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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,

Let us continue to contribute for our failing sound system and audio/video connections. The estimated cost of the whole project is around \$75,000.

So far, we have received a contribution of \$22,473, 30% of our target. There is still a fair way to go to reach the our target.

Please make a donation towards this, any amount will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation and your generosity to the parish.

Envelopes are provided, marked Sound System project or using our \$20 'Tap & Go' terminals which are marked.

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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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
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
until 10.30am
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
Tue 7:00pm Rosary and novena prayers (*Church Tabernacle*)
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

This feast is so rich that it impossible to give a single explanation or interpretation. We need to put aside our constant Western desire to categorise neatly, and to proceed as in the East, poetically, allowing the interplay of images and ideas to evoke the mystery beyond our grasp. Like beholding an opal, its whole beauty cannot be seen from any one angle. Origen (mid-third century) is the earliest witness (Comm. in Ps. 88.13) to the claim that the transfiguration took place on Galilee's Mount Tabor, a border point for the lands of Zebulun, Issachar and Naphtali, and the trade route called the Way of the Sea that passed its base. That location is not inconsistent with Matthew's narrative and so was widely accepted over the next centuries. It could have been guided by reflection on Isaiah 9:1-2, as cited in Mathew 4:13-16 (both read on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time in year A): "Zebulun! Naphtali! Way of the Sea... The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned." Another ancient tradition has the transfiguration occurring forty days before the crucifixion, and counting from the Exaltation of the Cross brings us to 6 August, the date on which Mount Tabor's fifth-century Byzantine basilica was dedicated. The earliest known observance of this feast in the West is from the ninth century, whence it spread, though not with it always being celebrated on the same date. It was fixed on 6 August for the whole Roman rite only in 1457.

The account contains many features shared by other theophanies. The high mountain, the usual awe-inspiring meeting point between heaven and earth, is where Moses on Horeb encounters God in the burning bush, and on Sinai/Horeb he receives the Law and his face shines, and there the people of Israel say "Do not let us hear again the Voice, nor see the Fire (splendour of God)" (Deut 18:16); on Mount Carmel Elijah contents with the priests of Baal, then on Horeb, after wind, earthquake, and fire, he hears the "still small voice" and speaks with God (see the first reading on the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A). The cloud most often indicates darkness, but God's glory also manifests in cloud: whether a dark or bright cloud, the result remains the same, blindness, the inability to see God. The light is related to the cloud. White, and brightness, feature in the first reading from Daniel, such that the transfigured Jesus is consistently described in the same way as the Ancient of Days (except for age) and thus as the visible image of the invisible Father. Lastly the Voice, which is often deafening, sometimes whispering, repeats the words heard at the baptism (Matthew 3:17), "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

In the use of Cloud, Light, and Voice, we appear to have verbal portraits of the invisible, and reports of the ineffable. There are two main interpretations of the transfiguration: firstly, Jesus in his human nature changed, manifesting the divinisation of human nature in the Incarnation of the Word; secondly, Jesus did not change, for God is unchanging, but the disciples' spiritual eyes were opened to see him as he is. This evokes 1 John 3:3, "we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." An Orthodox interpretation also explains this as a trinitarian theophany: the Father speaks (the unseen Voice), the Son shines (the Light), and the Holy Spirit is present in the Cloud. In the Synoptic Gospels it marks a turning point: just as at the baptism he soon embarked on his mission of proclaiming the kingdom of heaven, soon after the transfiguration he sets out for Jerusalem.

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.

Entrance Antiphon

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9

R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. **R.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. **R.**

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Peter 1:16-19

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 17:1-9

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.



Hope of Glory

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Kenneth Soewandi, Thelma Silvester,
Kristina Pepunic

Anniversary:

Ivan Zec, Casmira Aguas, Cezar Aguas,
Felicisimo R Esteban

Deceased:

Manuel Ravello Teano, Victoriana Estay Pahn,
Jocelyn Pahn Batcheldor,

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, 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, 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

God, you love us!

So no matter how poor our prayer, we seek you with confidence. Your love burrows a way through our hesitations, and even through our doubts.

Brother Roger of Taizé

August Church Calendar

Mon	7	8:30am - Mass
Tues	8	<i>Saint Mary of the Cross (S)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Rosary and Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	9	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	10	<i>Saint Lawrence (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	11	<i>Saint Clare (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Sat	12	9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	13	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>	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.



15th 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**

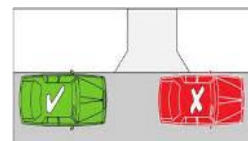
Now that the church is open for celebrations, its floors need to be swept of dust, cobwebs brushed off, candle stands cleaned and garden kept green. We would like to request all our volunteer cleaners and gardeners to come back and continue their ministry.

For more information contact maintenance@john23rd.org.au 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

SAVE THE DATE - MINI FUNDRAISERS



CHURCH FUNDRAISING

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.



Come and join us enjoy some sizzlers.

13th August, Sunday

Hosted by Risen Lord Community

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.

Sate ayam



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
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Talitha Koum Little Girl I say 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 www.universal-sisterhood.com.au/sisterhood
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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-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.*

Meet our newly elected Parish Council and get to know them



JOHN MCCABE

Married to Ellen for the last 47 years. Father of 5, grandfather of 11. I have varied experiences of serving various parishes throughout the years as member of the sacramental term, member of liturgical committee, catechist, Vincent de Paul society, helping the Aboriginal communities. I am a passionate educator and been a high school teacher and principal, Convenor of principals' conferences on state and national level. I am a licensed builder. I worked as general manager of restaurants and a weekly national newspaper. I am happy and humbled to be called to serve our wonderful parish together with all of you.

DR SUNIMALEE FERNANDO

I am a GP by profession. Happily married, mother of two wonderful GPS and grandmother of 3. Together with my husband Asela, my children and their families we serve the parish in Various ministries. I am the founding coordinator of the Risen Lord charismatic community and a member of the state service term of Catholic Charismatic renewal Australia. I am humbled to be called to serve the parish more.



HELEN FESTEJO

Together with my husband Macario and my two children, we are one of the pioneering families of our parish. I have been part of the liturgical ministries and liturgy committee in the parish and Initiated programs for children. I am also a member of The Couples for Christ community. I have been a coordinator for the mission immersion and answering the cry of the poor. Reached out to the needs of the less fortunate in the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. We are one of founding member of the SVD Lay movement in Australia. Happy to continue serving the parish.

KAREN GREEN

Seven years ago, my family moved from South Africa to Australia and ever since we had been part of this parish. Together with my husband Marlon and two children, we are involved in the parish. My daughter is part of the youth leadership team in the parish. I am a full-time worker in the Insurance industry. I am a member of the Schoenstatt mothers' group. My motto is to bring Christ to the families. It is a great honor to serve this beautiful parish.



AJIT LOBO

Together with my wife Preema and my two children, we had been part of this parish for the last 10 years. We are involved in youth and family ministries. I work as a client partner in an IT Firm. I am grateful for the opportunity given to me to serve the parish more. I am looking forward to working with you all.

MEI VELASCO

I am happily married with Donnie and have a two-year-old son. Both Donnie and I had been serving our former parish for many years in youth ministry and been youth coordinators. We were also part of the parish choir and members of parish council. We also participated in world youth days and been an active part of the youth formation. My husband Donnie works with the Diocese in its mission team. We moved to the parish two years ago and were right away given opportunities to serve this parish in family ministries. Together with Donnie and Mr. Antony Mathew, the assistant Principal of our School, we run the parish school choir. We also run the Parish Alfa program. By profession I am a social worker and happy to serve anyone in need. I love my church. I am honored and humbled to be called to be part of the pastoral council, though we are relatively new in the parish. Looking forward to work with all of you.



JULIAN MARTIN

Together with my wife Martya and my young child, we had been part of this parish for the last few years. With my wife, we are part of the liturgical ministries of the parish as well as I do a little bit of handy work for the parish as much as my time and knowledge allows me. I am a Software engineer by profession and a lover of computers. I love sports and games. I look forward to continue serving the parish more. Thank you for the opportunity to serve more.

REBECCA REYNOLDS

Together with my Parents and siblings I had been part of this parish from my childhood. I grew up in the parish. Now I am a high school teacher in the Diocese of Parramatta. I have served the parish as Altar servant, as a reader and been part of the youth ministries and its leadership term. I am grateful for this opportunity and happy to work with everyone.



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 topics.

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



For all youth ministry enquiries,

✉ blaze@john23rd.org.au

or visit our FB page

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

🌐 www.celcstanhope.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

Let us continue to pray for our youth leaders in their journey to spiritual growth during their WYD adventure. We pray that they will always be guided by the Holy Spirit.





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Pastoral Formation



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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 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

MET Marriage Retrouvaille Program Information Session: 25 August

The Diocese of Parramatta aims to offer the Retrouvaille program for couples who are having difficulties in their marriage. We are looking for married couples who are committed to helping others heal their marriage relationships. You will be trained to facilitate this program. An information evening will be held on 25 August at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Contact Karin on (02) 8838 3460 or register at marriage@parracatholic.org

Diocesan Adult Confirmation: 5 September

Adult Confirmation 2023 will be held on Tuesday 5 September at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on Saturday 2 September at 9.30am – 2pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown (formerly known as the IFM). Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but are yet to receive the Confirmation. If you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037795 or hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org.

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://pfparra.org.au/soulfood/>

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal available for in-person, virtual appointments

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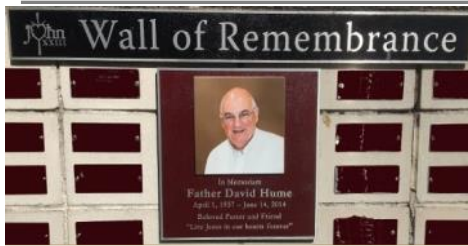
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Columbarium Niches reservations are getting filled from neighbouring parishioners. For our parishioners who are planning to buy a Niche, do so without delay, because we always want to prioritise members of our parish who wish to buy the Niches.

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