

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 July 2023



Cnr Perfection Ave & Bentwood Tce, Stanhope Gardens

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

Dear Parishioners,

As you have been noticing, our sound system is really getting old and slowly failing to function. We have been postponing fixing it due to our financial constraints. We are afraid, soon it might completely shut down and fail. We need to fix it as early as we can. It is very important for us to have a proper sound system that is functional for our liturgical use. The estimated cost of the project including the new cabling and live streaming is around \$75,000. We have received a contribution of \$4271 and the rest of the money needs to be raised. Please make a donation towards the project, small or big depending your ability. Thank you for your cooperation and your generosity to the parish. It is much appreciated.

You can donate by doing either of the following:

- Visit the parish website and donating through BPOINT. Below is the QR code for BPOINT.
- You can do a bank transfer to our parish account :

Account name : Blessed John XXIII parish BSB: 067 950

- A/C:00000313
- Ref: SS (and your name)
- Envelopes provided in the church.
- Tapping on the "\$20 tap & go" terminals

A prayerful and sincere reflection on and awareness of the brokenness in our life and the burdens that we carry can lead us to have the benefits of lifting them . Acknowledging our weakness is often like making a breakthrough because it invariably leads us to a fresh awareness of His grace for a new beginning. St Paul experienced brokenness in his life and said: "Miserable man that I am! Who will deliver me from this mortal body?" (Rom7:24). After his conversion he said: "I was once a blasphemer and persecutor and an arrogant man, but the lord had been merciful to me" (1Tim 1:13). "Where sin is present, grace abounds much more" (Rom 5: 20). He also heard God's voice saying: "My grace is Sufficient for you" (Cor 6:9). After going through meaninglessness of every type, through brokenness and restlessness in his life St Augustine said "My heart is restless until it rests in Thee". Jesus fulfilled his mission of building the Kingdom of God faithfully with compassion, loving service and forgiving love. But what He received in return was rejection, torture and crucifixion. He experienced ultimate brokenness when He said: "Father, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46). Having gone through His passion He surrendered His life to the Father saying: "Not my will, but thine be done". He rested in the love of the father. Through the second reading of the liturgy today, St Paul reminds us to allow the spirit of God to make his home in us. He urges us to possess the spirit of Christ and through that to belong to Christ. Through today's Gospel, Jesus invites each of us to go to him and find our rest. Let us learn from him the virtues of humility and gentleness. There is no brokenness in us that the lord can't heal, the burden that he can't lift. Yes, the yoke that we carry becomes easy when we allow him to be the ox in the other side. The burden becomes light when we ask his tender hand to touch our hands and empower them to carry it. Fr Jolly Chacko

PARISH ASSEMBLY

Parish assemblies are important events in the life of the Parish.

It is this assembly we discuss and discern important matters that concern the parish. It is also a time of community discernment and prayer. This time our parish assembly becomes even more important that we discuss and submit as a parish our hopes for the future for the Diocese. In preparation for the incoming Diocesan Synod. We will make a final confirmation and selection of the members of our Parish Pastoral Council.

Parishioners are encouraged to come. Your presence is important, so please be there on Sunday, 16th July at 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Church.

Attendance for all members involved in various ministries are of vital importance and compulsory.

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.

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				
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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 until10.30am 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

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

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Zechariah 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14*

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R**.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R**.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **R**.

Second Reading ading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:9. 11-12

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Jose Arceo, William Moore, Veronica Barzaga Nora Bateman (formerly from Lalor Park)

Anniversary:

Mary Donnelly

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

Thanksgiving:

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,

You do not wish us to be anxious, you enfold us with your peace which prepares us to live each day as a day that belongs to God. Brother Roger of Taize

July Church Calendar Mon 10 8:30am - Mass **11** Saint Benedict (M) Tues 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help 12 9:15am - Mass Wed Thurs 13 9:15am - Mass Fri 14 9:15am - Mass Sat **15** Saint Bonaventure (M) 9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass 7:30, 9:00 - 10:30am Mass Sun 16 2:00pm - Parish General Assembly 6:00pm - Mass

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.

Praying together

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Rosary Statue Family Roster								
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	Erasmo B	Barnouti	Jacob				
Oct	3	10	17	24	31			
	Deang	Erasmo B	Sebastian	Jacob	Richards			
Nov	7	14	21	28				
	Hala	Barnouti	Tina B	Jacob				

[&]quot;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

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Or want to know more about the Alpha Program

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

'On Our Knees' Booklet – July 2023 issue

Each booklet is a powerful aid to personal prayer, including personal reflections based on daily liturgical readings.

The booklets are free of charge and will be kept in the church foyer.

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 scan the QR 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.



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

Pastoral Ministries

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.



\Rightarrow 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.

\Rightarrow 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.

\Rightarrow 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.

\Rightarrow 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*



SAVE THE DATE

26TH OF JULY, WEDNESDAY IS GRANDPARENTS` DAY To celebrate, "THE YOUNG AT HEART" SENIORS OF THE PARISH wll be organizing a morning tea after the 9:15am mass at the church kitchen, Wednesday 26th July.

ALL SENIORS AND GRANDPARENTS OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN.

SEATOR CLASS

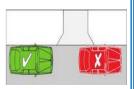
For more information, please contact following Frank 0459 504 625 or Trevor 0407 150 399

Please bring a plate for sharing.



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

Your parked vehicle must <u>not block</u> the flow of traffic or <u>impair the</u> 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.

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.

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.

Parish council nominations will close Sunday, 9th July.

<u>Election</u> will take place during the general assembly of the parish on the 16th July, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Church.

Parishioners are asked to come and attend the assembly.

Attendance for all ministry members is compulsory.

SYNOD

A Synod is both an event and a process where clergy, consecrated, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative events that lead to renewal in the Church's life.

Our Diocesan Synod will be held from 12-15 October 2023.

Our Synod will gather clergy, religious, and the laity across our Diocese to listen, discern, and respond to the Holy Spirit through voices of the People of God in Western Sydney and The Blue Mountains. From May to July 2023, in the lead up to the Synod, all are invited to participate in deanery and parish listening consultations, organising time to discuss with family and friends, and engaging in opportunities to dialogue.

Submissions from these consultations and conversations will be collected and can be provided online, in person, or via mail.

The submissions will be reviewed and synthesised by a Synod working group, and will inform the development of agenda for the Synod.

As we prepare for the upcoming Diocesan Synod, it is very important for each of us to share our hopes for the future. Your voice is vital important. So please take the form that is at the foyer of the church. Discuss with your family and submit your responses online. We will have also the opportunity to submit our response as a parish afterh the parish assembly.

	LISTENTING AT HOME FOR TOWARDS OUR SYNOD FOR KUPS Bishop Vincent wants to hear from you and your family. What you share will help shape the future our local Church. We encourage you to pray, listen, and discuss the following questions, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide your time together. For guidance on how to have a Spiritual Conversation visit www.partscatthelic.org/iveor2021
What is one practical way the church can meet that need?	
2. As a household, what are the joys and challenges you experience that impact your family's participation in church?	2. What is the best thing about being part of God's family, The Church?
3. As a household, what do you believe the mission of the Church is in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains?	3. What are some ways we could share our gifts with the community?
Submit your responses online	Submit your responses online www.parracatholic.org/synod2023

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

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

Nimeshi Fernando Rojith de Silva 0405 9563210

0417 101009

YFC International Vince Erasmo 0406 253698

YFC (Youth for Christ)

YOUTH LEADERS

YFC Australia

Jonathan Montaos

0401 478733



All of the World Youth Day pilgrims would like to

Thank you

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

in our fundraising



Thank you so much for your kind generosity and overwhelming support for all our WYD fundraising endeavors. Thanks to the community, we have raised around \$10000. We are so excited for this new experience to come as we embark on our journey from the 21st of July to the 11th of August.

As a gesture of appreciation, we will collect prayer intentions over the next two weeks so that we can pray for the community throughout our pilgrimage. Whilst visiting the Sanctuary Grotto in Lourdes, we will also light a candle for the future of the parish which will burn for a year.

Once again, we would like to thank everyone who has helped us in anyway and we look forward to coming back and share our stories with you. We hope to be inspired on this journey, so that we will be able to serve the parish community with a brighter heart and a greater mind.

> God bless, BLAZE YOUTH GROUP



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SACRAMENT OF **CONFIRMATION**

There is a parent information evening in the church at 7pm on the 18th July for families wishing to enroll their child in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Children must be in Year 6 or above and have been baptised in the Catholic Church.

Diocesan News



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



CONTACTS

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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

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



The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to:

Office for Safeguarding

• 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/

Office for Safeguarding The Parish and Diocese of Parramatta takes the

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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

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.

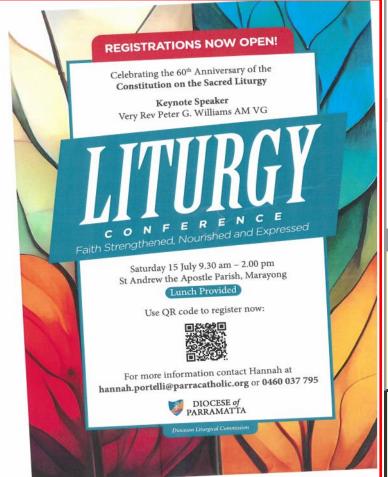
If you have any concerns about someone's immediate safety, or you suspect a crime may have or is likely to occur, please contact NSW Police on Triple Zero (000).

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.



If you would like to advertise your business please contact the parish office. St John XXIII Parish cannot take responsibility if the service provided by an advertiser does not meet expectations.

