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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.

Since each year the same image is used on this Sunday it could be nicknamed Good Shepherd Sunday. This particular expression is used only by John, though Christ is referred to as shepherd in 1 Peter 2:25 and 5:4, Hebrews 13:20, and obliquely in Matthew 26:31. Typical of John, this soliloquy cycles through repeating variant phrases indicating that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, that he lays down his life, and that he knows and loves the Father and vice versa. In the preceding element in this bipartite discourse (read in Year A) Jesus in fact declares himself to be not the shepherd but the gate to the sheepfold. The whole section emerges from the healing of the man born blind, and in that context we see it to be a criticism of the Pharisees in that encounter, exposing the falseness of their leadership: they are so wilfully blind to the grace of God manifested in someone being healed that they cannot be true shepherds; they do not care for the sheep and do nothing beneficial for them. But it also lays the groundwork for the next story, that of the raising of Lazarus who, like the good shepherd's sheep that listen to his voice, hears the voice of Jesus and comes forth from the tomb when he is called (John 11:1-45). Both stories of the healing of the man born blind and of the rising of Lazarus belong to section of John's gospel that is said to take place at Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles, and they are demonstrations that Jesus indeed saves, in accord with the Hošānot songs (from hošiah na [whence comes our Hosanna]: save us) including Psalm 118(117) that were sung during the feast's processions. Moreover, the section concludes with the High Priest's prophecy that "it is better for one man to die for the sake of the nation" which John extends by saying that Jesus will die not only for that nation but will also gather all the scattered children of God. This corresponds to Sukkot being understood as the feast marking the end of the post-Exodus sojourn in Israel's ingathering to the Holy Land.

The first reading (Acts 4:8-12) and the Psalm reiterate the element of rejection of Jesus and his work. This time Peter, accompanied by John, testifies before the Sanhedrin, accusing the councillors of crucifying Jesus, the only one whose name has power to save. This plays on the meaning of the name Jesus, God saves. It is also a remarkable image, considering that it was Peter, who was silenced by fear when Jesus was before the Sanhedrin, who now speaks boldly before them. Peter invokes Psalm 118(117), the processional psalm for Sukkot, citing v.22 concerning the stone rejected by the builders. The image could nearly be applied to himself, the one who faulted and yet became a foundation stone, in accordance with the name Jesus gave him, Cephas/Petros, Rock.

Curiously, two verses prior in the Psalm is the line "This is the Lord's gate; the righteous enter through it", which appears to be a source for elements of John's shepherd passage, but it is omitted. Jesus is the Shepherd who tends to, guides and protects his flock; but he is also the Gate that both prevents robbers from entering to pilfer the flock and provides the entry way for the righteous.



Good Shepherd Appeal
Support our seminarians
to "go out into the deep."

Your Lenten gift will help our future priests cast their nets wide to nurture faith and meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community.

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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
Wed 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

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **R.**

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

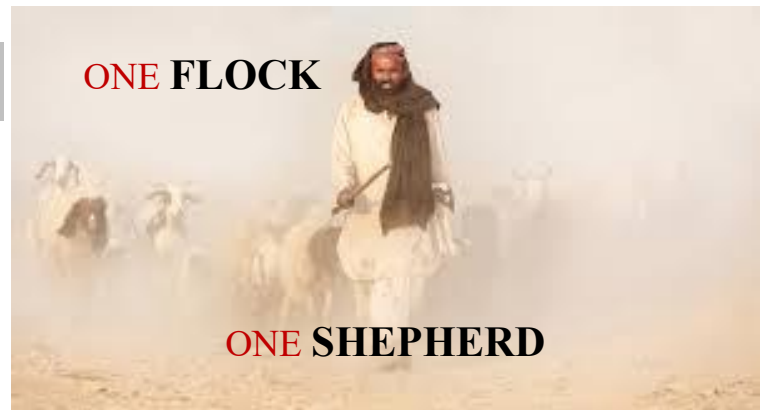
The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Valentina Bicaj, Gladly Story,
Katarina Chuchek

Anniversary:

Eli Chacko, Valetina Bicaj, Peter Flannery,
Roland Fernandes, Domina Fernandes

Deceased:

Margie Vandort

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.

Lucas Colleta, Stella Drummond, John Tipton, Jovita Castillo, John Todhunter, Manuel Sarris, Barbara Thompson, Emma Matoza, Fr Joseph, Maria Romeo, Florentina Elisura, Paco Matias, Gil Dormido, Cristina Arceo, Matteazi Family, Virginia Santos, Bev Lewis, Raymond Lanzona Jonathan Gemin, Cathie Christie, Hilary Regan Wally Atie, Jennifer Estrada, Virgie Villanueva, Valeria Laureta, Carrie Conolly, Jovita Castillo, Dudley Francis, Cindy Dadvivas, Obet Dionisio Peter McArdle, Dr Bronwyn Andrews, Jo Daly Isagani Ocampo, Cesar De Jesus, Jerry Bondoc Geoffrey Robinson, Zoey Illic, Marilyn Nalapo Mary Phillips, Jakov&Marija Franich, Pat Daly, Ben&Etta Benesa, Victor Pons, Gloria Bueno, Jack Canlas, Elizabeth Langley, Peter Dawson, Carlo Bueno, Charlie Busuttil, Anna Sebastian, Susanne Krajancic, Helen West, Louise Smith, Elsie Knapp, Perla Magculang, Ksenija Bosnic, Lenka Olivier Talija, Rosanna John Pellissery, Emma Q Fernando, Elizabeth Candame, 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

God of peace by your Holy Spirit you enable us to cross the deserts of the heart and by your forgiveness, you scatter our faults like the morning mist.

Brother Roger of Taizé

April Church Calendar

Mon	22	8:30am - Mass
Tues	23	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary & novena prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	24	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	25	<i>Anzac Day</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	26	<i>Saint Mark (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Sat	27	9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass
Sun	28	7:30, 9:00, 10:30am - Mass 11:30am - Fr Zvon celebration 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

Join us for rosary and novena prayers every Tuesday at 7:00pm

For the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home, please contact either Techie Sarlabus techie.sarlabus@gmail.com or Melva Paguinto emcipi85@yahoo.com.au. Families on the roster, if unable to pick up please don't hesitate to contact Techie 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

	2	9	16	23	30
Apr	<i>Festejo</i>	Vasram	Sebastian	Ring	Lali
May	Shalini	Sebastian	Shanti	Gan	
Jun	Erasmus	Dennis	Tina B	Meena	
Jul	Dennis	Tangunan	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	Jacob
Aug	Barnouti	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i>	Pangilinan E	

"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?

St 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 0432 042140 or fill up the form or scan the QR code



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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.

⇒ MUSIC MINISTRY

If your passion is music and are interested to assist with the music ministry, you are most welcome to join and make our liturgy celebrations more alive.

Please contact Neil Mascarenhas, our music ministry coordinator via email neil.mas@gmail.com



We still have aprons for sale \$30.00
Please contact Techie on 0438 201436 or the parish office for orders. Proceeds goes to our church funds

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

If you wish to donate flowers for the altar, please phone James David on 0413 787596



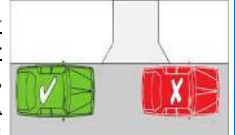
John McCabe
Karen Green
Julian Martin
Suni Fernando

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.



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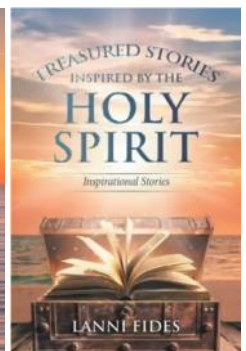
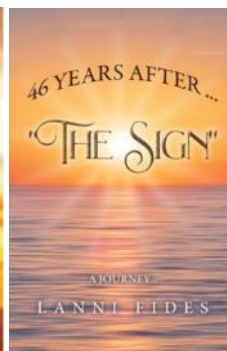
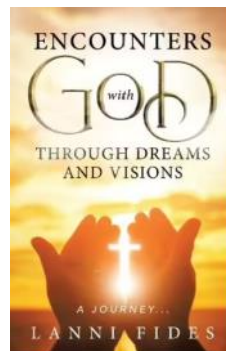
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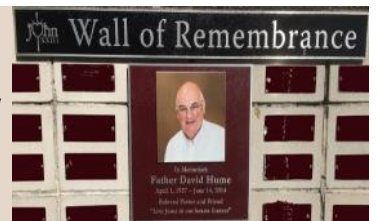
For our parishioners who are planning to buy a Niche, do so without delay, because we always want to prioritise members of our parish who wish to buy the Niches.

For further information please contact the Parish Office.

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



Join and be part of the **Cake Angels**
contact Madeline Huang
cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com



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



As we are now getting back together as a community of St John 23rd, let us keep up the momentum through organizing mini events to boost our parish engagements, as well, contribute to our much needed church funds.

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 and encourage our parish community to support these mini endeavour.

Any other suggestions for church fanfare, fundraising activities or just availability of support are most welcome and greatly appreciated. Please contact either Nanette - 0404 465600 or Techie - 0439 201436.

UPCOMING EVENT/S | Save the dates in your diary

28TH APRIL 10:30am mass

We would like to wish Fr Zvon on a well deserved break.

There will be a thanksgiving mass at 10:30am and to make this a memorable event, please join us for morning tea after the 10:30am mass, to bid him our well wishes on his journey. Please bring a plate to share



11TH MAY - ORDINATION TO DIACONATE MENARD GASPI

Menard's Ordination to Diaconate, 11th May during the 6pm Mass at St John XXIII Parish. Congratulations Menard.



12TH MAY - MOTHER'S DAY

We will be having a Mother's Day Stall. Watch this space. Alternatively, please contact Nanette.



19TH MAY - PENTECOST SUNDAY MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating this with our traditional multi-cultural fiesta.

We encourage parishioners to come in their national costumes.

Please bring a plate to share of their customary food fare.

One main meal highlight is the famous Filipino Lechon.

Please contact Wira Peiris or Techie for any other suggestions



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 2nd June 2024

**You're invited to savor the Flavours of India
at our Church Fundraising Event!
Hosted by the Indian Community of SJ23 Parish.**



The Reception of Holy Communion at Mass

The Church understands the Communion Procession, in fact every procession in liturgy, as a sign of the pilgrim Church, the body of those who believe in Christ, on their way to the Heavenly Jerusalem. All our lives we who believe in Christ are moving in time toward that moment when we will be taken by death from this world and enter into the joy of the Lord in the eternal Kingdom he has prepared for us. The liturgical assembly of the baptized that comes together for the celebration of the Eucharist is a witness to, a manifestation of, the pilgrim Church. When we move in procession, particularly the procession to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Communion, we are a sign, a symbol of that pilgrim Church "on the way."

For some, however, the experience of the Communion Procession is far more prosaic, analogous perhaps to standing in line in the supermarket or at the motor vehicle bureau. A perception such as this is a dreadfully inaccurate and impoverished understanding of what is a significant religious action. The Communion Procession is an action of the Body of Christ. At Christ's invitation, extended by the priest acting in Christ's person: "Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb," the members of the community move forward to share in the sacred meal, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ which is the sign and the source of their unity. In fact, each time we move forward together to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord, we join the countless ranks of all the baptized who have gone before us, our loved ones, the canonized and uncanonized saints down through the ages, who at their time in history formed a part of this mighty stream of believers.

This action by Christ's body, the Church assembled for the Eucharist, is manifested and supported by the Communion Chant, a hymn in praise of Christ sung by the united voices of those who believe in him and share his life. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal takes this hymn very seriously, mandating that it should begin at the Communion of the priest and extend until the last person has received Communion.

For some, however, the singing of this hymn is perceived as an intrusion on their own prayer, their private thanksgiving after Communion. In fact, however, this hymn is prayer, the corporate thanksgiving prayer of the members of Christ's Body, united with one another. Over and over again the prayers of the liturgy and the norms of the General Instruction emphasize this fundamental concept of the unity of the baptized, stressing that when we come together to participate in the Eucharistic celebration we come, not as individuals, but as united members of Christ's Body. In each of the Eucharistic Prayers, though the petition is worded in slightly different ways, God is asked to send his Holy Spirit to make us one body, one spirit in Christ; the General Instruction admonishes the faithful that "they are to form one body, whether in hearing the Word of God, or in taking part in the prayers and in the singing..." (no. 96). It describes one of the purposes of the opening song of the Mass as to "foster the unity of those who have been gathered" (no. 47), and says of the Communion Chant that "its purpose [is] to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the 'communitarian' character of the procession to receive the Eucharist" (no. 86).

It is difficult for some of us to embrace this emphasis on Mass as the action of a community rather than an individual act of my own faith and piety, but it is important that we make every effort to do so. Christ himself at the Last Supper pleaded with his Father: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are... as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us..." (John 17:11, 21). Baptism has joined us to Christ and to one another as the vine and its branches. The life of Christ, the Holy Spirit, animates each of us individually, and all of us corporately and guides us together in our efforts to become one in Christ.

Finally, the fact that the Communion Procession is a profoundly religious action tells us something about the way in which we should participate in this procession. We are the Body of Christ, moving forward to receive the Christ who makes us one with himself and with one another. Our procession should move with dignity; our bearing should be that of those who know they have been redeemed by Christ and are coming to receive their God!

The General Instruction asks each country's Conference of Bishops to determine the posture to be used for the reception of Communion and the act of reverence to be made by each person as he or she receives Communion. In the United States, the body of Bishops has determined that "[t]he norm... is that Holy Communion is to be received standing, unless an individual member of the faithful wishes to receive Communion while kneeling" and that a bow is the act of reverence made by those receiving (no. 160). This norm is supported by an Instruction by the Holy See regarding the Eucharist: "In distributing Holy Communion it is to be remembered that 'sacred ministers may not deny the sacraments to those who seek them in a reasonable manner, are rightly disposed, and are not prohibited by law from receiving them' (Code of Canon Law, can. 843 § 1; cf. can. 915). Hence any baptized Catholic who is not prevented by law must be admitted to Holy Communion. Therefore, it is not licit to deny Holy Communion to any of Christ's faithful solely on the grounds, for example, that the person wishes to receive the Eucharist kneeling or standing" (Redemptionis Sacramentum, no. 91).

Those who receive Communion may receive either in the hand or on the tongue, and the decision should be that of the individual receiving, not of the person distributing Communion. If Communion is received in the hand, the hands should first of all be clean. If one is right handed the left hand should rest upon the right. The host will then be laid in the palm of the left hand and then taken by the right hand to the mouth. If one is left-handed this is reversed. It is not appropriate to reach out with the fingers and take the host from the person distributing.

The person distributing Communion says audibly to each person approaching, "The Body of Christ." This formula should not be altered, as it is a proclamation which calls for a response of faith on the part of the one who receives. The communicant should audibly respond, "Amen," indicating by that response his or her belief that this small wafer of bread, the wine in this chalice are in reality the body and blood of Christ the Lord.

When one receives from the chalice, the same proclamation is made by the person distributing Communion and the Communicant again responds, "Amen." It should be noted that it is never permissible for a person to dip the host he or she has received into the chalice. If, for some reason, the communicant is not able or willing to drink from the cup then that person should receive only under the form of bread.

It seems appropriate to conclude this reflection on the Communion Procession and the reception of Communion with a quotation from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1396:

In Baptism we have been called to form but one body. The Eucharist fulfills this call: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor 10:16-17).

If you are the body and members of Christ, then it is your sacrament that is placed on the table of the Lord; it is your sacrament that you receive. To that which you are you respond "Amen" ("yes, it is true!") and by responding to it you assent to it. For you hear the words, "the Body of Christ" and respond "Amen." Be then a member of the Body of Christ that your Amen may be true (St. Augustine, Sermon 272: PL 38, 1247).

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-eucharist/the-reception-of-body-communion-at-mass>



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YOUTH MINISTRY

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

BLAZE youth group is an initiative from Stanhope Parish to encourage community amongst the youth. It is a space for encouragement and open faith talk. Our sessions focus on one relevant theme each term. We start the night with casual conversation and dinner followed by games and then a faith-based talk, concluding with a discussion.

We encourage youths from Years 7 to 12 to come and join in on the fun, meet like-minded teens and gain a deeper understanding of their faith. Sessions run from 7pm to 9pm every second Friday throughout the school days. Come along to one of our sessions. Please contact the team at blaze@john23rd.org.au

For all youth ministry enquiries

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