

# 5th Sunday of Easter 28 April 2024



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 hear much more from Peter in the reading this year (B), but today we hear of Paul while he was still a new convert and still known as Saul. Today's snippet from Acts of the Apostles indicates how startling Paul's conversion had been; the disciples in Jerusalem remain afraid of him. At the beginning of a long association, the Cypriot Barnabas sponsors his introduction to the church in Jerusalem. But we also see something of Paul's perhaps combative style; the former zealously anti-Christian activist now gets into such arguments with Greek speakers that they wish to kill him. So begins his first sojourn, of which we know no details but that it was in Tarsus (Thrace), an area now divided between Greece, Bulgaria and Turkey. It appears to be the first step in his eventual mission to the Gentiles.

In the gospel (John 15:1-8) we hear another of John's unique explanatory images, although they do have sources in the Hebrew Scriptures. For example, Psalm 80(79) opens by addressing God as Shepherd of Israel (related to last Sunday's image) but it soon likens Israel to a vine, taken from Egypt and planted in a new land. This vine, the psalmist laments, has been ravaged, cut off and burned. Three rare words in the Hebrew (two being the Bible's sole instances and the third being one of only two) are found in that Psalm: kanna, which may be stock or (grafted) shoot; kirsem, which here means ravaged but may also be cut off; and kasah, also meaning cut off. These appear to lie behind John's true vine passage, but the image has been reworked. In the former usage (including in Isaiah 5 and Ezekiel 17) the land of Israel was the vineyard, the locus, and the Israelites the vine transplanted to it, but in John Christ himself as the vine is the locus, and his disciples are grafted shoots and branches. This is an inclusive reworking of the original imagery, for it no longer applies to a single tribe or nation, but people of any nation may be grafted on. This inclusive universality is also expressed in today's responsorial Psalm 22(21), for all the earth shall return to God, and all families of the nations shall worship—a theme established by the mere mention of Saul/Paul.

In the second reading (1 John 3:18-24) we find the double command of loving God and neighbour as oneself undergoing an interpretive reworking. Consistent with John's profoundly incarnational theology, we hear that to love Jesus (which is to believe in him) is to love God; love for the immaterial God is real only if it is expressed or manifested in the material realm by loving the created image of the uncreated, invisible Father. The foremost image of God-invisible is the man Jesus, the incarnate Word of God-ineffable; and since as a man he shares our image, we love him in one another, that is, in the other images of God. This requires that we love not merely by word or talk but in deed and truth (that is, public moral behaviour).

## 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 Tues-Fr Sat Sun	8:30am ti 9:15am 9.00am, 6pm Vigil 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am,			
	6pm coss Primary School 9:15am <i>during school days</i>			
<b>Masses of Devotion</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri	7.30pm Novena Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:30pm Novena Mass Sacred Heart of Jesus			
<b>Exposition + Benediction</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Fri	after 9.15am 7.30pm			
Reconciliation				
5:1	30am 5 - 5:45pm before the gil Mass or upon request			
	Sacraments			
<b>Sun</b> 1	2pm Baptism by appointment			
	Prayers			
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1	Praise & Worship			
	7:30pm Risen Lord Comm 7:30pm SJ23rd Prayer Grp			
	Special Blessings			
Blessing during masses 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun Birthday celebrants 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun Couple's Wedding				

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#### 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**

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

#### **First Reading**

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

#### He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

# Thanks be to God

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 21:26-28, 30-32

#### **R.** I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! R.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. R.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' R.

## **Second Reading**

A reading from the first letter of St John 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another. My children,

our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people,

if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

#### **Gospel Acclamation** John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:1-8

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Communion Antiphon**

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



## **Special Intentions**

**Recently Deceased:** Brother Cletus

#### Anniversary:

Consuela Mangona, Ante Janezic, Anica Peric Sofija Janezic

#### 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 genthy upon me and heal me through Your love for me. Amen.

Stella Drummond, Lucas Colleta, John Tipton, Jovita Castillo, John Todhunter, Manuel Sarris, Brendan Prideaux, Emma Matoza, Paco Matias, Fr Joseph, Barbara Thompson, Marilyn Nalapo, Gil Dormido, Florentina Elisura, Maria Romeo, Jonathan Gemin, Hilary Regan, Cathie Christie, Cristina Arceo, Matteazi Family, Virginia Santos Bev Lewis, Raymond Lanzona, Jennifer Estrada Virgie Villanueva, Jerry Bondoc, Cesar De Jesus Valeria Laureta, Carrie Conolly, Jackson Canlas, Obet Dionisio, Dr Bronwyn Andrews, Pat Daly, Jovita Castillo, Perla Magculang, Cindy Dadivas, Wally Atie, Peter McArdle, Geoffrey Robinson, Louise Smith, Zoey Illic, Mary Phillips, Jo Daly, Jakov&Marija Franich, Rosanna John Pellissery, Emma Q Fernando, Peter Dawson, Helen West Lenka Olivier Talija, Elsie Knapp, Victor Pons, Isagani Ocampo, Dudley Francis, Carlo Bueno, Gloria Bueno, Ksenija Bosnic, Charlie Busuttil, Ben & Etta Benesa, Elizabeth Candame, Elizabeth Langley, Susanne Krajancic, Anna Sebastian, 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 merciful compassion, enable us to find ways of waiting for you in prayer and of welcoming the loving gaze with which you behold each one's life

Brother Roger of Taize

April Church Calendar				
Mon	29	Saint Catherine of Sienna (M) 8:30am - Mass		
Tues	30	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary & novena prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help		
May				
Wed	1	9:15am - Mass		
Thurs	2	<i>Saint Athanasius (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass		
Fri	3	Saints Philip and James (F) 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Mass to The Sacred Heart of Jesus		
Sat	4	9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass		
Sun	5	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

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 Fr Jolly to join you in prayers at home.

## Please organise with the parish office.

Rosary Statue Family Roster						
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Apr		Festejo	Vasram	Sebastian	Ring	Lali
May	7		14	21	28	
May		Shalini	Sebastian	Shanti	Gan	
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Jul	2		9	16	23	30
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Aug	6		13	20	27	
		Barnouti	available	available	Pangilinan E	

"A family that prays together, stays together - Fr Patrick Peyton"



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.

Please support our Seminari-

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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.



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Parishioners who want to make a financial contribution are encouraged to use the *TapnGo* machines by the entrances or online via BPoint.

## 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.



## $\Rightarrow$ 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. <u>Training and resources will be provided</u>.

## $\Rightarrow$ 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.

## $\Rightarrow$ 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

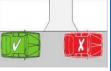


PARISH COUNCIL

John McCabe Karen Green Julian Martin Suni Fernando Mei Velasco Ajith Lobo Helen Festejo Rebecca Reynolds

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church's driveway entrance. Your parked vehicle must <u>not block the flow</u> of traffic or <u>impair the vision of other</u> drivers getting into or out of the parking lot, basically <u>impeding vehicles from entering</u>, <u>exiting or turning</u> 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' PARKING driveway.

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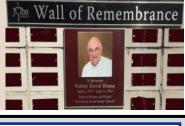
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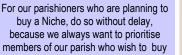
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members of our parish who wish to buy the Niches. For further information please contact the Parish Office.

PRAISE AND

WORSHIP

3rd Saturdays at

7:30pm

SJ23rd Prayer Group

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



## **Community Events**

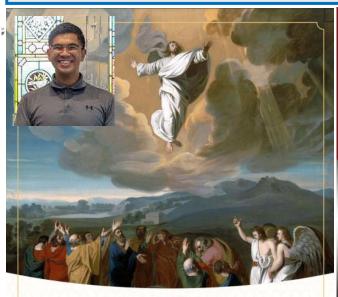


As we are now getting back together as a community of St John 23rd, let us keep up the momentum through organizing mini events to boost our parish engagements, as well, contribute to our much needed church funds.

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





MOST REVEREND VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN OFM CONV BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA, CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE MASS FOR

Mr Menard Gaspi

SATURDAY 11 MAY 2024, 6PM VIGIL MASS OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

ST JOHN XXIII PARISH, STANHOPE GARDENS





## 19<sup>TH</sup> 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.



Catholic Charismatic Renewal of NSW is organising a Pentecost Eve event being hosted by the youth . It will be held at Servants of Jesus Community Centre at Seven Hills. It is a free event but you need to book as there are limited seats. It will be a Holy Spirit filed afternoon to celebrate Pentecost . Please see the flyer for the details.

## THE FEAST OF PENTECOST Seized with the SPIRIT

The Jewish Feast of Weeks, referred to in the books of Exodus and Leviticus, celebrated the completion of the grain harvest. Because it was held 50 days after Passover, it was given the name "Pentecost" (the 50th day) in Greek. The feast came to be regarded both by Jews and Christians as also commemorating the Giving of the Law to Moses on Mt Sinai.

According to the account of Luke in the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples 50 days after the resurrection day, so the same title "Pentecost" was given by the Church to the feast celebrating the coming of the Spirit. Another popular name for the feast is "Whitsunday". The Whitsunday Islands off Queensland's tropical north coast were so named by Captain James Cook because they were sighted on that day of the Church's calendar.

Originally the term Pentecost was used to refer to the whole of the Easter season, that 50-day period of great rejoicing following Easter, during which no fasting was allowed, prayer was always said while standing (kneeling was forbidden), and the "Alleluia" was sung frequently. During the 4th century, this unified season was divided into separate commemorations, with the ascension being celebrated 40 days after Easter day and Pentecost 10 days later. Egeria, the Spanish nun who visited the Holy Lands at the end of the 4th century, describes a celebration of the feast of Pentecost in her travel diary. The feast had its own octave, like Easter, from early times. In the Roman Rite the octave was removed when the liturgical calendar was revised in 1969.

Pentecost was celebrated with a vigil which, almost from the beginning, became strongly associated with the administration of baptism. In around the year 205 Tertullian, the great leader of the Church in north Africa, wrote: "After Easter, Pentecost is a most joyous time for conferring baptisms, because during that time the resurrection of the Lord was repeatedly proved among the disciples."

The feast of Pentecost commemorates two things: the gift of the Spirit that enables us to praise and proclaim, and the birth of the Church as an active community. The gift of the Spirit, especially when visualised as tongues of fire, may be seen as a prototype for a universal mission and a mulicultural society.

The symbol of a dove, commonly found on Pentecost vestments and decorations, does not adequately capture this sense of mission and ministry enabled by the Spirit. Of the 331 direct references to the Spirit in the Bible, only three liken the Spirit to a dove. More common descriptions are of "fire" and "wind". The Spirit "seizes", is "poured out", "lifts up". These dynamic references reflect the sense of excitement and zeal for mission of the early disciples.

The feast of Pentecost celebrates and enriches the sense of community renewal (birth) of the Church, the Church that proclaims salvation through the birth, ministry, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

> "Father of light, from whom every good gift comes, send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind, and by the flame of your wisdom open the horizons of our minds. Loosen our tongues to sing your praise in words beyond the power of speech, for without your Spirit we could never raise our voice in words of peace or announce the truth that Jesus is Lord."

#### https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/resources/liturgy-lines/the-feast-of-pentecost/

#### What is the importance of Pentecost?

At Pentecost, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, people from every tongue, race and nation are brought together in Jesus Christ. God has reconciled us individually to himself through his son Jesus, and through him we have been made one body in the church. It marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world.

### Our celebration

We will celebrate Pentecost with a multicultural affair after the 10:30am Sunday Mass on the 19th May.

We would like to invite parishioners to come in their cultural costumes, young and old alike. As always, we will have a food fiesta and so please bring a platter/s for sharing.

Gather as a group and make your delicious dishes or sweet treats together; Filipino, Indonesian, Indian, Vietnamese, Spanish, Italian etc. Remember to label the food and maybe provide the recipes so that others can learn and enjoy to cook them.

One main meal highlight is the famous Filipino Lechon. Let us make this another memorable celebration.



For food pledges, please contact Wira Peiris, Techie - 0438 201436 or Nanette - 0404 465600



## CLERGY

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

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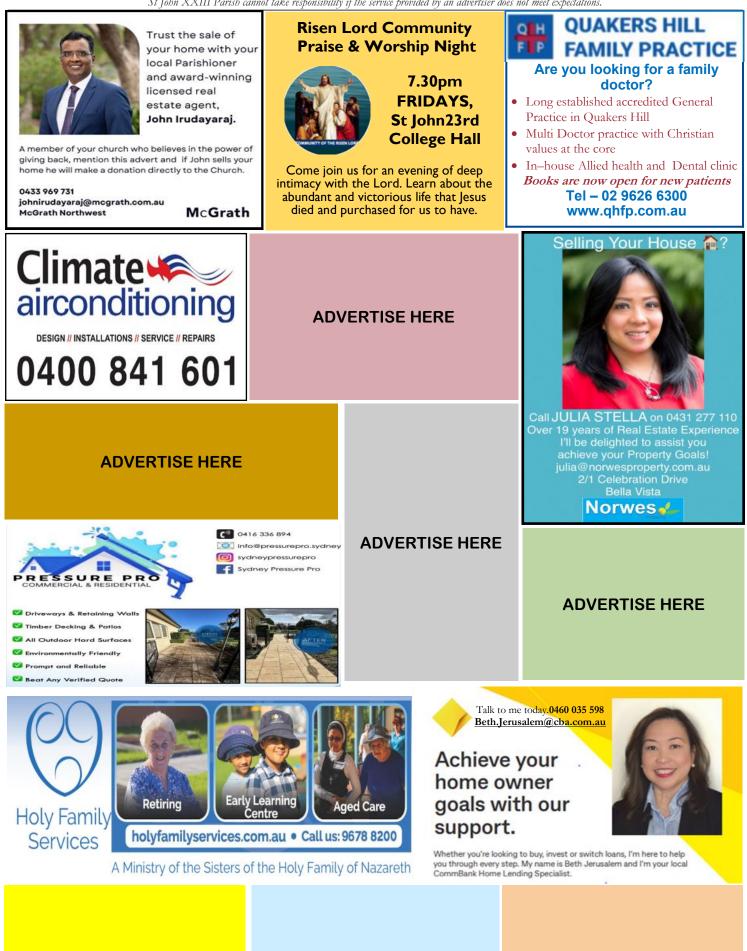
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Come along to one of our sessions. Please contact the team at <u>blaze@john23rd.org.an</u>

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