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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.



**GOAL: \$75,000**

## Sound System Project



We want to thank all the parishioners who have given generously towards the sound system project.

We have so far raised \$ 29,328, 39% of the target of \$75,000. With your support we can reach our goal and get the new sound system going!

Alternatively, via online transactions:

Visit the parish website and donating through BPOINT. Below is the QR code for BPOINT.



Or via bank transfer:

Account name : Blessed John XXIII parish  
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A/C : 00000313  
Ref : SS ( and your name)

Paul, in the second reading (*Rom 9:1-5*), anguishes over so many of his Jewish compatriots not accepting Jesus as the Messiah; the Lectionary then skips most of this section (*chapters 9-11*), picking up only three brief excerpts from chapter 11 over the next two Sundays. Those who use Paul to foster anti-Jewish sentiment and actions violate the tenets of love of God and love of neighbour, and so do violence to Scripture. Paul observes that the Jews are God's children by adoption in Abraham their ancestor, and explains that Gentile Christians are also God's children by adoption, but in Jesus who is of course born of the "stock" of Abraham. In effect, Gentiles Christians are shoots grafted onto the Jewish stock, not replacing the original growth, but joining it. Thus he presents an equality of Jews and Gentile Christians, but he laments as waywardness when other Jews do not accept Jesus. A unnuanced reading of this fed contentions between Jews and Christians over who has the legitimate claim as true Israel and heirs of Abraham. It took until last century's horrors in Europe to make clear where such false reasoning leads. That horror jolted church leaders in re-evaluating our rhetoric, and resulted in statements at Vatican II (*Lumen Gentium 16; Nostra Aetate 4*) to confirm that God does not repent of entering an enduring covenant with the Jews (*cf. Rom 11:28-29*). Homilists today have the opportunity of tackling the return in some places of irrational, anti-Jewish sentiment.

The first reading (*1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13*) and gospel (*Matt 14:22-33*) return to the common theophanic themes drawing from powerful element forces we experience in the world. There is hardly a more precarious place to be than in a boat in high seas. The power in the swell and wind reminds us of the danger of natural forces that easily overwhelm us. Jesus had sent the disciples ahead by boat while he went up into the hills to pray, and so from evening until shortly before dawn they battle heavy sea and strong wind; they were in darkness, wind, and waves. Like Genesis 1 with its watery chaos in the midst of darkness, the hovering Spirit, and the power of God's voice overwhelming and shaping the cosmos' chaos, the disciples in the midst of the darkness and chaos see Jesus and become agitated. This vision speaks, saying, Be not afraid. Some translations say Jesus called out, but the Greek is a neutral verb indicating simply the act of uttering, and is found several hundred times in the Septuagint, especially in divine communications. Whether like thunder or whispering, this voice commands attention. Here the utterance begins with the same assurance (Courage!) found on the lips of Moses before dividing the sea (*Exod 14:13*) and at Sinai (*Exod 20:20*). It continues literally with I am, the reference to the unutterable name of God, followed by the consoling message, do not be afraid. The account is so like post-resurrection scenes that it is sometimes considered to have begun as one. Here, unique to Matthew, Peter responds in faith, but without the certainty he exhibits in John 21:7 where Peter leapt into the sea in his haste to reach the risen Lord on the shore; here he takes fright in the act of faith and, faltering, began to sink. The Lord takes his hand (a frequent gesture in healing accounts) and they get into the boat; the wind abates (employing the same word as the Septuagint when the waters of Noah's flood abate). The disciples are moved to call Jesus "Son of God", the title hitherto in Matthew used only by the tempter and demoniacs. It is later used by the mockers at the cross, but finally in faith by the awe-struck Gentile centurion. This account weaves together various elements in Scripture pointing in the same direction: consolation in the midst of overwhelming crisis. Perhaps it was aimed at a community experiencing doubt in hardship and persecution; the community is reminded that God is experienced in the midst of awesome and frightening signs, and that Christ has been through the catastrophe of death, and from the resurrection he assures us that he is with us always.

### 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/>

## 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

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

### Holy Cross Primary School

#### Mass

**Thurs** 9:15am *during school days*

### Masses for Special Occasions

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

### Exposition + Benediction

<b>1st Fri</b>	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

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

<b>Mon</b>	7.30pm Christian Meditation <i>Frances Pegram 0417 406715</i>
<b>Tue</b>	7:00pm Rosary and novena prayers ( <i>Church Tabernacle</i> )
<b>Fri</b>	6.30pm Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group <i>Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039</i>

### Praise & Worship

<b>Fri</b>	7:30pm Risen Lord Comm
<b>3rd Sat</b>	7:30pm SJ23rd Prayer Grp

### Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

### First Reading

*A reading from the first book of the Kings 19:9, 11-13*

*Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 84:9-14*

**R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

### Second Reading

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 9:1-5*

*I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

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### Gospel Acclamation

*Ps 129:5*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:22-33*

*Command me to come to you over the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Rodelo Dormido, Florencia Cunanan,  
Jaroslava Knotek

### Anniversary:

Rosario Jovilla Parungao, Lizabeth Aguas-Non,  
Ma Ruby Cabrera, Karl Pearl, Thelma Duncan,  
Michael Sammut

### Deceased:

**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, Remedios 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, 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, Virginia Villanueva

### Thanksgiving:

Evangeline Reodique, Clare Pinada

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 Taizé*

### August Church Calendar

Mon	14	<i>Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe (M)</i> 8:30am - Mass
Tues	15	<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)</i> 7:45am - Mass 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Rosary and Mass of the Assumption
Wed	16	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	17	9:15am - Mass
Fri	18	9:15am - Mass
Sat	19	9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	20	7:30, 9:00, 10:30am Mass 6:00pm - 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 rosary and 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					
Aug	1	8	15	22	29
	<i>Lozada</i>	<i>Meena B</i>	Sebastian	Pangilinan E	Jacob
Sep	5	12	19	26	
	<b>Fernandes D</b>	Erasmus B	Barnouti	Jacob	
Oct	3	10	17	24	31
	<b>Deang</b>	Erasmus B	Sebastian	Jacob	Richards
Nov	7	14	21	28	
	<b>Hala</b>	Barnouti	Tina B	Jacob	
Dec	5	12	19	26	
	<b>Paguinto</b>	Hala	Sebastian	Sebastian	

*"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](mailto:bart.sarlabus@gmail.com) or Melva Paguinto [emcipi85@yahoo.com.au](mailto:emcipi85@yahoo.com.au). Families on the roster, if unable to pick up please don't hesitate to contact Bart or Melva.



**15<sup>th</sup> August is the Feast of the Assumption. It is a day of obligation. We will have 3 Masses in the parish and one in each school. Our parish Mass times are 7.45 am, 9.15am and 7.30pm. Please participate in one of them. The school Hub Mass will be at 9.00am. Holy Cross will be at 12.00 noon.**

## 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.



**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**

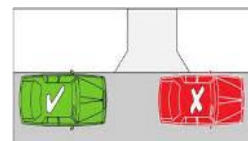
Now that the church is open for celebrations, its floors need to be swept of dust, cobwebs brushed off, candle stands cleaned and garden kept green. We would like to request all our volunteer cleaners and gardeners to come back and continue their ministry.

For more information contact [maintenance@john23rd.org.au](mailto:maintenance@john23rd.org.au) or the parish office.

**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.

⇒ **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](mailto:naomi1.rey@gmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE - MINI FUNDRAISERS**



We are organizing some mini fundraising events to contribute to our much needed church funds but most especially to help boost our parish community engagements.

We would also like to invite our different cultural community to host a Saturday Vigil or Sunday mornings mini event after our mass celebrations for a full community engagement. We encourage our parish community to support these small endeavours.

Any other suggestions for fundraising activity or availability of support are most welcome and greatly appreciated. Please contact either Nanette - 0404 465600 or Techie - 0439 201436.

**Love an Indonesian satay dish?**

Come and enjoy them on **20th August, Sunday**. Selling will start after the 9:00am morning mass and until stocks last! Hosted by our Indonesian Community, so assured authentic sate.



**General Health & Well Being**



"The Young At Heart" is organizing a general health and well being event on **Monday, 28th August, 10am** at our church kitchen. We will be joined by a regular fellow parishioner, a doctor, whom everyone would have met.



**All seniors are WELCOME.**

For more information please contact Frank on 0459 504625 or Trevor 0407 150399

UNIVERSAL SISTERHOOD POECANT PRESENTS  
**ARISE**



**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Saturday 16th September, 2023  
St Finbar's Catholic Church Glenbrook  
8:30am- 8:30 pm.

Holy Mass, Guest Speakers, Confession, Prayer, Praise & Worship,  
Eucharistic Healing Adoration,  
\$100 ticket all meals included.

TRY BOOKING <https://www.ubolocal.com/events/talitha-koum-little-girl-i-say-arise>  
tel: 02 9640 6046



UNIVERSAL SISTERHOOD





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.

To download forms:

[https://parracatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/03.23\\_CYP\\_21090-SYNOD-Campaign\\_Synod-for-Kids\\_v1.pdf](https://parracatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/03.23_CYP_21090-SYNOD-Campaign_Synod-for-Kids_v1.pdf)

[https://parracatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/03.23\\_CYP\\_21090-SYNOD-Campaign\\_Synod-at-Home\\_v2.pdf](https://parracatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/03.23_CYP_21090-SYNOD-Campaign_Synod-at-Home_v2.pdf)

## DIOCESAN SYNOD PRAYER

O God,

*who always walks with us on the journey of life, we call upon you to lead us forth united.*

*Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod. Keep us anchored in your love.*

*Open our hearts as we listen and discern.*

*Reveal to us the way we are called to go out into the deep.*

*Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility.*

*May we experience renewal in our local Church today, and for generations to come.*

*We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ,*

*who in the power of the Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church, to the fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever. Amen.*

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.*

*St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.*



# THANK YOU!!



**THANK YOU**, our parishioners, who supported our Soup Night! It was a great night although we were blest with showers, it was a true blessings.

We raised \$1450 and the soup were all so good, no leftovers. Thank you to all the cooks who provided the soups, grateful for all your contributions, as always, you provided when called for.

We were also entertained with jiving music, so thank you to our live band.

We encourage everyone in the parish to be highly involved in all our parish activities as this creates true fellowship and Christian community.

Again, a big **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** involved.



## 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](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au)

Youth Coordinator	Asst Youth Coordinator	Youth Leaders	
Amanda Lee 0413 545 318	Caitlin Green 0425 579 594	Anna Todhunter Taylor Coutinho Natasha Surjanto	Charlotte Todhunter Johnathan Soosaipillai

### MORE YOUTH GROUPS

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



For all youth ministry enquiries,

✉ [blaze@john23rd.org.au](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au)

or visit our FB page

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

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**BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM**

### OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

#### Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

✉ [celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au)

🌐 [www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au)

#### Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ [holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au)

🌐 [www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au)

#### St John XXIII Catholic College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

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🌐 [www.stjohn23stanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stjohn23stanhope.catholic.edu.au)



### WELCOME BACK PILGRIMS

We hope your journey have provided you with spiritual growth and deeper faith in God, ready to impart to our parishioners especially the younger generation. Imparting a message of Pope Francis during WYD, "God sees all the good you are, and only he knows what he has planted in your heart. Go from here with what God put in your heart" "Do not be afraid"



**MET**  
Pastoral Formation



**OFFICE FOR WORSHIP**  
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For more events please go to [parracatholic.org/events](http://parracatholic.org/events) or <https://catholicoutlook.org/>

### Follow our World Youth Day pilgrimage from home!

170 young people from Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains have officially taken off to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal for an experience of a lifetime. Our pilgrimage will travel through some of the most beautiful and sacred parts of Europe and you are invited to follow along from home. We will be posting videos, photos and articles throughout the trip, so you can see and hear what our pilgrims are experiencing. Sign up today by visiting [catholicoutlook.info/WYD23News](http://catholicoutlook.info/WYD23News)

### Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in September. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

### Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://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](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

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

The Mission Enhancement Team'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)88383480

or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org)

### MET Natural Fertility: Instruction for Couples

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is for couples wanting to achieve and avoid pregnancy. It is suitable for couples at all stages of life, enhances communication and involves shared responsibility. If you are: Preparing for marriage Expecting a baby soon or breastfeeding looking for an effective, natural option and wanting to cease contraception Peri menopausal Then NFP is for you! For more information or to book an appointment contact Catherine M: 0400 427 605 E: [catherinebourne@parra.catholic.org](mailto:catherinebourne@parra.catholic.org)

### Alpha Program

Looking for a welcoming space to ask your life and faith questions? Interested in meeting other people in the parish? Want a space where you can invite your family and friends into the parish community?

Then John XXIII's Alpha program is a great next step for you! We meet weekly, always with food, lots of laughter and wholesome life and faith conversation!

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### NEW TO OUR PARISH?

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Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance.

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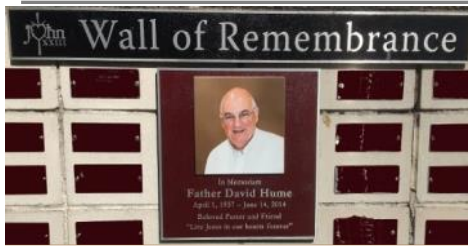
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