



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 \$ 48,701, 65% 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
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Last Sunday's notes ended with the observation that the Law maybe summed up as cherish (or love) your neighbour as your own self. Another way of putting that is: do to others as you would have them do to you. Today's gospel parable puts it yet another way: do for others as God does for you. The parable that conveys this message is rather dramatic, for who cannot but be affronted by the bad behaviour of the man one who is relieved of a burdensome debt but refuses to do the same for a much smaller one? One might well imagine the outpouring of indignant outrage that such a scene would prompt through social media today that, for whatever benefits it may provide, is so often foul pool of seething resentment and anger. The members of that "virtual" mob, anything but virtuous in its behaviour, bay and howl from the safety of relative anonymity, too ready always to take offence and to interpret anything in the worst possible way. It is amazing how people who are so quick to reject the Hebrew Scriptures (the "Old" Testament) with the claim that its picture of God is of one who is angry and vindictive yet themselves are so ready to leap to judgement, to punish and destroy; they are not kind and merciful, not slow to anger and not rich in compassion.

The all too human culturing of resent and anger, and the nurturing of desire for vengeance, can be so much easier than hearing the divine call to forgiveness. But people do sometimes admit that maintaining hurt and anger can take a terrible toll, in effect consuming one's life and imparting bitterness that poisons other relationships. In learning to forgive the wrongdoer, wronged parties find that they claim back their own life. Imagine that God was just some more powerful form of human being; imagine God as resentful and angry, wanting and plotting vengeance – what a bitter eternity this would make for. No; rather God lives on other terms, free from such foul things, free to love, desiring created human beings also to be free. Hence also the question in our baptismal promises, "Do you renounce sin so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?" This renunciation may be not only of our own offences but also the burden of others' offences.

The way of forgiveness must not be imagined as easy, and the person wronged cannot be hectored or lectured into forgiving. Some offences cut very deep, the hurt is profound and long lasting, and the grace to leave it behind may grow only very slowly. Remembrance of our own failings, offences and sins, even if of a lesser grade than the offence received, can lower our hostility towards the other sinner, but it takes grace to feel compassion for them; if you imagine that you could not live with yourself if you were to act in the same way as the offender has towards you, then you have at least the beginnings of compassion for the other, an ability to imagine how miserable it must be to be them. Some offenders may consider their faults and change their ways when a compassionate response prompts their own remorse, but will stubbornly refuse to do so, almost as a defensive response, if faced with direct anger or correction. The way of compassionate forgiveness will always remain, therefore, a difficult path, but the message of the cross, the divine message, is that it is the only way that ends the wrong and heals the hurt.

The gospel parable puts the onus on each of us to learn to forgive lest we condemn ourselves before God for not doing what we ourselves hope for or ask of God.

REMINDER - Parent information Evening for Reconciliation

Tuesday 18th September at 7pm in the church

For families with children in year 3 and above who have been baptised in the Catholic faith

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 <i>by appointment</i>
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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

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/>

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 27:30 - 28:7

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4, 9-12

R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

FORGIVE
as you have been
FORGIVEN



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

Marcelino Pangilinan

Deceased:

Sick: Names published with permission.

Lord Jesus, heal me. Heal in me whatever You see needs healing. Heal me of whatever might separate me from You. Heal my memory, heal my heart, heal my emotions, heal my spirit, heal my body, heal my soul. Lay Your hands now gently upon me and heal me through Your love for me. Amen.

Cesar De Jesus, Hilary Regan, Emma Matoza, Elsie Knapp, Victor Pons, Susanne Krajancic, Remedios de Huzman, Dr Bronwyn Andrews, Cindy Dadivas, Zoey Illic, Maryanne Jaramillo, Jerry Bondoc, Carrie Conolly, Charlie Busuttil, 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, Rhonda Damian, Florentina Elisura, Virginia Villanueva

Thanksgiving:

Bart Sarlabus

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 every human person. When we realize that your love is forgiveness above all, our hearts find peace, and may even be changed.

Brother Roger of Taizé

September Church Calendar

Mon	18	8:30am - Mass
Tues	19	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Rosary prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	20	Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chonh Hasang and companions (M) 9:15am - Mass After Mass Young at Heart Picnic, Nurraging Reserve
Thurs	21	Saint Mattew (F) 9:15am - Mass
Fri	22	6:30am - Mass 9:15am - Mass
Sat	23	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (M) 9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	24	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	
	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
	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.

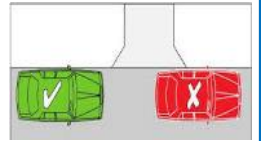
⇒ SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FACILITATORS

We require assistance at the children's baptismal rites during Sundays 12pm. For interested parties please contact the Parish Office on 8883 5981.

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
Suni Fernando

Mei Velasco
Ajith Lobo
Helen Festejo
Rebecca Reynolds



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.

Information Night RCIA A JOURNEY IN FAITH 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 family and 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.

The "Young at Heart" is organising a couple of exciting events for all seniors of our parish. It's springtime, weather is good, 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 October - pilgrimage by bus to the famous Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy at Penrose Park, close to

Berrima.

Seats are limited to 20 passengers, booking goes very fast, please call to reserve your spot as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. For more information on both events please contact either of the following:

Frank on 0459504625 or Trevor on 0407150399

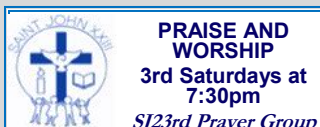
Alpha Program

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/sdEMryVwvvhUpNPnZ7>

Looking forward to meeting you ☺





SAVE THE DATE - MINI CELEBRATIONS

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 funfare or availability of support are most welcome and greatly appreciated.

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

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



24th September 2023

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



**Enjoy Mother's
Care School special
home baked cakes
and sweets on**

**1st September,
Sunday, after the
morning masses.**



Thank you CFC (Int'l) for hosting our last Sunday's morning tea. Lots of sumptuous delights that was had for the day. Thank you Lord for all the hands that made the food. Until the next time.



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

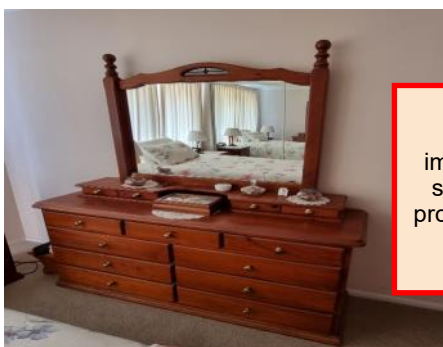


MARK YOUR CALENDAR, WE ARE 21!!

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.

Join us as we celebrate our 21 years as a parish community. There'll be lots of fun and games to enjoy. Please bring a plate for sharing.
For more information please contact the parish office.



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



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
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🌐 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/>

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. So please take the form that is at the foyer of the church. Discuss with your family and submit your responses online.

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.



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 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.

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

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.

CONTACTS

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Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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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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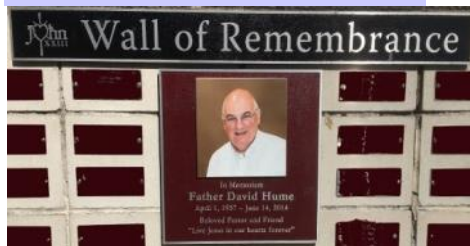


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