

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 \$ 44,990, 60% 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)

The Lectionary omits all of Matthew 17 from the Sunday readings and so from we leap today to half-way through chapter 18, into the middle of what may be described as advice for living as Church. Navigating the conflicting ideas, expectations, hopes and values within any community takes some work, and the Church is not exempt from this messiness that is natural to all human communities. But how deep must the disagreement be before an "offender" is considered to have gone too far? How far off the path does one need to go in order to be deemed "wicked"? How much responsibility must we take for the wrongdoing of others, and how wrong do others have to be before we feel compelled to correct them? And who likes being corrected, or correcting? The advice in the first part might be considered as rules for responsible conflict resolution. There are four steps: speak with the offender in private (for humiliation, which creates resentment, must be avoided if rehabilitation is the aim); if matters are not resolved then involve a few others (for the evidence of others is needed—or may help break an impasse); if matters are still not resolved, involve the community in the hope that it will be listened to; and if matters are still not resolved, treat the offender as a pagan or tax collector. This last piece has been interpreted in some times and places as advice or a command for the community to shun and expel offenders. But did not Jesus keep company with tax collectors? Did not the apostolic Church reach out to pagan gentiles with the Good News? So, instead of being rejected, the offender is identified as one not yet converted, not truly incorporated into the Church and so outside community and communion, and therefore is one in need of conversion, for which engagement is required.

The next item, on binding and loosing, takes us back to the gospel reading two Sundays ago (Matt 16:19), but the authority to bind and loose is here directed not to Peter, but to the community of disciples, that is, the Church. These sayings in different nuances (the first is in the singular, the second in the plural) are found only in Matthew, and their nearest equivalent is John 20:23, but the same terminology and similar expressions are found in other ancient and rabbinic sources. It is a Jewish expression concerning legal decisions that impose or lift sanctions. This language arises also in Matthew 23:4 (to be read on the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time this year) when Jesus accuses the scribes and Pharisees of binding heavy burdens on others and being unwilling to remove them. Christ's mission, and therefore his Church's, is to set free, to remit debt, to forgive sin – to lift the burden from those who are bound.

On turning to the second reading, a correction would not go astray. Sometimes translators have to balance competing interests of a direct translation versus a smoother one. Two paraphrases in today's second reading have lost something. The first, "If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations", with its needlessly gendered language, seems concerned merely with what satisfies an obligation. Instead, the Greek has "For the one loving the other fulfils the law." Various verbs synonymously meaning fulfil, complete, and perfect are found in the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures. In this case, Paul indicates the deficient nature of law, since its precepts are reductions that when cast in the positive provide examples of right acting, and cast in the negative are examples of contraventions of right acting. Loving the other guides one away from willingly wronging the other, and it guides the way of doing right so that the right thing that is done may be done with good grace. The second quibble over translation is in the last line, "Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments", which in Greek more directly reads, "Goodwill [or love] does no wrong to the neighbour, so goodwill [love] is the fulfilment of the Law." The preceding positive summary of the Law's end may be put thus: Cherish/Love your neighbour as if your own self.



On the 14th of September it is the Feast of the Holy Cross. There will be a special Mass at 7.30pm. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. The Morning Mass will as usual at 9.15am.

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 1st Fri | after 9.15am 7.30pm |
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Reconciliation

After the weekday masses

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| Sat | after the 9am mass until 10.30am 5:15 - 5:45pm before the Vigil Mass or upon request |
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Sacraments

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| Sun | 12pm Baptism by appointment |
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Prayers

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| Mon | 7.30pm Christian Meditation Frances Pegrum 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

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| Fri | 7:30pm Risen Lord Comm |
| 3rd Sat | 7:30pm SJ23rd Prayer Grp |

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.'

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



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.



CLERGY SUPPORT
FOUNDATION

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Carlos Carcellar

Anniversary:

Stephen James Tracey, Patricia Doyle

Deceased:

Anton Fernando, Malini Fernando,
Basil Fernando, Leonor Marmolejo

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 Dadvias, Zoey Illic, Maryanne Jaramillo, Jerry Bondoc, Carrie Conolly, Charlie Busuttil, Perla Magculang, Rosamma Elizabeth Langley, John Pellissery, Peter Dawson, Manuel Sarris, Raymond Lanza, 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, Rhonda Damian, Florentina Elisura, Virginia Villanueva

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*

Jesus of compassionate mercy,
You enable us to transmit to those around us a flame of hope by the trust of our hearts.
Brother Roger of Taizé

September Church Calendar

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| Mon | 11 | 8:30am - Mass |
| Tues | 12 | 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Rosary prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help |
| Wed | 13 | <i>Saint John Chrysostom (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass |
| Thurs | 14 | <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass |
| Fri | 15 | <i>Our Lady of Sorrows (M)</i> 6:30am - Mass 9:15am - Mass |
| Sat | 16 | <i>Saints Cornelius and Cyprian (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass |
| Sun | 17 | 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am Mass 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

Join us for rosary and novena prayers every Tuesday, 7:00pm then pick up our Lady's statue.

You may invite either Fr Jolly or Fr Zvonimir to join you in prayers at home.

Please organise with the parish office.

Roster below.



Rosary Statue Family Roster

| Sep | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | |
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| | <i>Fernandes D</i> | Erasmus B | Barnouti | Jacob | |
| Oct | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
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| 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 |
| | available | available | available | available | available |

"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 emcpi85@yahoo.com.au. Families on the roster, if unable to pick up please don't hesitate to contact Bart or Melva.

Celebrations!



*Blessings
on your
birthday or
anniversary!*

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.

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.

⇒ 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.

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>

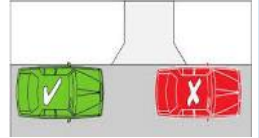
Looking forward to meeting you ☺



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.



Members

John McCabe
Karen Green
Julian Martin
Suní Fernando

Mei Velasco
Ajith Lobo
Helen Festejo
Rebecca Reynolds



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 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.



There will an **Information Evening** at the Church on **Wednesday 20th Sep 2023** at **7.00pm**. This is for all who are interested in knowing more & exploring the Catholic faith.

Please pass this information or invite to your friends or anyone who might be interested. The RCIA team will be there to answer any queries & provide the information of the RCIA program starting soon in our parish here.

Those interested may please contact the parish office.



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



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





SAVE THE DATE - MINI FUNDRAISERS

We are organizing some mini fundraising 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 fundraising activity or availability of support are most welcome and greatly appreciated.

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



10th September from after the 9:00am 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.



Due to moving house my timber dressing table is for sale it is in 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



Another Sunday of festivities so please come, support and enjoy.
Hosted by SJ23rd Prayer Group
24th September 2023



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

B I N G O NIGHT!



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 this weekend!

➡➡➡ 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

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 | |
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| 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 |

The "Young at Heart" is organising a couple of exciting events for all seniors of our parish. It's springtime, please come and join us.



Wednesday, the 20th of September - picnic at the beautiful Nurragingy Reserve at Knox Road, Doonside after the 9.15 am mass at our church.

Wednesday, the 25th of - pilgrimage by bus to the famous Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy at Penrose Park, close to Berrima.

As seats on the bus are limited to just 20 passengers, booking goes very fast, please call to reserve yours as soon as possible to avoid being disappointed.

For more information on both events please contact either of the following:

Frank on 0459504625 or Trevor on 0407150399



MARK YOUR CALENDAR, WE ARE 21!!

Join us as we celebrate St John XXIII Parish Feast Day!!

Sunday, 8th October 2023. We start with 10:30am mass followed by the celebration at St Marks Square until 1:30pm.



For all youth ministry enquiries,

✉ blaze@john23rd.org.au

or visit our FB page

www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/

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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Pastoral Formation



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

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 - 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/>

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

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
Saturday 23rd September
9-11am

Guest Speaker: Sister Lydia Allen RSM
Sister Lydia Allen is a member of the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan. she has worked and taught for many years in the field of psychology and counselling in the US, Germany and Australia. Together we will take a look at the precious gifts God has given to us in our humanity, through which He enables us to be happy and well-integrated as women.

www.trybooking.com/CLBEB
or Call 47738338

Cost \$25
including breakfast

Family Hall
Mt Schoenstatt
230 Fairlight rd
Mulgoa 2745

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CLERGY

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Helen Zammit

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Daphney Fernandes

✉ columbarium@john23rd.org.au

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:

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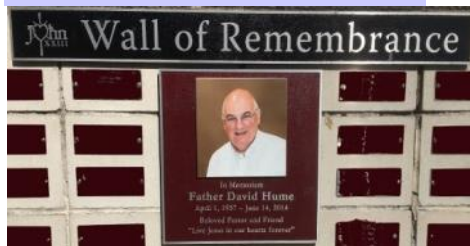


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