

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.



We want to thank all the parishioners who have given generously towards the sound system project. We have so far raised \$ 53,000 at 71% of the target of \$75,000. We are more than halfway to our goal!

Alternative ways to contribute:

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)

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
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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

Special Blessings

Blessing during masses

1st Sun	Birthday celebrants
3rd Sun	Couple's Wedding anniversary

The readings today follow thematically from last Sunday's gospel parable, and we find another appearance of the vineyard that so often represents the kingdom of heaven in parables and sayings. The first reading (Ezek 18:25-28) echoes the protest against God for being unjust. This time it seems to be provoked by God's willingness to remit sin. Such an objection boils down to vexation that God does not behave like people. Too often the human desire is to punish, by which it is felt that justice is achieved, making things right by somehow balancing the books. But such so-called justice is no more than exacting a form of revenge, however righteous the vengeance seems. It may be considered as a form of repayment, for even if the offender does not or cannot repair the damage done, then inflicting punishment in equal measure allows the aggrieved to feel that a balance of sorts has been restored. However, by its nature this can only leave each party diminished and it does not truly make things right again; it may be called justice because it "evens the score" but it actually perverts righteousness (which makes things right). God's response instead, according to Ezekiel, is in effect to say to the repentant or converted sinner, "You got to the right place in the end, which is what matters, and that makes things right." And to the formerly upright: "You knew what was right and yet you chose to go wrong." The plea in today's entrance antiphon, if used, prepares for this reading: in it Azariah pleads that we be treated according to God's mercy and not according to our wrongs, that is, for God to act in a way contrary to the human instinct for justice. This is further picked up in the opening prayer, which acknowledges divine omnipotence is manifested "above all by pardoning and showing mercy", for God is free of humanity's impulsive sense of fairness, and God is free to act according to what is good in itself. This is not unrelated to the Kenotic Hymn in the second reading (Phil 2:1-11) that fitted well in the recent feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, but this time it includes the preceding exhortation to humility. The hymn praises the very humility typified by Christ, who demonstrates God's freedom to act foolishly according to human reckoning by embracing death on the cross.

The gospel parable (Matt 21:28-32) is the first in a series of seemingly anti-Jewish selections from Matthew, for which we must remember the context: it is after Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of what led directly to his crucifixion. These parables are all given in the Temple. Here Jesus contends with the religious leaders, against whom these parables are directed. This becomes abundantly clear in the chapter's final two verses (v.45-46), which are not included in the Sunday Lectionary. A question is put to the chief priests and elders as if seeking a legal opinion: if a father asks two sons to go work in his vineyard, and the first says he will not and the second that he will, but each rethinks and does the opposite of what he said, then which of them does the father's will? Without dispute it is the first son; it is better to repent than renege. The ordering of the sons seems unusual since elsewhere the first usually represents Jews, the second the Gentiles. Indeed, Augustine in his only known reference to this parable inverts the order (De consensu evangelistarum, 2.70.130). But the given order may reflect a Jewish tradition, found also in the Talmud, in which God offered the Law (Torah) first to Gentiles; the Jews were offered it last, and were the only ones to accept it. In this case, Jesus, or Matthew's community, is accusing Jewish leaders of reneging now that the time of the kingdom has come. The early Church was grappling with this, as we previously saw Paul lamenting (Sunday 19). In the language of the parable, Gentiles are repenting and so entering the vineyard, the kingdom. But we should pay attention also to the constant warning: if you do not produce its fruit, it will be taken from you. None can claim a right to it by belonging to a particular group.

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

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24, 27

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.



OCTOBER 7 - PARISH COUNCIL AND PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS MEETING

All ministry leaders together with the Parish Council are strongly encouraged to attend a meeting on 7th October, Saturday, Feast of the Holy Rosary at 10:15am to 12pm. This will be followed by lunch and make this an opportunity to meet and greet our newly appointed Parish Council and ministry leaders.

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Mirella Edouard-Betsy, Jake Grant Ryan

Anniversary:

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

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

Christ of compassion, you welcome us with our gifts and our frailties. And by the Holy Spirit you liberate, you forgive, you guide us to the point where we give our very lives in love.

Brother Roger of Taizé

October Church Calendar

Mon	2	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels (M)</i> 8:30am - Mass
Tues	3	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Rosary prayers and Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	4	<i>Saint Francis of Assisi (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Thurs	5	9:15am - Mass
Fri	6	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm—First Friday Novena Mass to The Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat	7	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 10:15am - Ministry Leaders meeting 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	8	7:30, 9:00, 10:30am Mass followed by Parish Anniversary Celebration 6:00pm - Mass

Praying together

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer

O 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

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.

Join us for rosary and novena prayers every Tuesday, 7:00pm other than First Tuesday Families on the roster, if unable to pick up please don't hesitate to contact Bart or Melva.

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

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	
Jan	2	9	16	23	30
	Ring	Vasram	available	available	Tangunan

"A family that prays together, stays together - Fr Patrick Peyton"

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 ☺



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.

scan the QR code



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.



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.

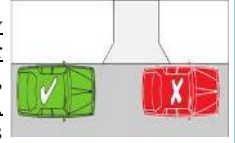
We still have aprons for sale \$30.00
Please contact
Techie
on 0438 201436 or
the parish office for
orders.



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.



MINISTRY OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK & DYING

ONGOING FORMATION



SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER
9:30AM – 2:00PM

BISHOP BEDE HEATHER CENTRE
1-5 MARION ST, BLACKTOWN

REGISTER

✉ MARY.GALE@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG
☎ 0460 037 795

MORNING TEA & LUNCH PROVIDED

RSVP 16 OCTOBER

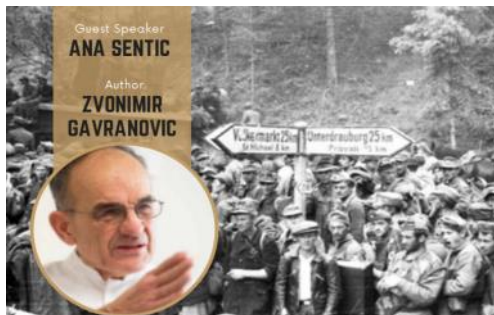


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Forms available at the church foyer



BLEIBURG: MASSACRE OF THE CROATIAN PEOPLE 1945

Book Launch

11 Wednesday October 2023 NSW Parliament House Macquarie St. Sydney **7:30PM**

You are invited!
4 October 2023 Fr. Zvonimir
✉ Zvonimir@john23rd.org.au ☎ 0447 445 281

In Gratitude to Warren Kirby MP
Member for Riverstone

Our very own Fr Zvonimir is launching his second published book.

BLEIBURG: MASSACRE OF THE CROATIAN PEOPLE 1945

This book tells the history of Croatia from its very beginning right up to 1945. In this way, readers would come to realise that the Croatian people are an ancient people who inhabited the region between the Drava River and the Adriatic Sea from the seventh century onwards. The book then deals with the creation of the Independent State of Croatia during the Second World War. Mention is also made of the suffering of the Slovene, German and Montenegrin peoples of the former Yugoslavia. It is good to acknowledge the past with all the horrors of war and learn to forgive the mistakes that were made. It is also important to think of the present time and the future years to come and strive to improve our understanding of other people from different cultures and nations and not carry the hatred into future generations.

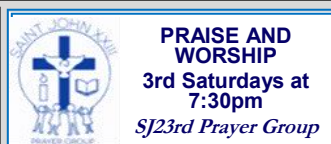
Everyone is invited to come and join him for the book launch

WHEN: Wednesday, 11 October 2023, 7:30pm

WHERE: NSW Parliament House, Macquarie Street Sydney

RSVP by 4 October 2023 to Fr Zvonimir

✉ Zvonimir@john23rd.org.au ☎ 0447 445281



JOIN US, ENJOY WITH US



We are organizing some mini events to contribute to our much needed church funds but **most especially** to boost our parish community engagements. It's about time to get together, know each other and begin to build up our Parish Community of St John 23rd.

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

Any other suggestions for church fanfare, activities or just availability of support are most welcome and greatly appreciated.

Please contact either Nanette - 0404 465600 or Techie - 0439 201436.

Check out some of our exciting upcoming events and save the dates in your diary.

ST JOHN XXIII PARISH

★★ **FEAST DAY** ★★

**FOOD | FRIENDS | FUN
MUSIC | ACTIVITIES**

**SUNDAY
OCT 8**

10:30AM MASS
FOLLOWED BY THE
CELEBRATION AT ST
MARKS SQUARE UNTIL
1:30PM

COME HUNGRY AND READY TO PARTY!

**FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT
0423 576 416 OR 0416 112 153**

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 21 YEARS AS A PARISH COMMUNITY. THERE WILL BE LOTS OF FUN AND GAMES TO ENJOY INCLUDING FREE FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS, MUSIC, A JUMPING CASTLE, FACE PAINTING AND MUCH MORE.



"Young at Heart"

Pilgrimage to the

Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy
at Penrose Park, close to Berrima

**Wednesday, the 25th of October
ALL SEATS ON THE BUS HAVE
BEEN RESERVED**

Thank you to all seniors who will be joining the trip.

For more information on event please contact either of the following:

Frank - 0459 504625 or

Trevor - 0407 150399



**Wine & Cheese Tour at
Hunter Valley on 4th Nov**



Registrations of Interest are **Sold Out** after one week promoting the event!

We have emailed the registrants and requested to make payment by Sun 8th Oct.

If there are spots left, we will reopen for resale.

Coming Soon.....

**Cherry Picking at
Young on 2nd Dec**



Save The Date !

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 our SJ23rd Prayer Group for the sumptuous spread of savoury, barbecue and sweets, all very delicious they nearly ran out.
There are even cute succulents on sale.



For all youth ministry enquiries

✉ blaze@john23rd.org.au

or visit our FB page

www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/



BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM



John McCabe
Karen Green
Julian Martin
Suní Fernando

Mei Velasco
Ajith Lobo
Helen Festejo
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OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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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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Pastoral Formation



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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.

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 - 0419 242435 or Marisa - 0412 280017.

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/>

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.



We would also like to pray for our parishioners who will take part in the SYNOD journey of listening and discernment for the personal conversion and renewal in the Church.

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.

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



Timber dressing table for sale - immaculate condition with plenty of storage: **\$200.00 or nearest offer** proceeds to be donated to the Parish.

Contact: Margaret Harrison

Mob: 0413 900 226



ATTENTION FILIPINOS

Please join us in celebration of our very first Filipino Mass at

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish,

8 Diana Avenue, Kellyville

1 October 2023, Sunday at 3 PM

followed by fellowship at

the Church's Old Hall

(please bring a plate to share)



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 <http://safeguarding.org.au/>

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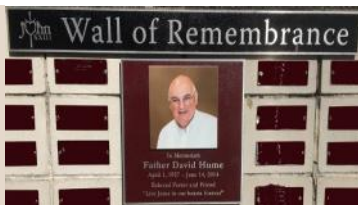
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