

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.

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Church directs our attention to the Last Judgment. The author helps us grasp this future reality by using images from the world in which he lived. Separating sheep from goats is one of those images. At the end of each day, shepherds, who had been grazing their sheep and goats together, would separate them. The sheep were left outside in the open air, and the goats, which were more sensitive to the cold, were brought inside.

The shepherd in this story is Jesus, the Son of Man, who Christians believe will return at the Final Judgment to judge all humankind. The sheep find themselves on Jesus's right side, a place of honor, and the goats on his left. In antiquity, the left side often had negative connotations. In this instance, it is a place of dishonor or shame. The king, or judge, in the story says to those at his right side, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (25:34). The reason these "sheep" are found worthy of such a great reward is immediately clear: "I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me" (25:36). The king (judge) continues, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (25:40). The focus of the story then shifts to the "goats," to those who cannot escape the shame of neglecting others. Their fate is opposite that of the sheep. The reason these goats meet with the worst of punishments is also clear: "I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me" (25:42-43). The king (judge) continues, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me" (25:45). The fates of those who love and serve and those who do not are crystal clear. To enter the Kingdom of heaven, we must love and serve others in the same way we love and serve 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

Bishop's Christmas Appeal 25/26 November

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care chaplaincy services.

**Help Catholic Care chaplains
give comfort, faith, and hope
to people suffering
this Christmas**

"The poor and the sick are
the heart of God.
"In serving them,
we serve Jesus Christ."
- St Camillus de Lellis



Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal



yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code.

Will you support our chaplains to listen with the ear of the heart? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our 15 Catholic Care chaplains to provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to seriously ill, lonely, and distraught people this Christmas. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at

Dear Parishioners,

Since a few of our parishioners who were involved in the music ministry in the parish have moved their residence to other locations, ill health and other demands, we are in a big shortage of Musicians and choir members. I am sure all of you have noticed that at a number of weekend masses has no choir. If any one of you or a group of people who can and are able to assist with the music ministry, please do so and make our liturgy celebrations more alive. If you can help, please be in touch with Neil Mascarenhas, our music ministry coordinator via email : neil.mas@gmail.com



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

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. **R.**

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in the proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Arthur Webster, Romeo Mani Rodriguez Sr, Mike Kendall, Brian Mead, Epifania Samaniego

Anniversary:

Riolene & Aeldred Weber

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.

Karen Piscopo, Cesar De Jesus, Maria Romeo, Cristina Arceo Isagani Ocampo, Hilary Regan, Geoffrey Robinson, Wally Atie, Obet Dionisio Maryanne Jaramillo, Zoey Illic, Emma Matoza, Matteazi Family, Manuel Sarris, Carrie Conolly, John Tipton, Jovita Castillo, Christina Properzi Charlie Busuttil, Jerry Bondoc, Father Joseph, Rosamma Elizabeth Langley, Anna Sebastian, Victor Pons, Elsie Knapp, Susanne Krajancic, Perla Magculang, Cindy Dadivas, Jack Canlas, Lenka Olivier Talija, Cathie Christie, , Jo Daly, Valeria Laureta, John Pellissery, Gloria Bueno, Maximilian Epondulan, Dr Bronwyn Andrews, Raymond Lanzona, Peter Dawson, Bev Lewis, Paco Matias, Jonathan Gemin, Peter McArdle, Ben&Etta Benesa, Pat Daly, Jennifer Estrada, Louise Smith, Ksenija Bosnic, Virginia Santos, Jakov&Marija Franich, Elizabeth Candame, Virginia Villanueva, Barbara Thompson, Florentina Elisura, Dudley Francis

Thanksgiving:

Antionette Clair De Souza

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*

Praised be the Holy Spirit!
Present in the depths of our souls, and
consuming the hard things in our lives by the
fire of that presence.

Brother Roger of Taizé

November Church Calendar

Mon	27	8:30am - Mass
Tues	28	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	29	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	30	<i>Saint Andrew (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	1	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Mass to The Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat	2	Cherry Picking Outing 9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	3	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

	7	14	21	28	
Nov	<i>Hala</i>	<i>Barnouti</i>	<i>Tina B</i>	Jacob	
Dec	Paguinto	Hala	Sebastian	Sebastian	
Jan	Ring	Vasram	<i>available</i>	Sebastian	30
Feb	Gan	Ring	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	
Mar	Cruz	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	

"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 or scan the QR code



<https://forms.gle/sdEMryVwv7hUpNPnZ7>
Looking forward to meeting you ☺

Columban Calendar

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in a Columban Calendar for 2024, could you please put your name, phone number and the number of copies required on the clipboard in the Church by this weekend of 25th-26th Nov? This is to enable us to place an accurate order for the required number of calendars. The cost of each calendar will be \$10. Thank you.



Paying our debt together

We are very grateful to all our parishioners who always generously support our Parish.

FIRST COLLECTION supports the priests and deacons of the Diocese.
SECOND COLLECTION goes to the running costs of our church, ministry expenses and specially to pay off our church mortgage.
A Planned giving Program is in place to help with the planning /budgeting of church expenses. The Parish Finance Committee encourages parishioners to register for direct debit or credit card deductions instead of the envelope system. An SJ23rd registration form is available at the church foyer or from the website.

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 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.



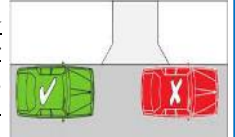
John McCabe
Karen Green
Julian Martin
Suni Fernando

Mei Velasco
Ajith Lobo
Helen Festejo
Rebecca Reynolds

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.



FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

If you wish to donate flowers for the altar, please email James David at jamesgdavid@hotmail.com or phone 0413 787 596

Thank you.



Sound System Project

We are so close to hitting our target for the sound system, We only need less than \$10,000, if everyone donates \$10 each or a bit more, it is done. Thank you to all those who have already generously supported this project

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)



Liturgical Ministers



Ministers at the altar



Eucharistic Ministers



Junior Servers

We will be having formation and training to parishioners who wish to serve at the altar in our liturgies and masses. This includes for the:

- ♦ **Ministers at the Altar** (a.k.a. Acolytes) who assists and ensure the smooth flow of the Liturgy celebrations. He/she distributes Holy Communion and (sometimes) required to read the Scriptures. Open to all men and women age 18 and above, and must be able to secure a Working With Children Check.
- ♦ **Ministers of the Word** proclaims the Scriptures and commentate in Liturgies. Open to all men and women age 18 and above.
- ♦ **Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion** distributes the Holy Communion during Liturgies and is also called to give Holy Communion to the sick and homebound.
- ♦ **Junior Servers** assist the Celebrant, Deacons and Acolytes in the Liturgy celebrations. Open to all boys and girls from age 10 years old, and must have received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and (preferably) Confirmation.

The schedules will be conducted in the church as follows:

- ♦ **Ministers at the Altar, Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion**
Introduction to Liturgy Ministry at 7.00 to 8.30 pm on Wednesday, 15th November.
 - ♦ **Practical Training** on how to serve for your Ministry from 7.00 to 8.30 pm on Wednesday, 22nd November.
 - ♦ **Junior Servers** - training will be on Saturday 18th November 2.30 to 4.30 p.m
 - ♦ **Commissioning** is during the 10.30am Sunday 26th November mass (Feast of Christ the King).
- Please contact Parish Office or Wira Peiris on wira.peiris@yahoo.com.au or 0424738484 if you are interested or for additional information.



Community Events



Building our Community
TOGETHER

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.

**JOIN US,
ENJOY WITH US**

**UPCOMING
EVENT/S**

**Save the dates in
your diary**

Cherry Picking Day

**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**

ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT

**Scan QR
Code to Buy
your tickets**



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

A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT

The Seniors are at it again !!!

It's that time of year that we celebrate Christmas and the "Young at Hearts" Seniors is organizing a Christmas Lunch at 11.30am, 15th December at The Fiddler's, Rouse Hill.

COME AND JOIN US!!

Being a busy month table reservation is critical. Seniors who would like to join and for more details please contact either of the following:

Frank on 0459 504625 (via email frank.coleiro@gmail.com) or Trevor on 0407 150399.



CHRISTMAS nativity play

ALL CHILDREN AGES 4-12 YEARS.
WE ARE INVITING CHILDREN TO PLAY
CHARACTERS FROM THE NATIVITY STORY
AND/OR NARRATE THE NATIVITY STORY.

24 DECEMBER, 2023

REHEARSAL DATES
10TH & 17TH DECEMBER AT 3PM

Let our children bring the story of Jesus
birth to life.



PLEASE CONTACT HELEN
FESTEJO TO EXPRESS INTEREST
ON 0401671665 OR
HELEN.FESTEJO@GMAIL.COM



ST JOHN XXIII PARISH
PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023
160 PERFECTION AVE, STANHOPE GARDENS
7:00 PM



For more information
please contact
Bing Catabas on
0402 388 182

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

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Author's website: www.lannifides.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

✉ 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

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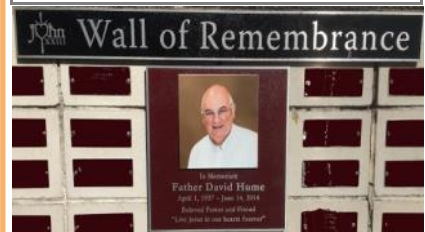
160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

Principal: Dr Peter Webster

☎ (02) 9852 0500

✉ stmark.s@parra.catholic.edu.au

🌐 www.stjohn23stanhope.catholic.edu.au



MEMORIAL WALL

The wall in front of the church is devoted to the memory of our deceased family and friends, especially if they are buried overseas.

For any enquiries please email columbarium@john23rd.org.au

The plaques cost \$500.00



COLUMBARIUM

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.



OFFICE FOR WORSHIP
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

Mary Gale
T: (02) 9818 1416
E: marygale@parra.catholic.org

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2024

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Address: _____
Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____
Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Please choose ONE location per session

BLACKTOWN (Mondays 7:00pm) Bella Weather Centre (Twenty Ansons as the Institute for Religion) 1-5 Parkes St, Blacktown 2148	SESSIONS	PENRITH (Thursdays 7:00pm) St Nicholas of Myra Parish Entry Via Maples St, Penrith 2150
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday 19th February	Compulsory Introductory Session	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 22nd February
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday 26th February & 4th March	Ministers of the Word	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 29th February & 7th March
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday 11th March & 18th March	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 14th March & 21st March
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday 8th April	Communion to the Sick & Dying	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 18th April
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday 29th April	Ministers at the Altar	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 2nd May

* Please note if wishing to complete Communion to the Sick and Dying, it is compulsory to attend Ministers of Communion first.
* If you would like to become a Minister at the Altar, you must attend all 6 sessions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parish: _____
Parish Priest: _____
Parish Priest Signature: _____

Please complete and return before Friday 9th February, 2024

Please Return Enrolment Form to:
Office for Worship (Beltway Centre 4th Floor 2000 Macquarie Street) | marygale@parra.catholic.org

Ministries for Formation include Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar.

Comprehensive training for ministers who wish to serve at the altar during Mass for their parish.

For those who are interested to be part of this ministry, application forms are available at the church foyer or via the website <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

All applications need to be endorsed by your parish Priest prior to attending the first Introductory session.



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Pastoral Formation



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Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

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