

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.

Sound System Project

GOAL: \$75,000

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

We have so far raised \$ 39,791, 53% 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 or scan the QR code for BPOINT.

Or via bank transfer:
Account name : Blessed John XXIII parish
BSB : 067 950
A/C : 00000313
Ref : SS (and your name)

Today's readings show how creatively a Scripture passage may be used in different contexts. In the gospel reading (Matt 16:13-20), Jesus challenges the disciples to say who they think he is. Peter replies with an amplified version of what the disciples in the boat said two weeks ago: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (which is also on Peter's lips in John 6:69). Jesus praises him as blessed, and famously declares him the rock on which he will build his Church, and, unique to Matthew, "gives" him the keys to bind and loose. The same binding and loosing, without mention of keys, is later declared of the disciples collectively (Matt 18:18). The post-resurrection commissioning of the apostles in John 22:23 has a similar construction, but in terms of remitting (releasing) or retaining sins. What does this curiosity of the keys mean? Keys lock and unlock, that is, they seal what is closed (be it a door or a chain that binds) so it cannot be opened, or they unseal so the closed can be opened or the bound unbound. There is much semantic overlapping here. Even if not borrowed directly from a passage in today's first reading (Isa 22:19-23), it is related. It concerns the promotion of Eliakim to replace Shebna as steward during the reign of King Hezekiah, the last good king of Judah before the Babylonian exile; he did what pleased the Lord, and Jerusalem and Judah were preserved from the Assyrians' assault. But Eliakim's promotion is not quite what it seems, for after likening him to a peg set in a firm place there come two verses that are not included in our Lectionary, but they change the tone: Eliakim's family will hang on this firmly set peg, but the peg will give way and all hanging on it will be shattered. Did the evangelist have this in mind? Or does it reflect a negative view of Peter in Matthew's Gospel, perhaps indicated also by its final specific mention of Peter, that is his denial of Jesus during the trial, and his going out to weep bitterly? However, Peter's failure did not bring the whole edifice down, and he does become one of the "pillars" of the primitive Church. To add to the complexity, Isaiah's key is found in Revelation 3:7, but it is the Risen One who holds it. It is part of the message to the Philadelphians, who have before them an open door that none can close, and if they hold firm the risen One will make them a pillar in the temple of God, never to go out of it. It corresponds to the other references to keys, again found in Revelation: the Risen One has the keys of (the house of) death and the underworld (Rev 1:18), and later an angel is given the key to the bottomless pit in which Satan is bound and locked up (Rev 9:1 and 20:1). So Isaiah's image is applied to both Peter and Christ, and extended to angels. These instances point to a rich and living use of metaphors borrowed from the prophets, but it is hard for us to determine exactly how the New Testament authors understood them even as they redeployed them. Beyond saying that it has something to do with authority to permit or deny, there is no single way of interpreting the original passage or its borrowed use. Use of this passage as a cudgel in disputes about how to understand the primacy the gospels accord to Peter, and in Roman Catholic minds to the papacy, ignores the complexity in Scripture. Even the Catechism is complex in use: no. 242, drawing on sermons of Pope Leo I, says that the faith professed by Peter is the rock of the Church, but in no. 552 Peter himself is the foundation, yet also here it is the faith professed that has primacy, for all depends on who Jesus is.

BISHOP FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal caring for those who have cared for us Our priests never stop giving their lives in service to our community. They dedicate themselves to carrying out God's ministry for as long as they are able. This Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. Your compassionate donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation to care for our priests, and provide them with personalised health and wellbeing support. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



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

Mon	8:30am
Tues-Fri	9:15am
Sat	9.00am, 6pm Vigil
Sun	7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm
Holy Cross Primary School	
Thurs	9:15am during school days

Masses of Devotion

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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Prayers

Mon	7.30pm Christian Meditation <i>Frances Pegram 0417 406715</i>
Tue	7:00pm Rosary and novena prayers (<i>Church Tabernacle</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

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you, I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



Celebrations!

Our parish wishes to recognise special occasions in the lives of all members of our faith community.

Every First Sunday of the month, all birthday celebrants will receive a special blessing at our masses.

Every Third Sunday, a special prayer and blessings will be for those who celebrate their **wedding anniversaries**.

Life is a gift, and every member of this parish is a gift to this community. It is but fitting to celebrate these joyful events in our lives as one family.

We invite those who have birthdays and wedding anniversaries in that particular month to come and receive these special prayer and blessings.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Thelma Reyes, Danila Zara, Carlos Carcellar, Elizabeth Cabrera, Leslie Fernandes, Carol Corrigan,

Anniversary:

Ornanong Muangruen & her 3 children, Jane Alejandro, Nesty De Leon

Deceased:

Susan Mirasol, Luz Gecain, Jayson Magpulong, Peter Magpulong, Leonardo Gecain Sr, Pedro Magpulong, Luisa Magpulong

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, Kelly Ryan, Deidre Thomson, Jennifer Estrada, Barbara Thompson, Cristina Arceo, Pat Daly, Wally Atie, Greg Marcellana, Mavie Dela Cruz, Bev Lewis, Adrian Gould, Elizabeth Candame, Virginia Santos, Zenira D'Souza, Tony Muscat, Jonathan Gemin, Rhonda Damian, Liv Toole, Anshu Mala Nand, Sophie De Leon, Jo Daly, Epifania Samaniego, Rosario, Roland, Michael, Dragica Julich, Gloria Bueno, Adolfo Mayo, Ben & Etta Benesa, Geoffrey Robinson, Florentina Elisura, Christina Properzi, Virginia Villanueva

Thanksgiving:

Kristian Cala

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

Praised be the Holy Spirit!
Present in the depths of our souls, and consuming the hard things in our lives by the fire of that presence.

Brother Roger of Taizé

August Church Calendar

Mon	28	<i>Saint Augustine (M)</i> 8:30am - Mass
Tues	29	<i>The Passion of Saint John the Baptist (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary and novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	30	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	31	9:15am - Mass

September

Fri	1	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Mass to Our Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat	2	9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	3	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
	Lozada	Meena B	Sebastian	Pangilinan E	Jacob
Sep	5	12	19	26	
	Fernandes D	Erasmus B	Barnouti	Jacob	
Oct	3	10	17	24	31
	Deang	Erasmus B	Sebastian	Jacob	Richards
Nov	7	14	21	28	
	Hala	Barnouti	Tina B	Jacob	
Dec	5	12	19	26	
	Paguinto	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 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.

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 encourage all seniors to come and join for a cuppa while we listen for tips on general health & well being especially for seniors.



All seniors are WELCOME!!

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

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.

⇒ **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.

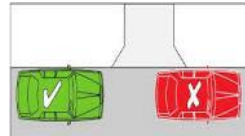


Welcome back pilgrims - BLAZE Youth Group

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.



⇒ **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.



Members

John McCabe
Karen Green
Julian Martin
Suní Fernando

Mei Velasco
Ajith Lobo
Helen Festejo
Rebecca Reynolds



Exciting prizes
up for grabs!

Calling all parishioners!

Come celebrate Fr. Jolly's
third anniversary with our parish on

Saturday, 16th September, 7:30 pm at the School Hub.

Ticket sales starting
after Masses on
2nd & 3rd September
onwards!

Doors open after 6 pm Mass. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Can you help?

Please let us know if you are willing to help with catering or logistics.

Contact: Nanette - 0404 465 600 | Techie - 0438 201 436 | Salomie - 0426 066 817



Join and be
part of the
Cake Angels
contact Madeline Huang
cakeangels.sjohn23@gmail.com



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



**Young at Hearts
Seniors Group contacts**
Frank 0459 504625
Trevor 0407 150399



Vinnies
join the good works

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-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.



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 fundraising 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.

With the warm weather upon us it's time to enjoy a refreshing drink fresh from our pastors' garden.



**Father Jolly's & Zvon's Harvest
FRESH LEMONADE STAND**
Sunday, 27 August
following the 9am & 10:30am mass



We still have aprons for sale \$30.00
Please contact Techie on 0438 201436 or the parish office for orders.



10th September after the 10:30am mass

Come and feast on delicious Filipino food.

Hosted by CFC (Int'l).

Enjoy Mother's Care School special home baked cakes and sweets on 17th September, Sunday, after the morning masses.



Thank you to everyone who have supported our Indo-sate cuisine. They were all so delicious (soooooo goood as one comment) Everyone enjoyed the food. They raised \$2.6k. A very big effort. Again a big THANK YOU to all who prepared the delicious fare.



(photos next page)



Another Sunday of festivities to be hosted by St John 23rd Prayer Group on 24th September 2023.

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



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED!!
(INDONISIAN COMMUNITY) THEY HAVE RAISED \$2603.50**



For all youth ministry enquiries,

✉ blaze@john23rd.org.au

or visit our FB page
www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/



BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Catholic Early Learning Centre

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

✉ celstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.celstanhope.catholic.edu.au

Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Louise O'Donnell

☎ (02) 8664 7100

✉ holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au

St John XXIII Catholic College

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

✉ stmarks@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.stjohn23stanhope.catholic.edu.au

SJ23rd SATURDAY SOCIAL SPORT

Volleyball | Table Tennis | Football
All ages and abilities welcome.

10:00am

FIRST SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH

St John XXIII College Grounds

ENQUIRIES

NEVILLE 0466 262 850





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For more events please go to 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

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 037795 or 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 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 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://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)88383480 or email 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, perimenopausal then NFP is for you! For more information or to book an appointment contact Catherine on 0400 427605 E: catherinebourne@parra.catholic.org

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR



The Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Community invites us to a weekend with Jesus on the 30th September and the 1st of October 2023 at St Andrew the Apostle School Hall in Marayong NSW. For more information please call

St Andrew Parish Office - 9622 0817;
Josie - 0425 486323.

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!

For program schedule or to express your interest, contact Mei and Donnie on 0432042140 or fill up the form <https://forms.gle/sdEMryVwvhUpNpNZ7>

Looking forward to meeting you ☺



CONTACTS

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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📞 0423 160567 (AH Emergency)

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CLERGY

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📞 0417 541 637 (for emergency only)

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Tanya Gatt

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Renuka Soosaipillai

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Sacramental Coordinator:

Helen Zammit

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Daphney Fernandes

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NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance.

Visit our website

<http://john23rd.com/>

Like our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/john23rdparish

COELIACS

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



Office for Safeguarding

The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to:

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

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



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.



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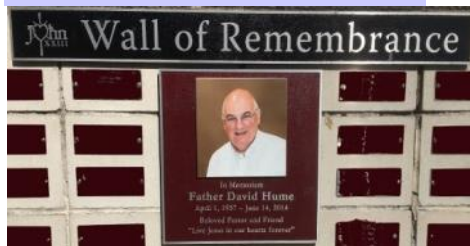


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