

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 \$ 42,217, 56% 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)

Jeremiah's language in the first reading (Jer 20:7-9) may shock people unfamiliar with mystics' use of erotic language when talking of the soul's relationship with God. Here Jeremiah claims to be like one seduced, in language like that of one so besotted as to trustingly surrender to the lover, only then to feel betrayed. The second line may even be suggestive of rape; and it is not unknown for mystics to speak of the soul as being ravished by God. Perhaps the context is his initial call, which was to tear up, knock down, destroy and overthrow, and to build and plant (Jer 1:10); so far all that has happened concerns destruction: he has done none of the promised building and planting. The prophet's complaint is that he has been lured into proclaiming a message no one likes, and yet he is so captivated by God that he cannot stop: the message is like fire burning in his heart and imprisoned in his bones. Not only might jilted lovers recognise the sentiment here, but also those who experience the indescribable anguish and emotional pain that leads them to self-mutilation to release the inner pressure.

Psalm 63(62) then speaks words of consolation, at least if read as a call to recognise all such inner anguish as the response to a deep-seated desire that none other than God can satisfy. For mystics, who do recognise this, that deep pressure manifests itself not in self-harming ways, but in a self-giving, pouring forth one's life in service, in prayer, and even in tears of sorrow for any sins that divide from God, or tears of anguish for any perceived separation from God. This is not inconsistent with the second reading (Rom 12:1-2), which speaks of the rational worship that comprises self-giving, modelled on God's own self-giving. Early Christian apologists understood this as a rejection of the former practices of offering "irrational" animals in bloody sacrifice, or other foods, or incense, but since offering human sacrifice is abhorrent and contrary to the love owed to all human beings as images of God, the rational sacrifice can be none other than the acknowledgment of God as Creator and the offering of one's self in prayer (in praise and thanksgiving) and in acts of love for other people. This is the self-giving indicated in the gospel (Matt 16:21-27) as Jesus begins to prepare the disciples for his destined suffering and death in Jerusalem, and the resurrection. His death is not to be understood in the way of the holocausts of the Mosaic Law, for the Father does not offer the Son as a more complete form of an imperfect sacrifice. It is instead the self-giving act of God for the sake of beloved humanity, a self-surrender in the face of threatened violence, even unto death, a selfless showing of the pathway of God's incomprehensible love. The disciples are unwilling or unable to hear this message, and Peter, so soon after his profession of faith, so soon after being called the rock of the Church's foundation, betrays his own failure to understand the Messiah's mission. This earns him the rebuke that reveals another interpretation of his new name, meaning Rock: he may be the foundation's rock, or a stumbling stone, the rock you stub your toe on. But how could Peter understand the cross when none did until after that catastrophe and the resurrection? Then, as now, it is not easy to draw near to the perplexing message of the cross in all its depth. Perhaps sometimes we draw near when we contemplate how parents spend their very lives for their children, and lovers for each other, and carers for those in need.

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.



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

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

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

cf Ephesians 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

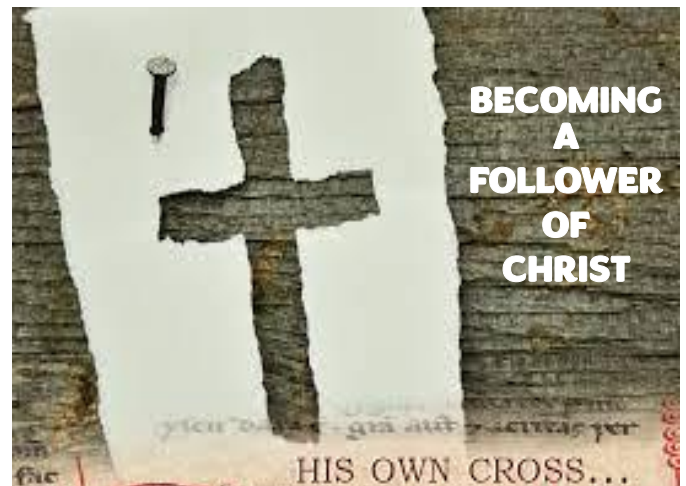
Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, 8th September mass times
6.30am and 9.15am



First Confirmation Masses
Thursday, 7th September
Friday 8th September at 6.30pm
and Saturday 9th September at 2.00pm

Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Carlos Carcellar

Anniversary:

Francis Martin, Gabriel Rehaut, Carlito Songco

Deceased:

Chantal & Phillip Raymond, Pierre Francois, John Cherry, Hilda & Georgy Henrisson, Mai & Jocelyn Lacaze

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 Lanzona, Father Joseph, Liv Toole, Jenat Perera, Isagani Ocampo, Mario Matias, Maria Romeo, Karam Matte, Valeria Laureta, Obet Dionisio, Kelly Ryan, Deidre Thomson, Jennifer Estrada, Barbara Thompson, Cristina Arceo, Pat Daly, Wally Atie, Greg Marcellana, Mavie Dela Cruz, Bev Lewis, Adrian Gould, Elizabeth Candame, Zenira D'Souza, Jo Daly, Virginia Santos, Tony Muscat, Adolfo Mayo, Anshu Mala Nand, Sophie De Leon, Rosario, Roland, Michael, Dragica Julich, Gloria Bueno, Epifania Samaniego, Jonathan Gemin, Rhonda Damian, Ben & Etta Benesa, Geoffrey Robinson, Florentina Elisura, Christina Properzi, Virginia Villanueva

Thanksgiving:

Lobo Family

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 of mercy, you shed an unexpected light within our souls. By it we discover that, while a portion of darkness may remain in us, there is above all in everyone the mystery of your presence.

Brother Roger of Taizé

September Church Calendar

Mon	4	8:30am - Mass
Tues	5	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Rosary and Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	6	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	7	9:15am - Mass 6:30pm - First Confirmation
Fri	8	<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)</i> 6:30am - Mass 9:15am - Mass 6:30pm - First Confirmation
Sat	9	9:15am - Mass 2:00pm - First Confirmation 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	10	7:30, 9:00, 10:30am Mass 6:00pm - Mass

Praying together

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer

Oh Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke your powerful name, the protection of the living and the salvation of the dying. Purest Mary, let your name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, Blessed Lady, to rescue me whenever I call on you. In my temptations, in my needs, I will never cease to call on you, ever repeating your sacred name, Mary, Mary. What a consolation, what sweetness, what confidence fills my soul when I utter your sacred name or even only think of you! I thank the Lord for having given you so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely uttering your name. Let my love for you prompt me ever to hail you Mother of Perpetual Help. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for me and grant me the favour I confidently ask of you. (Then say three Hail Marys).

Novena mass - 7:30pm every First Tuesday

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

You may invite either Fr Jolly or Fr Zvonimir to join you in prayers at home. Please organise with the parish office.



Rosary Statue Family Roster

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 emcipi85@yahoo.com.au. Families on the roster, if unable to pick up please don't hesitate to contact Bart or Melva.

Celebrations!



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.

or
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>

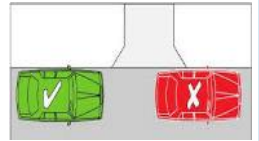
Looking forward to meeting you ☺



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
 Suni 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

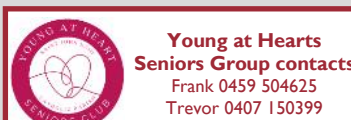
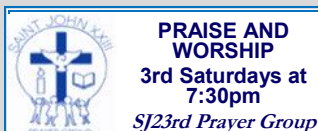
St Andrew Parish Office - 9622 0817;
 Josie - 0425 486323.



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Thanks to all the 27 Parish Seniors that attended the talk "General Health & Well Being" Monday. It was very informative talk indeed and thanks to Dr Weber for the great presentation.





CHURCH FUNDRAISING

SAVE THE DATE - MINI FUNDRAISERS

We are organizing some mini fundraising events to contribute to our much needed church funds but most especially to help boost our parish community engagements.

We would also like to invite our different cultural community to host a Saturday Vigil or Sunday mornings mini fundraising event after our mass celebrations for a full community engagement.

We encourage our parish community to support these small endeavours.

Any other suggestions for fundraising activity or availability of support are most welcome and greatly appreciated.

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



10th September after the 10:30am 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.

To be hosted by St John 23rd Prayer Group on 24th September 2023.



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

BINGO 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 after Masses on 2nd & 3rd September onwards!

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 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 all our parishioners who supported our lemonade stand.

A special thanks goes to the Aguas sisters, Mariliza and Antonette for making the refreshing lemonade drink and the yummy treats that went with it. Thank you as well to those who assisted them with organizing the stall. They were able to raise \$1,370



For all youth ministry enquiries,

✉ blaze@john23rd.org.au

or visit our FB page

[www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/)

[blazeyouthsj23/](https://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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CONTACTS

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📞 0423 160567 (AH Emergency)

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Stanhope Gardens, NSW 2768

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NSW 2768

CLERGY

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✉ jolly@john23rd.org.au

📞 0417 541 637 (for emergency only)

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Fr Zvonimir Gavrancic

✉ Zvonimir@john23rd.org.au

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Renuka Soosaipillai

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Sacramental Coordinator:

Helen Zammit

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Columbarium queries:

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.

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 emailtribunal@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



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/>

*If you would like to advertise your business please contact the parish office.
St John XXIII Parish cannot take responsibility if the service provided by an advertiser does not meet expectations.*



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.



Need help preparing your tax return?
Individuals, Partnerships, Companies, Trusts, and SMSFs.

Contact us for a free initial consultation.

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jovy.c@celestinos.com.au
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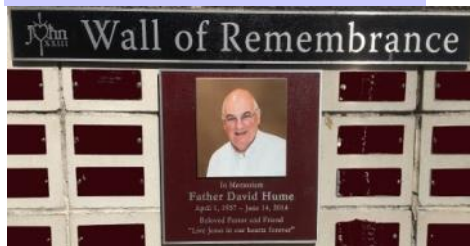


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