

The Most Holy Trinity 26 May 2024

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams -Pope St John 23rd

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.

The gospel reading (Matt 28:16-20) quirkily takes us to the final scene and parting commission in Matthew that in Luke's version includes the Ascension. Indeed in year A this pericope is read on the feast of the Ascension, notwithstanding its lack of any reference to Ascension. Clearly it is the command to baptise "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" that suggests itself for use on this theological feast which commemorates no event but the very understanding of Holy Trinity. That command provides a contrast to the other baptism referred to early in the gospels and in other New Testament works, John the Baptist's baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. This context makes no reference to forgiveness but simply to a symbolic immersion in God.

Some of the trinitarian language that emerged in the reflections of the preceding Sundays can be found again in today's readings. The second stanza of the responsorial Psalm in particular evokes the creation narrative in Genesis 1, in which God utters the world into being, shaping it by word; in the Psalm it is what issues from the mouth of God, his word and his breath, that makes all things. Similar to the application of the word Advocate to both the Spirit and Christ explored last Sunday to reveal a unity in the working of the Son and Spirit, so too here in word and breath, for while a word may be said to exist in the mind, and thus in silence, hidden from the world, a word is not manifested in the world without breath to empower it. This is consonant with Irenaeus' reference to the Son and Spirit as the two hands of the Father. We must be careful not to push analogies too far, however, but this one can be useful for the Trinity: while our words as sounds in the air do not have a distinct or enduring existence yet convey some meaning, and while our breath is but borrowed air returned yet empowering the words we speak, so too it is useful as an example of cooperative synergy at work in the world, in the stuff of creation. That analogy lacks an ability to incorporate us into the model, for which the other use of breath in the second creation narrative is helpful: having formed Adam from the inanimate dust of the earth, formed according to ancient interpretation by the Word into an image like unto the one he himself would take in the world, the new clay vessel is empowered to live by the inbreathed Spirit, the Breath of God. The breath that animates lifeless earth may in another inbreathing renew that creature with the very life of the Word, the Son. Hence in the second reading (Rom 8:14-17) it is the Spirit that makes us children of God, and provides the borrowed breath that then enables the recipient to speak with divine force, calling to God, not so as to engender God (as God's speaking engenders creation) but to announce to oneself the realisation of who we are in relation to God: God's children.



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

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.** By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke: and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R**.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:14-17

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.



Special Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Terry Huskinson, Carmen Coppini, Tom Downes

Anniversary:

Deceased:

Sick: Names published with permission.

Lord Jesus, heal me. Heal in me whatever You see needs healing. Heal me of whatever might separate me from You. Heal my memory, heal my heart, heal my emotions, heal my spirit, heal my body, heal my soul. Lay Your hands now gently upon me and heal me through Your love for me.

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

Thanksgiving:

Reynolds Family

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

Holy Spirit, inner light, you shine on the happy days as on the troubled times of our lives. And when the light seems to grow dim, your presence remain.

 ${\it Brother}\;{\it Roger}\;{\it of}\;{\it Taize}$

May Church Calendar						
Mon	27	8:30am - Mass				
Tues	28	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary & novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help				
Wed	29	9:15am - Mass				
Thurs	30	9:15am - Mass				
Fri	31	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F) 9:15am - Mass				
June						
Sat	1	Saint Justin (M) 9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass				
Sun	2	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Indian Festival 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		
Juii		Erasmo	Dennis	Tina B	Meena		
Jul	2		9	16	23	30	
		Dennis	Tangunan	Athaide	Deang	Jacob	
Aug	6		13	20	27		
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Sep	3		10	17	24		
		available	available	Tangunan	available		

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

The Living Rosary

Everyone is invited to join in The Living Rosary on Saturday 1 June 2024 at 5pm here in church to be followed by Vigil Mass. We encourage children and adults alike to bring flowers for the "Flowers for Mary" offering. Let's come together as community in honouring our Blessed Mother.



For more information contact Helen Festejo on 0401671665 or helen.festejo@gmail.com.

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

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



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.

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.



⇒ 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>.

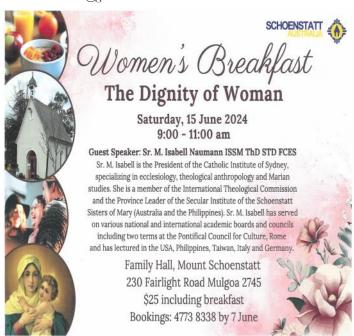
⇒ GARDENERS AND CLEANERS

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





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.

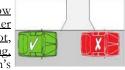


John McCabe Karen Green Julian Martin Suni Fernando Mei Velasco Ajith Lobo Helen Festejo Rebecca Reynolds

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For everyone's safety, please park <u>at least 1.8 meters</u> 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.





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







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



Building our Community
TOGETHER

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 - 0438 201436.

UPCOMING EVENT/S | Save the dates in your diary



also available after 9am & 10:30am masses on June 2nd





Face-to-Face Renewal Safeguarding Training at St John XXIII

Are you new to ministry or have not yet completed the initial Cycle 1 Safeguarding Modules 1 -3

Mandatory Safeguarding Training will:

- Introduce the NSW Child Safe Standards
- Explain our roles and responsibilities as
 Mandatory Reporters in our Parish Ministries.
- Demonstrate ways to apply the Child Safe Standards to continue to build safe parish communities for children and all adults at risk.

St John XXIII will be hosting these three Mandatory Safeguarding Modules on: Saturday 27th July (10.00am – 3pm)

Please register your attendance with the Parish Office.

If you wish to complete these modules independently at times convenient to you, please 'sign up' to: https://learning.safeguarding.org.au

If you completed the initial Cycle 1 Modules 1 -3 two years ago, you are also able to complete the renewal modules 4-5 online.

You can also find other face to face safeguarding training opportunities on the Diocesan Website at: https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training

Pentecost Celebration

Once again, we had another successful event on Pentecost Sunday thanks to all parishioners who made this another truly memorable occasion. We would like acknowledge the Indonesian, Filipino, Indian & Sri Lankan communities, among others, for their support through their yummy food contributions particularly the delicious 'lechons'!

Thanks as well to the Awesome Ladies who tirelessly and selflessly support our parish community.

Until the next event!











For more events please go to https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/ or https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/ or https://catholicoutlook.org/



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BLAZE

What did God do for you to make you believe in him? What was your "Ah Ha" moment?



For Amanda, it is the kindness and love she receives from her loved ones and sometimes even strangers, drawing her attention to the loving God that lives in their hearts. For Earl, through truth seeking and researching scientific and historical evidence, he discovered that God was the way and truth in life.

Testimonies are such a critical part of our faith and have been our main focus this term for BLAZE. We believe that sharing our own spiritual journeys will encourage the children to think of their own journey with God and with the power of the Holy Spirit, they may be inclined to share their testimonies too!

If you are interested in hearing more, we warmly invite you to our next BLAZE session on the 31st of May at St John XXIII College from 7pm-9pm.

If you have any enquiries, please feel free to reach out via email, *blaze@jobn23rd.org.au*. For future updates, you can follow us on Instagram @blazeyouthsj23. God Bless!



YOUTH MINISTRY



Blaze

An initiative to encourage community amongst the youth. It is a space for encouragement and open faith talk.

Who: Year 7 to Year 12 When: Every 2nd Friday thro

Ignite

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm Where: St John XXIII College - C Block (Bell space)

takes you to a registration form. This is to help us to in our contacts as well as for any special dietary requirements

blaze@john23rd.org.au or DM us on @blazeyouthsj23 =



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Youth Coordinator Amanda Lee 0413 545 318 Assistant Coordinator Caitlin Green 0425 579 594 Youth Leaders Taylor Coutinho Natasja Surjanto Brendan Weber Earl Carvalho Anna Todhunter Charlotte Todhunter Johnathan Soosaipillai

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

For all youth ministry enquiries ⋈ blaze@john23rd.org.au

REGISTRATION FORM

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MORE YOUTH GROUPS

CRL (Commun	ity of the Risen Lord)	YFC (Youth for Christ)		
Rojith de Silva	Nimeshi Fernando	Vince Erasmo (International)	Jonathan Montaos (Australia)	
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