

**Cnr Perfection Ave & Bentwood Tce, Stanhope Gardens**

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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.

We are presented today with another parable of a vineyard (Matt 21:33-43), and it is accompanied by a source of some of its elements in the first reading (Isa 5:1-7). The elements that help identify it as the text alluded to in today's gospel parable are digging a press and building a tower in it—both of which are irrelevant within the parable itself and so are not referred to again; they serve only to point to the book of Isaiah, where the people of Israel and Judah (the two kingdoms) are judged not to have done what was expected of them, producing injustice and bloodshed instead of justice and integrity. In Isaiah, the planted vines are identified with the people; they themselves have failed to produce good fruit and so are at fault. The threatened destruction is consistent with the deportation to Babylon that they were soon to endure. A different representation is followed in the gospel parable, where the vineyard itself is faultless and the vines appear to produce good grapes, but the tenants (who therefore do not own it) refuse to give what is owed to the owner; they disrespect him and do not act towards him as they should. Furthermore, they mistreat the servants he sends (commentary on the earlier treatment of the prophets), and in the end they kill even his very son (commentary on the coming crucifixion). In Isaiah God asks a rhetorical question: What more could I have done for my vineyard? After the parable, Jesus posed a question to the chief priests and elders: what will the vineyard's owner do when he comes? Their answer is not that he will destroy the vineyard, as promised in Isaiah, but that he will evict the tenants to install a new one who will do what is expected and give what is owed. Thus, contrary to Isaiah and the responsorial psalm (Ps 80(79)), the parable's vineyard and vines are not identified with the people; the vineyard and its fruit remain good, but the tenants are bad. Instead, the vineyard represents the Kingdom of Heaven, or of God, and although the people of Israel and Judah were chosen and installed to work in it, can they presume to have a particular or perpetual claim to it unless they do what is required?

The raises the ugly supersessionist idea, the claim that the people of the Covenant were to be replaced by another people – an idea finally formally rejected in the Second Vatican Council. In this parable we do in fact hear the early Church reflecting on the question: Who are the true people of God, the descendants of Abraham in the flesh (the Jews), or those who act rightly, like Abraham did (Christians, of any nation)? In other words, who are the heirs to the Kingdom? We have already encountered this questioning in the readings and reflections for the nineteenth to twenty-first Sundays in Ordinary Time. It was also raised last Sunday. The difficulty of these questions is that they can be misconstrued to feed a virulent anti-Jewish sentiment, but it should be noted that it is specifically directed at the chief priests and elders, not at the people. The missing verses (v.45-46) also indicate that these last two parables were directed not at Jews as a whole but only at the chief priests and the Pharisees. To disagree with first Century Jewish religious leadership, or with the leadership of any particular group, is not the same as rejecting a people.

The anti-Jewish interpretation is also contrary to the advice of the second reading (Phil 4:6-9) to fill your mind with what is good, and noble, and true; for then God's peace will preserve you in Christ. Peace here is the good fruit, and the produce that is owed. The fact that what was essentially intra-faith polemics between the pro- and anti-Temple parties as the early Church was being established could give rise to the hatred and persecution that produced last century's Holocaust is truly sad. That modern horror clearly demonstrated alienation of the perpetrators (and enablers) from the Kingdom that the Lord Jesus proclaimed. It emphasises membership of a particular group, whether to a positive or negative end, rather than stressing doing of the work of the Kingdom, the constant emphasis in the Lord's parables themselves.

That is not the way of the Kingdom; the way of the Kingdom requires doing the things of the Kingdom.

## 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

<b>Mon</b>	8:30am
<b>Tues-Fri</b>	9:15am
<b>Sat</b>	9.00am, 6pm Vigil
<b>Sun</b>	7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm
<b>Holy Cross Primary School</b>	
<b>Thurs</b>	9:15am during school days

### Masses of Devotion

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Tues</b>	7.30pm Novena Mass <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Fri</b>	7:30pm Novena Mass <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>

### Exposition + Benediction

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Fri</b>	after 9.15am 7.30pm
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### Reconciliation

<b>After the weekday masses</b>	
<b>Sat</b>	after the 9am mass until 10.30am 5:15 - 5:45pm before the Vigil Mass or upon request

### Sacraments

<b>Sun</b>	12pm Baptism by appointment
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### Prayers


<b>Mon</b>	7.30pm Christian Meditation <i>Frances Pegram 0417 406715</i>
<b>Tue</b>	7:00pm Rosary and novena prayers ( <i>Church Tabernacle</i> )
<b>Fri</b>	6.30pm Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group <i>Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039</i>

### Praise & Worship

<b>Fri</b>	7:30pm Risen Lord Comm
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sat</b>	7:30pm SJ23rd Prayer Grp


### Special Blessings

<b>Blessing during masses</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sun</b>	Birthday celebrants
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sun</b>	Couple's Wedding anniversary



**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)



#### 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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

### First Reading

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah 5:1-7*

*The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.*

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20*

**R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine

### Second Reading

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9*

*Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

*cf John 15:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:33-43*

*He leased his vineyard to other farmers.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

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 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, Florentina Elisura, Virginia Villanueva, Matteazi Family, Rhonda Damian

### 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, consoling Spirit, when we remain in your presence, silent, at peace, that is already prayer.

You understand everything about us, and at times even a simple sigh can be prayer.

*Brother Roger of Taizé*

## 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](mailto:bart.sarlabus@gmail.com) or Melva Paguinto [emcpi85@yahoo.com.au](mailto:emcpi85@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	available	Tanganan
Feb	6	13	20	27	
	Gan	available	available	available	

*"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 ☺



### October Church Calendar

Mon	9	8:30am - Mass
Tues	10	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Rosary and Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	11	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	12	9:15am - Mass
Fri	13	9:15am - Mass
Sat	14	9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	15	7:30, 9:00, 10:30am Mass 6:00pm - Mass

## 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](mailto:maintenance@john23rd.org.au) or the parish office.

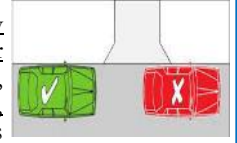
We still have aprons for sale \$30.00  
Please contact  
Techie  
on 0438 201436 or  
the parish office for  
orders.



### 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.



## MINISTRY OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK & DYING

ONGOING FORMATION



**SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER**  
**9:30AM – 2:00PM**

BISHOP BEDE HEATHER CENTRE  
1-5 MARION ST, BLACKTOWN

### REGISTER

✉ MARY.GALE@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG  
☎ 0460 037 795

MORNING TEA & LUNCH PROVIDED

**RSVP 16 OCTOBER**



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Forms available at the church foyer



**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  
✉ 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.*

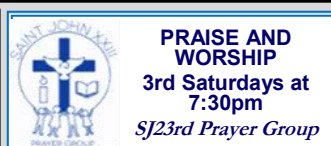
Everyone is invited to come and join him for the book launch

**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



**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.**

**"Young at Heart"**

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy at Penrose Park, close to Berrima  
**Wednesday, the 25th of October**  
**ALL SEATS ON THE BUS HAVE BEEN RESERVED**

Thank you to all seniors who will be joining the trip.

For more information on event please contact either of the following:

**Frank - 0459 504625 or**

**Trevor - 0407 150399**



**Wine & Cheese Tour at Hunter Valley on 4th Nov**



Registrations of Interest are **Sold Out** after one week promoting the event!

We have emailed the registrants and requested to make payment by Sun 8th Oct.

If there are spots left, we will reopen for resale.

*Coming Soon.....*

**Cherry Picking at Young on 2nd Dec**



**Save The Date !**

**ST JOHN XXIII PARISH**

**HAPPY FEAST DAY**





## 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](mailto: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



For all youth ministry enquiries

✉ [blaze@john23rd.org.au](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au)

or visit our FB page

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



**BLAZE REGISTRATION FORM**



John McCabe  
Karen Green  
Julian Martin  
Suni Fernando

Mei Velasco  
Ajith Lobo  
Helen Festejo  
Rebecca Reynolds

### OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

**Catholic Early Learning Centre**  
160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens  
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🌐 [www.celstanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://www.celstanhope.catholic.edu.au)

**Holy Cross Primary**  
49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood  
Principal: Louise O'Donnell  
☎ (02) 8664 7100  
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🌐 [www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au)

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# HEALING SERVICE

**FRIDAY  
27TH OCTOBER  
7:30PM**

ST. MARK'S SCHOOL HALL  
160 PERFECTION AVENUE  
STANHOPE GARDENS

**LED BY  
BROTHER LALITH PERERA**

# TRANSFORM IN CHRIST

**SPIRITUAL RETREAT**

**SATURDAY - 28TH  
OCTOBER 2023**

9:30AM - 4:30PM  
FOLLOWED BY  
SUNDAY MASS

SERVANTS OF JESUS  
15 PARK RD, SEVEN HILLS  
NSW 2147

**CONDUCTED BY:  
BROTHER  
LALITH PERERA**

## 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



**MET**  
Pastoral Formation



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For more events please go to [parracatholic.org/events](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.



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.

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#### RCIA program

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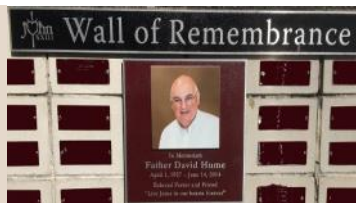
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The plaques cost \$500.00



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