

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 this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus confronts the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees. As you may know, the scribes are skilled at interpreting the Hebrew Scriptures in order to make them relevant to everyday life. The Pharisees, whom you have learned much about in recent weeks, belong to a religious sect that prides itself on fellowship (communal meals) and on strict observance of the Law of Moses. The scribes and the Pharisees are two distinct groups.

Jesus says of his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it" (23:2-3). Remember that the teachings and precepts found in the Law of Moses can prove helpful in leading a Christian life; in fact, much of the Christian tradition is rooted in the Law. Jesus is not attacking the Law when he speaks these words of warning: "But do not do as they [the scribes and Pharisees] do, for they do not practice what they teach" (23:3). In Christianity, one finds a direct corollary between what one believes and how one acts. People of faith value the connection between belief and behavior. They live by the words "practice what you preach." The scribes and Pharisees fail to make this connection, and Jesus refuses to excuse their hypocrisy. He objects to their narrow interpretation of the Law, or Torah, which makes observing or living the Law very difficult for the average person. God intends observance of the Law to free people, but the scribes and Pharisees, through their literal interpretation, make it into a burden, which, over time, imprisons people spiritually.

Jesus also objects to the way the scribes and Pharisees perform their religious duties; from his perspective, they do everything for show. Their tricks are not lost on him. He points out that they make their ritual objects large so everyone will see them. They have no humility; it is all about them. Jesus finds their lack of humility appalling: "They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi" (23:6-7).

Jesus teaches his followers, then and now, to embrace humility by putting others first—a stark contrast to the behavior of religious elites: "The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted" (23:11-12). Christians should aspire to serve, to be servants to all. Every baptized member of the Church, including the Pope, is called to be a servant. In fact, one of the titles by which the Pope is known is Servant of the Servants of God.

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



St John XXIII

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 \$67,910 at 91% 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 : 0000313
Ref : SS (and your name)



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
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
1st Fri 7:30pm Novena Mass
Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition + Benediction

1st Fri after 9.15am 7.30pm

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

Prayers

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

Praise & Worship

Fri 7:30pm Risen Lord Comm
3rd Sat 7:30pm SJ23rd Prayer Grp

Special Blessings

Blessing during masses

1st Sun Birthday celebrants
3rd Sun Couple's Wedding anniversary

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 130

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **R.**

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. **R.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good news to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 23:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

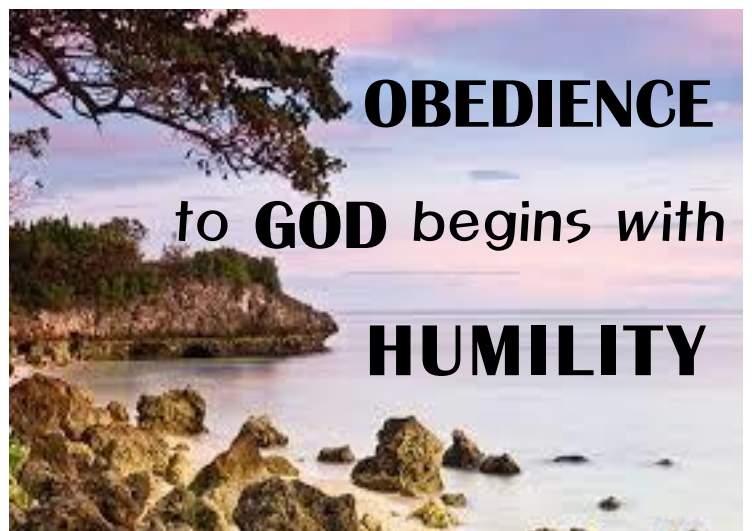
'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Michael Kendall, Anthony Kusic,
Edgardo Angeles, Iruthayaraj Jonas

Anniversary:

Josephine Grace Vimala

Deceased:

Estrella Alvarez, Anita Uy, Gloria Langamin,
Leonardo Simbulan

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.*

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

Thanksgiving:

Carlos Reodique

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, you love us
and the contemplation of your forgiveness
becomes a ray of goodness in the humble heart
that entrusts itself to you.

Brother Roger of Taizé

November Church Calendar

Mon	6	8:30am - Mass
Tues	7	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	8	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Thurs	9	<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass
Fri	10	<i>Saint Leo the Great (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Sat	11	<i>Saint Martin of Tours (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Vigil Mass
Sun	12	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 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

	7	14	21	28	
Nov	Hala	Barnouti	Tina B	Jacob	
Dec	Paguinto	Hala	Sebastian	Sebastian	
Jan	2	9	16	23	30
	Ring	Vasram	available	Sebastian	Tangunan
Feb	6	13	20	27	
	Gan	Ring	available	available	
Mar	5	12	19	26	
	available	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 ☺



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

⇒ 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.



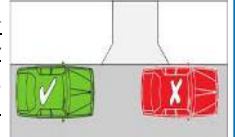
John McCabe
Karen Green
Julian Martin
Suni Fernando

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.



WHY YOU SHOULD VOLUNTEER AT CHURCH

BY KAITLYN CRESSLEY

Have you ever wonder what the Bible says about volunteering at church? Is it one of God's commandments? Is it just a good thing to do? Will it help us get into heaven?

Here's the deal, volunteering at church will not get you into heaven and it isn't one of the Ten Commandments, but God does have a lot to say about serving Him, the church, and others. Check it out.

So in book of James in the New Testament it talks a lot about Faith and Works. We don't have to do good works (volunteer our time, help those in need, etc.) to be saved, we do good works because we are saved! We can show our faith by our actions (James 2:18). James also goes on to say that faith without work is DEAD. So if we claim to be saved by the blood of Jesus we need to show it through our actions. One way to do that is by volunteering our time at church.

James is pretty straight forward that we are called to do work, but here are 3 others reasons we should volunteer at church:

USE YOUR GIFTS

In his letter to early Christians, Peter writes, "God has given you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to SERVE others." (1 Peter 4:10) God has given each of us who follow him specific and unique gifts. Some of us have the gift of hospitality. We enjoy making people feel loved and welcomed. A great way to use this gift in the church is by being on the Hospitality Team. You can greet guests as they come to church, make them feel at home. Some of us have the gift of teaching. Use this gift to lead a bible study or a kids class. Use the gifts God has given YOU to volunteer at church.

IT IS GREATER TO SERVE THAN BE SERVED

Jesus himself said in Matthew 20:28, "For the even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as ransom for many." Jesus was the ultimate example of serving others. He was fully God yet He came to serve man. In John 13, Jesus serves his closest followers, the disciples, by washing their feet. He is setting the example for not only the disciples but also for us that serving others is greater than being served. There is so much more than coming to church to hear a good sermon and sing songs. We are called to serve others. By volunteering at church we can serve others.

BY SERVING OTHERS I AM SERVING GOD

When we volunteer at church, we are serving others. We are welcoming people, teaching kids, loving on others. When we do these things for people, we are ultimately doing it for God. Jesus says in Matthew, "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you were doing it for me.'" (Matthew 25:40). So when you come to church and volunteer, those works that you are doing, you are ultimately doing them for God.

Volunteer at Church!

So, now that you know WHY you should volunteer at church, you can jump in and do it! We'd love to get you on a volunteer team! Love kids? Talk to Kate Cressley on how to volunteer in the Kids Ministry. Love to sing? Talk to Abby Brooks about how you can serve on worship team. Not into Kids or singing, that's okay! Join the Hospitality Team, the Teach Team, or ask Pastor Guy or Kate what other ways you can volunteer! We look forward to hearing for you soon!

<https://www.onelifeponx.org/why-should-you-volunteer-at-church/>



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



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



Vinnies
join the good works

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

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

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

Scan QR
Code to Buy
your tickets



FOODIE STALL

26th November,
after Sunday morning masses

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



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

Liturgical Ministers



Lectors



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.

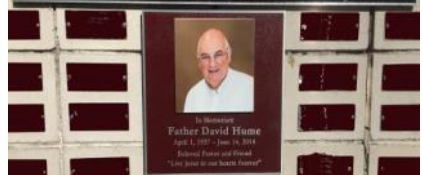
- ◇ **Junior Servers** - training will be on Saturday 18th November 2.30 to 4.30 p.m

- ◇ **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.



Wall of Remembrance



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.



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Pastoral Formation



OFFICE FOR WORSHIP
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA



CONTACTS

PARISH OFFICE

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Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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CLERGY

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✉ 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

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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.

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/>

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. Mercurious 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.

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