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<http://john23rd.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish/> www.instagram.com/sj23stanhope

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 \$ 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)

The Lectionary omits all of Matthew 19 from the Sunday cycle and we read 20:1-16 today. The first reading (Isa 55:6-9) and Psalm 145(144) emphasise the compassion of God, who forgives, but their connection to the gospel reading is not at first obvious since there is no clear link between that parable and any other Scripture passage. However, the parable puts before us an example of how God's ways and thoughts differ from ours. Humans seem to have an innate sense of fairness that prompts objection at this parable; giving the same quantity of anything to those who have worked little as to those who have worked hard is not fair. It is equivalent to giving more to some than to others when each has done the same amount of work. So in the parable, paying those who worked only one hour the same as those who worked all day provokes understandable protests against this injustice from those all-day labourers. Most listeners sympathise with them too. This is no way to run a workforce, for if all were paid a full day's wage irrespective of the time worked, why would any turn up and work longer than they could get away with? On the other hand, whatever the circumstances of their coming to work, each worker is paid the standard living wage—for where is the justice in paying less than what is needed to live on? Such quibbling seems to miss the point, for the parable speaks of God's generosity rather than promoting a particular economic or social theory, and co-opting parables like this to support or reject any such theory is seriously misguided. God's kingdom it seems, is not built on human presumptions of what is deserved; it is built on God's incomprehensible justice that gives according to God's will. So, some may ask, why should I do the right thing, especially if God will treat me and the wrongdoer the same? Well, for a start, that betrays the presumption of being able to judge as if God, knowing others as God can know them. Beyond that, two answers may be given: firstly, you do the right thing because it is the right thing and you find it difficult to live with yourself when you don't (Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness – or Blessed are those who make doing righteousness their food and drink, their way of living); secondly, you do it because it pleases the beloved, and you delight in the beloved's pleasure. A practical example might be found among those who dutifully attend to ageing parents. The one who devotes most time and effort may feel resentment for the duty performed when other siblings do not (or cannot) share in it equally, and even more so if all are treated equally in the will and eventual division of the estate. In this case we might ask, is filial duty performed merely as duty, or is it filial devotion enacted in love, however tiring it may sometimes be? Even so, it can be hard to escape the all-too-human feelings of entitlement emerging from our innate sense of fairness.

There is another aspect to this parable that may perhaps be read from the broader context in Matthew that reveals tension over the status of newcomers to the vineyard (an image that will be used much in the following weeks), that is, an aspect that relates to those who are not Jewish, who have not, as a people, belonged to salvation history from Abraham onward. The question that arises is: who are the ones who form the true Israel? Is it the children of Abraham according to the flesh, or those according to faith? While this question is not explicit in this parable, it was an important matter of contention in ancient times (as touched on previously from Paul's writings, on Sundays 19 and 20) and it will come to the fore more directly with next Sunday's gospel reading. But there are even more possible readings of it: within the mixed community of disciples itself, can those who are Jewish claim a primacy over the Gentile converts? Or even among the Jewish disciples alone, are later converts to be considered lesser than the earlier, or the earlier as more deserving than the later? According to today's parable, the timing of one's arrival in the vineyard is irrelevant, and any concern over primacy is merely an aspect of human perceptions of importance or entitlement. It reveals the folly of trying to subject God to our expectations.

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

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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

Second Reading

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

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

cf Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



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:

Prospere Cerdor, Erwin Barro

Anniversary:

Fatima Lizi, Patick Cherry

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 Dadvias, 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, 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

Holy Spirit, you open us to a Gospel reality; love that forgives so much, that nothing disastrous except the loss of the spirit of merciful love.

Brother Roger of Taizé

September Church Calendar

Mon	24	8:30am - Mass
Tues	25	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Rosary prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	26	Saint Vincent de Paul (M) 9:15am - Mass
Thurs	27	9:15am - Mass
Fri	28	Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (F) 9:15am - Mass
Sat	29	Saint Jerome (M) 9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	30	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

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 ☺



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 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

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.

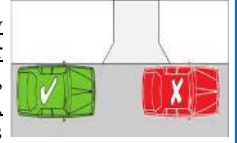
We still have
aprons for sale
\$30.00
Please contact
Techie on 0438
201436 or the
parish office for
orders.



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.



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.



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
contact 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



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



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



Vinnies
join the good works



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

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

Wine & Cheese Tour at Hunter Valley

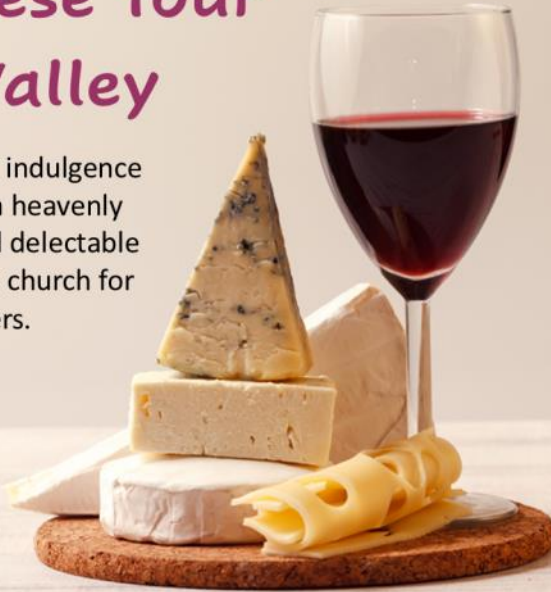
Join us for a delightful day of indulgence & treat your taste buds to a heavenly experience of fine wines and delectable cheeses. Includes a visit to a church for reflection and prayers.

Date: Sat 4th Nov 2023

Bus departs from SJ23 church at 7AM returning at 6PM.

Estimated cost \$120pp max includes bus seat, entries to venues, lunch & drinks

For more details, contact Bob Agbulos 0422106525



Register your interest using the QR code below to help us finalise the number for reservations.

Final details will be announced in early Oct.



TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT



It was a wholesome night, that hopefully, everyone have enjoyed themselves. A lot of planning went into this event. It was great to see the many contributions from our parishioners for providing the food, sweets, drinks and prizes.

Special acknowledgement goes to the team that planned the whole event, too many names to mention, for their willingness and generosity to always support church endeavours for the sake of our parish community.

Thank you to all our entertainers, our emcees for the night, Bing Catabas and Amanda Lee, did a splendid job of entertaining the players; Ajith Lobo for his upbeat sounds for the night; Clarence and Arlene Caraballo for the music while we enjoy the good food; and the graceful young ladies from the Bollywood Dance Company - Sariya, Niyati, Muskaan and Shirin. Thank you all for making the night a real entertaining event.

Thank you to Natasha Surjanto for manning the table for further ticket sales with Grace Agbulos and who also painstakingly wrapped all the gifts for prizes.

Let us not forget Fr Jolly's commemoration of his third year as our parish priest, thank you for your continued pastoral leadership and guidance.

It was indeed another night to remember and looking forward for more fanfare activities that, hopefully, we see more participation from our friends and family of our parish community.



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

Some bingo night photos



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
Rebecca Reynolds

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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

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

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

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.

ATTENTION FILIPINOS

Please join us in celebration of our very first **Filipino Mass** at **Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville** **1 October 2023, Sunday at 3 PM** followed by fellowship at the Church's Old Hall (please bring a plate to share)



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

CONTACTS

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Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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