

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.

Acts 1:1-11 is read each year since it is the sole account to give the post-resurrection appearances a time frame of forty days; however, it does not have Jesus ascend (intransitive verb), for he is borne (transitive) to heaven. Luke's briefer gospel parallel likewise has him borne, not ascend, but has no time reference; and Matthew has the same locus and commission but no time frame and no explicit departure (Jesus neither ascending nor being borne); while John alone refers to ascending (John 20:17) it is not witnessed but is implied on the day of the resurrection, as also was the bestowing of the Spirit. While being taken up and going up are not the same thing, Luke's narrative in Acts provides the primary depiction that shaped the tradition, but our name for it is derived from John's verb, ascend (also in John 3:13 and 6:12).

Another use of that verb is found in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, in the pericope offered as the alternative second reading this year (Ephesians 4:1-13) to replace that which may be used each year (Ephesians 1:17-23). Both options have particular mentions of Christ raising the dead, but it is the alternative reading that mentions ascension, though with a rather different meaning emerging from his adapted citation of Psalm 68(67):18 that refers to a triumphal procession in which those captured by the victor are paraded before him as he returns in procession to his city. In this Jewish context the ascending reference is found because that is the usual term for going "up" to Jerusalem, the king's city. The Hebrew is another instance of the verb 'alah (offer, raise, exalt; ascend) already mentioned in the reflections for the Second and Fourth Sundays of Lent this year. The Hebrew and Greek forms of that verse also allow for an ambiguity: the victor leads either those he has captured, or those previously captured by the one whom he has just now conquered. Paul interprets the reference to ascending not as being to Christ's post-resurrection departure from earth, but rather to his departure from where he had descended, the dark abode of the dead (Sheol, Hades, Hell) from which he plunders the former conqueror, Death, rescuing the captives there imprisoned. This is what is depicted in the Eastern icon called the Harrowing of Hell, and is also referred to in that line of the Apostle's Creed that still perplexes people in the new translation, "he descended into hell". Paul's use is, however, somewhat more complex, for the following verses point less to the dead being led thence to heaven, and more to those doomed to death being set free now and appointed as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers—here and now. This is a similar sense to that found at the end of today's gospel reading (Mark 16:15-20), generally accepted as a later addition; in it Christ is at the Father's right hand yet he is with those sent throughout the world to proclaim his Good News. This unity of the head (Christ in heaven) with his body (his members on earth) is expressed in the first Collect for Mass during the day, yet its inverse form is expressed in the alternative, where those on earth dwell already in heaven. These are not contradictory, but rather are two facets of the same mystery: in Christ is healed the division between God and humankind, heaven and earth, sacred and secular, life and death. This is what empowers those who proclaim Christ Jesus to all peoples, for they know the victory is already won.

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

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-7. 11-13

To the measure of the full stature of Christ.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Yolanda Roxas

Anniversary:

Deceased:

Ernesto Agustin Jr, Josphine Apap

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.

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

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

Christ Jesus, Saviour of every life,
You suffer with all who who experience hardships and You always welcome any who entrust to You their own burdens.

Brotber Roger of Taizé

May Church Calendar

Mon	13	8:30am - Mass
Tues	14	Saint Matthias (F) 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary & novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	15	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	16	9:15am - Mass
Fri	17	9:15am - Mass
Sat	18	9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass
Sun	19	Pentcost 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

May	7	14	21	28	
	Shalini	Sebastian	Shanti	Gan	
Jun	4	11	18	25	
	Erasmus	Dennis	Tina B	Meena	
Jul	2	9	16	23	30
	Dennis	Tangunan	Athaide	Deang	Jacob
Aug	6	13	20	27	
	Barnouti	available	Sebastian	Pangilinan E	
Sep	3	10	17	24	
	available	available	available	available	

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

MAY – Month of Mary our Blessed Mother

The month of May is especially dedicated to our Blessed Mother. All honour and devotion that we give to Mary our Mother lead us to Jesus.

"Flowers for Mary" – For this month of May, we invite children to bring flowers to be offered to the Blessed Mother at mass. The gift of flowers is a sign of our love and thanksgiving for through her "Yes," Jesus came to us.

"Living Rosary" – We will conclude our Marian Celebration with a Living Rosary on **Saturday 1 June at 5:00 pm** here at the church. We invite families with school-age children to come and participate in this exciting and special way of praying the rosary. This will be the third Living Rosary in our parish, and we would like to make this another memorable event. We remain hopeful that this will become an annual tradition so we encourage your families to come and/or participate.

What is a Living Rosary?

A living rosary is when people are used to represent each bead of the rosary. What we need:

- 50 children (*10 per decade*) to represent the Hail Mary beads
- 3 children (*for the tail of the rosary*) to represent the Hail Mary beads
- 1 child to represent the cross (*the Apostle's Creed*)
- 6 children (*2 for the tail of the rosary and 4 between each decade*) to represent the Our Father Beads.

We will schedule a rehearsal once we have the required number of children.

If you would like your child to be a part of this special event, please contact:

Helen Festejo E: helen.festejo@gmail.com Ph: 0401 671 665



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



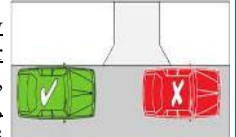
John McCabe
Karen Green
Julian Martin
Suni Fernando

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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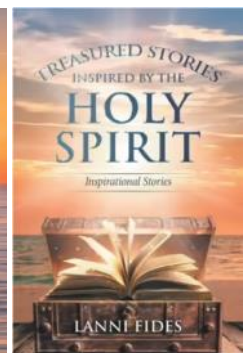
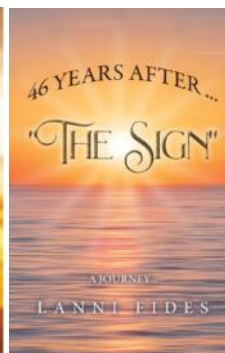
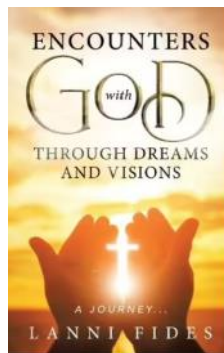
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Please contact Techie on 0438 201436 or the parish office for orders. Proceeds goes to our church funds

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

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



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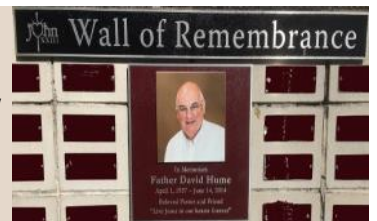
For our parishioners who are planning to buy a Niche, do so without delay, because we always want to prioritise members of our parish who wish to buy the Niches.

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



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



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

*Good and Gentle God,
we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the
women of theory who have joined with you in the
wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became
human through a woman, grant to all mothers the
courage they need to face the uncertain future that life
with children always brings.
Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return,
not perfectly, but humanly.
Give them the faithful support of husband, family and
friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth
of their children.
Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain
them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give
them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need
it most.*



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 filled afternoon to celebrate Pentecost . Please see the flyer for the details.

**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

11th June, Sunday
after the morning masses

**Cake Angels
Stall**

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.
Please contact Shanti - 0424332227 or Preema - 0406786768 for more 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 multicultural 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.





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SATURDAY 15 JUNE 1PM
Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown

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To register please contact Catherine: catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org
0400 427 605

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Support our seminarians to "go out into the deep."
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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 ✉ blaze@john23rd.org.au Follow us www.facebook.com/blazeyouthsj23/ https://www.instagram.com/blazeyouthsj23	Youth Coordinator	Youth Leaders	
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	Assistant Coordinator	Caitlin Green 0425 579 594	

MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)	YFC (Youth for Christ)
Rojith de Silva 0405 9563210 Nimeshi Fernando 0417 101009	Vince Erasmo (International) 0406 253698 Jonathan Montaos (Australia) 0401 478733

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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