at blaze@john23rd.org.au

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For all youth ministry enquiries,

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or visit our FB page

www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/



BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM

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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

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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)

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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.

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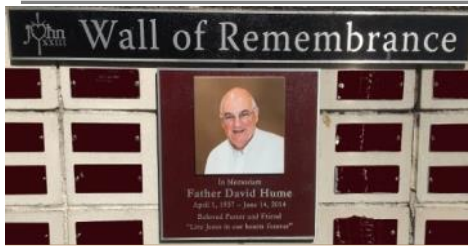
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Those who are gluten intolerant may receive communion with a gluten low host. Please inform the acolyte before Mass.

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MEMORIAL WALL

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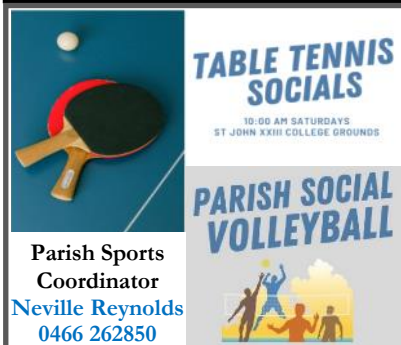


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10:00 AM SATURDAYS
ST JOHN XXIII COLLEGE GROUNDS

PARISH SOCIAL
VOLLEYBALL



Parish Sports Coordinator
Neville Reynolds
0466 262850

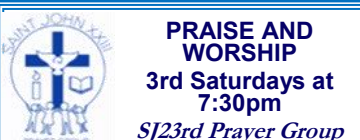
Come and join our sports socials every Saturday, 10:00am, at St John 23rd College's outdoor courts. If interested contact the coordinators listed above in order to be included in our WhatsApp Sports chat group.



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



Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm



PRAISE AND WORSHIP
3rd Saturdays at 7:30pm
SJ23rd Prayer Group



Young at Heart Seniors Group
Contact Frank Coleiro
on 0459 504 625



Want to know more?

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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.