

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.

In a development from the message of the parables of the last two Sundays, today's first reading (Isa 45:1,4-6) presents the startling occurrence of the Gentile emperor Cyrus of Persia (modern-day Iran) being called God's anointed (Messiah/Christ). Cyrus must have been wise, for his just style of ruling was widely respected and emulated, even by those he conquered; but he is especially celebrated for his unique place in Jewish history as their liberator after generations of exile in Babylon (modern-day Iraq). At the end of the previous chapter (44:28), God had called Cyrus his shepherd in the Hebrew (but wise in the Septuagint Greek), the one who would command the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the foundation of the new Temple. That Temple was still standing in the time of Jesus. In today's passage it is Cyrus who is able to open gates (rather than force them, as in our translation) that then cannot be shut. Much of this language evokes the statements about Peter as the Church's foundation, and the holder of the keys that open, and it is conceivable that Gentile Cyrus could be promoted as a model of wise leadership.

The only obvious link to today's gospel reading is that both Cyrus and Caesar (Tiberius) are foreign rulers. The first reminds us that God may work for his people even by a foreign king, by which is shown also that there is nothing apart from God, neither in the form of another god, nor in the powers of the earth; so how can there be separation between God and Caesar, as if each has authority of their own? However, among the Lectionary's omitted material from Matthew is chapter 17, which contains a related story concerning paying the Temple tax. There Jesus asked Peter if kings take tribute from their citizens or from subjugated foreigners. Since it is the foreigners who pay, Jesus says the children of the Temple are exempt from the tax, but so as to avoid offence (or scandal) he tells Peter to pay it with a coin to be fished from the lake. This has led to much idle speculation about the species of fish it might have been, all of which is best ignored. In fact, we are not told that Peter even completed the task. The episode may be considered to indicate the position of the first-century Jewish Christians, who looked to Jesus as greater than the Temple, but who, as observant Jews, paid the tax to avoid offence. People do often get wrong the division between Jews and Christians, presuming that one cannot be both, forgetting that there was no indication that the first disciples and apostolic Christians of Jerusalem ever considered themselves as anything but Jewish. In today's episode the Pharisees set out to trap Jesus in what appears to be a case of "my enemy's enemy my friend may be" since they send followers in company with Herodians, Roman collaborators, to ask him if it is right to pay the Romans' tax. The context presumes that he would answer "No", and therefore be liable to immediate arrest for treason. Instead, he asks to see the coin in question: it appears that he does not have one, but they do. It is indeed the foreigners' coinage, the only one authorised for use, and the basis for all trade and commerce. The picture almost evokes the scene from a certain movie, set in the same period, in which it was asked, "apart from the sanitation... public order, irrigation, roads, the fresh-water system, and public health, what have the Romans ever done for us?" The response of Jesus is, in effect: you have already bought into the system, so why not pay the system's price? Upon this response many have tried to construct rationalisations for the separation of state and religious authorities, but there is no indication any such thing was meant. Notwithstanding the claimed divine right of kings, every human society is a human construct, a human creation, but this does not separate it from God's jurisdiction. The first reading also reminds us that division between the foreigner and chosen ones is not clear, since God is God of all; there is no other god but God.

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

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



GOAL: \$75,000



Sound System Project

We want to thank all the parishioners who have given generously towards the sound system project. We have so far raised \$ 64,500,00 at 86% 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)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands in which the Catholic Parish of St John XXIII and the Diocese of Parramatta sits, the land of the Darug and Gundungurra people. We would like to pay our respects to the Aboriginal Elders past, present and future for they hold the traditions, memories and wisdom of Mother Earth on which we place our feet upon today.

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple, O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

cf Ephesians 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

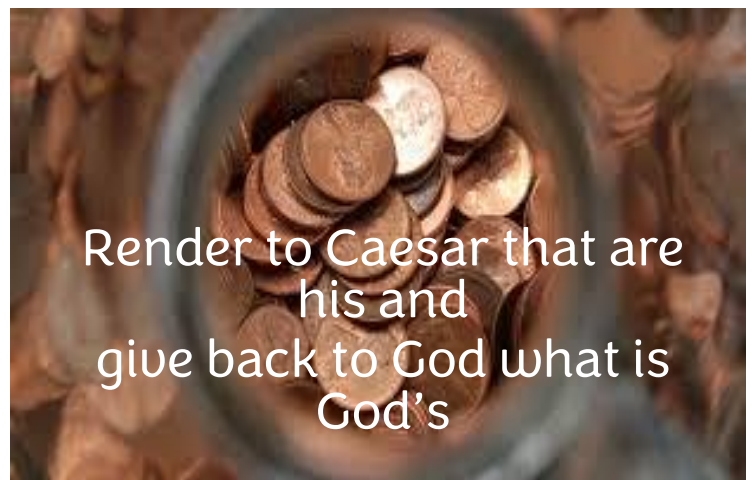
The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Judy Chie, Ulita Nair, Flora Gutierrez,
Aila Catabas, Geoffrey Hansen

Anniversary:

Deceased:

Sick: Names published with permission.

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

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

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, born poor among the poor, you are God's humility and you come, not to judge, but to open a way of communion with God.
Brother Roger of Taizé

October Church Calendar

Mon	23	8:30am - Mass
Tues	24	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary and Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	25	9:15am - Mass Young at Heart Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy at Penrose Park
Thurs	26	9:15am - Mass
Fri	27	9:15am - Mass
Sat	28	<i>Saints Simon and Jude</i> 9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	29	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

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	Sebastian	Tanganan
Feb	6	13	20	27	
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"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 ☺



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

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



John McCabe
Karen Green
Julian Martin
Suni Fernando

Mei Velasco
Ajith Lobo
Helen Festejo
Rebecca Reynolds

⇒ 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 please call Asoki 0430 020265 or Renuka 0414 795814. Training and resources will be provided.

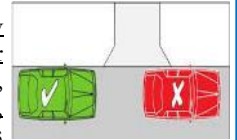
⇒ GARDENERS AND CLEANERS

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.

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.



FROM THE PPC

On Saturday 7 October 2023, Fr Jolly, Fr Zvonimir and the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) invited the leaders & representatives of our varying ministries within the parish to a morning of listening and reflecting. This was a great opportunity for the PPC to get to know the wonderful volunteers, to listen to their aspirations for the community and to identify potential areas for growth and renewal.

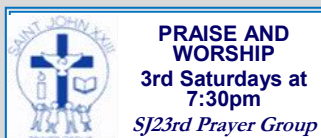
For any ministry leaders who weren't able to attend and would like to share their ideas, please contact John McCabe at johnmccabe5@gmail.com

SYNOD NEWS

We had the first Diocesan Synod for our Diocese held from the 13th to 15th October.

From our parish 5 members participated in the Synod discussions and deliberations. It was a great experience for all the members discerning together how we move forward in a Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Let us continue our own journey in a Synodial way as a parish community. We have a big journey ahead, let us all be part of that journey.



JOIN US, ENJOY WITH US



We are organizing some mini events to contribute to our much needed church funds but **most especially** to boost our parish community engagements. It's about time to get together, know each other and begin to build up our Parish Community of St John 23rd. We invite our different cultural community to host a Saturday Vigil or Sunday mornings mini event after our mass celebrations for a full community involvement. We encourage our parish community to support these mini endeavours.

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

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

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

Wine & Cheese Tour at Hunter Valley

Date: Sat 4th Nov 2023

Bus departs from SJ23 church at 6:30 am returning at 6:00 pm.

Cost \$128 pp includes bus seat, entries to venues, lunch & drinks

Contact Bob Agbulos 0422 106 525 | Grace Agbulos 0416 014 450 for more details

Join us for a delightful day of indulgence and treat your taste buds to a heavenly experience of fine wines, liqueurs and delectable cheeses.

Includes a visit to a church for reflection and prayers.



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Pick Your Own sweet Cherries at Wombat

Celebrate the National Cherry Festival at Young

Reflection and prayer at Saints Peter & Paul's Cathedral at Goulburn



Saturday

2nd Dec 2023

6.00 am to 7.30 pm

Pickup & Drop off at

St John XXIII

Church, Stanhope

Gardens

Cost \$75 per person

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THANK YOU

The Parish Pastoral Council extends heartfelt gratitude to the 450+ parishioners who joined in the jubilant celebration of our feast day and 21st birthday. Your presence enriched this blessed day, creating cherished memories.

A special thank you goes out to the various ministries for their dedicated efforts in setting up stalls and promoting the offerings of our Parish. Additionally, we thank and appreciate those who volunteered and served, ensuring the success of this joyous occasion. Your dedication and support are deeply appreciated.

God Bless you all abundantly!



Special thank you to Philomena & Roland Melosi, of Montecatini Specialty Smallgoods, for the donation of 300 Aussie BBQ sausages for our Parish Feast and Anniversary celebrations. The delicious food was greatly appreciated.

<https://www.facebook.com/Montecatini>

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	YFC International Vince Erasmo 0406 253698	YFC Australia Jonathan Montaos 0401 478733

HEALING SERVICE

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 7:30PM

ST. MARK'S SCHOOL HALL
160 PERFECTION AVENUE
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LED BY
BROTHER LALITH PERERA

Risen Lord Community Sydney Presents

Transform in Christ

Spiritual Retreat

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**SATURDAY
28 OCT
2023**

SERVANTS OF JESUS
15 PARK RD, SEVEN HILLS
NSW 2147
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Followed by Sunday Mass

Conducted by:
Bro. Lalith Perera

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 0425 840 382 | WWW.RISENLORDCOMMUNITY.COM.AU



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

✉ celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.celcstanhope.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

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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/>

Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 29 October

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 29 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at marriage@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3460 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome.

Table Talk with People Seeking Asylum: 8 November

St Patrick Cathedral Parish, Parramatta, Jesuit Refugees Service and the Diocese of Parramatta are organising a Table Talk event with people seeking asylum on Wednesday 8 November from 7pm to 9pm at the Cathedral Hall. We will hear from people with lived experience, reflect on our own values and see how we can be part of a positive change. To register, visit <https://events.humanitix.com/talk-talk-with-people-seeking-asylum>

Parramatta Street Feast: 11 November

You are invited to the Parramatta Street Feast, Saturday 11 November 2023. Come and share a meal, company and entertainment with members of our community who are on the margins of society. This free event will be held in a spirit of solidarity and friendship at the Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, 10:30AM to 1:30PM. The Street Feast is a collaboration between the Diocese of Parramatta, PAYCE Foundation, Paynter Dixon and St. Merkorious Charity.

125th Anniversary Cathedral Organ Concert: 12 November

St Patrick's Cathedral Organists, Choir and Guest Performers will present an array of performances at a Gala Concert to celebrate the 125th anniversary of St Patrick's Cathedral Organ. The Concert will be held on Sunday 12 November from 3pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Tickets can be purchased via this link <https://www.trybooking.com/CLUFN> or at the door. For more information, contact hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

Mass and prayers for deceased clergy: 17 November

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its second annual Mass for our deceased clergy on Friday 17 November at 10.30am at St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Pinegrove Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

We encourage each parish to offer a Mass for the deceased priests who have served in your own parish on the same day, to unite in prayer for this special intention.

CONTACTS

PARISH OFFICE

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Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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Fr Zvonimir Gavrancic

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RCIA program

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/>



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Risen Lord Community Praise & Worship Night



7.30pm FRIDAYS, St John 23rd College Hall

Come join us for an evening of deep intimacy with the Lord. Learn about the abundant and victorious life that Jesus died and purchased for us to have.



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