

**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.

**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.

Following the events in last Sunday’s gospel Jesus departs and returns to his home town, his only reported return home. Here again, similarly to the disciples last Sunday, we find familiarity breeding contempt. Mark’s Gospel is briefer than the others but it nonetheless sometimes gives more detail than they do because Mark has a tendency not to shy away from embarrassing details. Today he has Jesus say “A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house.” Matthew drops the mention of his relations, as does Luke who also drops reference to his house. John’s reference is similar to Luke’s, but it fits oddly in a different context, and his mother and “brothers” do follow him (though their belief is not perfect). It seems the other evangelists find any suggestion of rejection of Jesus by his own family too uncomfortable, as also the difficult matter of his parentage, which is not avoided by Mark, who refers to him as “son of Mary”, and not of Joseph, as the other evangelists do. The townsfolk of Nazareth too have trouble accepting one of their own.

The dynamics of opposition at work here are interesting, and are found throughout the gospel. Prophets are often viewed as bearers of bad news, but if the message is not bad news it may still be a corrective, or one that augurs change, or it may be a view contrary to the one already accepted. However, no-one likes or even wants to hear bad news, nor to be corrected, nor to have things changed, and there are none so deaf as those who will not hear. A scene in the movie *Manon des sources* (part 2 of *Jean de Florette*) provides a safe example: a visiting expert faces farmers desperate not to hear bad news as he seeks to explain why their spring may have stopped flowing and that he cannot fix it; they are outraged. Sophisticated viewers may laugh at the irrationality of the irate peasants, but the same situation is witnessed in any number of contentious public meetings. On top of our natural aversion to unwanted news, a messenger may be rejected for being a despised expert, a briefcase-carrying out-of-towner who does not understand the local situation, but if a messenger is a local, he or she is dismissed as an upstart. This latter rejection is found all too often in the supposedly rational circles of scientists; many a time a theory that challenges the establishment view is hotly rejected, and the theorist, one of their own, is reviled. They will always recount Galileo’s treatment by Catholic hierarchs but ignore the ruin of reputations inflicted within their own ranks. And in my own experience, proposing that historical liturgical data reveal a picture different from the commonly accepted one has been met mainly with incredulity from colleagues to whom I sometimes have responded unwisely, crankily saying that I cared not whether they liked or disliked the findings, but asking only whether they could offer contradictory evidence. One interlocutor finally bewailed, ‘But, why you?’ A useless question.

No matter where we turn we find the same human dynamics at play as in the gospel reading. Since such reactions are so apparently natural we could do with cultivating a healthy self-doubt, as history informs us it is not always clear who the true prophet is: the protagonist espousing something new, or the antagonist who calls back to the established path. Each hearer needs to ask, “Why does this message cause me disquiet? What do I fear should the other be right?” This then opens us to honest reflection and the ability to enter discussion on any contentious matter. If all participants, or both sides, so reflect and enter discussion then we have conversation, and the possibility of conversion.

**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** Wedding anniversaries

### Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 2:2-5

*The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. **R.**

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. **R.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. **R.**



### Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:7-10

*I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 6:1-6

*A prophet is despised only in his own country.*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Communion Antiphon

Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

## Special Intentions

### Recently Deceased:

Richard Hannon, Diosdado Roque

### Anniversary:

Herbert Anthony Jackson, Domenico Surdich, Romano Surdich, Trudy Rebecca Jackson, Mario Zec

### Deceased:

Josephine 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.*

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

### Thanksgiving:

Merita Fernando

If you or a family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please contact the parish office.

## 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](mailto:techie.sarlabus@gmail.com) or Melva Paguinto [emcipi85@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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

	2	9	16	23	30
Jul	Dennis	Tangunan	Athaide	Deang	Jacob
Aug	Barnouti	Tangunan	Sebastian	Pangilinan E	
Sep	Rashid	Ring	Tangunan	available	
Oct	1	8	15	22	29
	available	Sebastian	available	available	available
Nov	5	12	19	26	
	available	available	available	available	

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

### FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

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



### PRAYING in the SILENCE of the HEART

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

*Brother Roger of Taizé*

### July Church Calendar

Mon	8	8:30am - Mass
Tues	9	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Novena prayer Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	10	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	11	Saint Benedict (M) 9:15am - Mass
Fri	12	9:15am - Mass
Sat	13	9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass
Sun	14	7:30, 9:00, 10:30am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

## 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. A SJ23rd registration form is available at the church foyer or from the website.

scan the QR code



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

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](mailto: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](mailto:neil.mas@gmail.com)



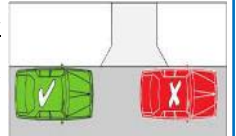
John McCabe  
 Karen Green  
 Julian Martin  
 Suni Fernando

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.



**DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA**

**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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>

**YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GROUP**

The Seniors Group of SJ23rd Parish would like to invite all senior parishioners to come and join this very active, not to mention fun-loving Seniors' group.

Activities enjoyed by this group: pilgrimages, coffee mornings, lunches, bingo sessions, organize talks and presentations by professionals on various topics relevant to seniors and much more. Come, join and be part of this vibrant group.



For more details please contact the following:  
 Frank 0459 504625 or Trevor 0407 150399

**COLUMBARIUM**

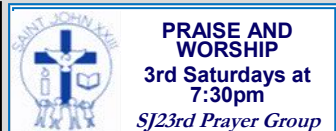
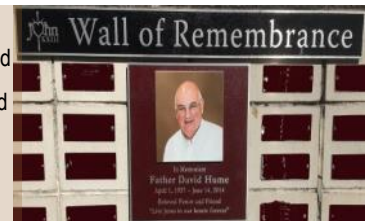
For our parishioners who are planning to buy a Niche, do so without delay, because we always want to prioritise members of our parish who wish to buy the Niches. For further information please contact the Parish Office.

**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](mailto: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 - 0438 201436.

### UPCOMING EVENT/S | Save the dates in your diary

Hello everyone,  
Calling out to join the St. John 23 Parish City to Surf team. A great activity to build fitness and community. Walkers and runners most welcome. **Sunday 11th August 2024.** Please see Deacon Menard for more details.



**ENTER OUR FIRST  
ART COMPETITION  
FOR KIDS + YOUNG PEOPLE**

**GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!**

**SIMPLY CREATE AN ARTWORK ON:  
"MY CHURCH COMMUNITY  
IS A SAFE PLACE FOR ME"**

Create an original artwork that represents a space where you feel safe to participate and grow your relationship with God.

**COMPETITION CLOSES  
FRIDAY 26 JULY AT 5PM**

There are three categories for entry, and there will be a winner in each age group

- Children 5 to 10 years old
- Children 11 to 15 years old
- Young adults 16 to 19 years old

Find out more at  
[parracatholic.org/artcompetition](http://parracatholic.org/artcompetition)



As part of our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person, the Diocese of Parramatta is running our first Art competition for children and young people!

Theme **"My Church community is a safe place for me"**

There are three categories for entry, and there will be a winner in each age group:

- Children 5 to 10 years old
- Children 11 to 15 years old
- Young adults 16 to 19 years old

Please click here for more information  
<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/kids-voices-art-competition/>

The Fun Loving seniors of our parish and beyond, you are all invited to join us for **"CHRISTMAS IN JULY"**.

We will have morning coffee at the church kitchen, **Friday, the 12th of July after the 9.15 Mass and benediction.**

Please bring a plate of your favourite sweet or savoury goodies to share. We would love to have you join us.

### Why do we go to Mass on Sundays?

It is all too easy to find excuses to not go to Sunday Mass. Life is busy, complicated and difficult, and the thought of going to church can be seen as just one more demand upon our time and attention. Yet going to church to be blessed by God's Word and the Sacrament of the Altar should never be seen as bothersome. It is actually an opportunity for prayer, rest and renewal, which we all so desperately need for the health of our souls and minds.

For Christian people, Sunday is the first of all days because it is the day of the Lord Jesus' resurrection. The Collect for Sundays in the Book of Common Prayer (p.98) celebrates this reality with these words: "O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The Prayer Book, in the section titled Concerning the Service of the Church (p.13), reminds us that the celebration of the Eucharistic mystery is to be the principle act of Christian worship on Sunday, which is also known as the Lord's Day. As Catholic Christians we continue in the same worship practice that was established by the earliest Christians as we gather on Sunday to pray, read the scriptures and then follow Jesus' command to share the bread and wine of the Eucharistic sacrifice.

Sunday Mass – also known as Holy Eucharist, the Lord's Supper, the Holy Communion, the Divine Liturgy and the Great Offering – is truly the center of the Church's life. It is where Christians meet each other, not as a social event, but as a faith filled experience of the transcendence of God. The Catechism in the Prayer Book (p.857) tells us that the purpose of coming together for corporate worship is so that we can "unite ourselves with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, to hear God's Word, to offer prayer, and to celebrate the sacraments."

Coming together in faith gives members of the Church the opportunity to worship God, to provide for those in need, to comfort those who are suffering and to encourage those who struggle with life's challenges and difficulties. When we come to Mass, we do not go about our experience of worship in isolation. Participating in the communal celebration of Sunday Mass is a witness of belonging to the Body of Christ and of being faithful to God.

When we come to Mass on Sunday, we are acknowledging the importance to the Lord's Day in our lives. This is a day of resurrection hope for all people. It is a day to thank God for our many blessings, while at the same time asking God for help in all the things that are about to happen in our lives. It is also a day to be challenged, through Word and Sacrament, to open our eyes and see the world around us as God would have us see it, which is through the lens of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The celebration of Mass on Sunday serves to connect us to the truth of the living God who is the center of our lives, the God who through the raising of His Son Jesus from the dead has made all things new.

*<http://www.goodshepherdcolumbia.org/anglo-catholic-worship/why-do-we-go-to-mass-on-sundays/>*



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

**SOUL FOOD PODCAST**  
WHOLE SOME LIFE & FAITH STORIES  
NEW STORIES - EVERY WEDNESDAY  
**LISTEN NOW**

Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others? The Mission Enhancement Team's *Soul Food Podcast* features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: <https://pfparrar.org.au/soulfood/>

**BLAZE BAKE SALE**

Thank you everyone for supporting the youth's bake sale initiative last Sunday. Through your generosity, we have raised \$1092.50. This money will go towards food and other resources needed to run both BLAZE and Ignite.

Thank you once again for your continuous support and have a blessed week ahead!

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**BLAZE**

An initiative to encourage community amongst the youth, an open space for encouragement and open faith talk.

**WHO:** Year 7 to Year 12

**WHEN:** 7:00 - 9:00pm

**WHERE:** St John XXIII College - C Block (Bell space)

If you're interested, please use the QR code to register. This is to help you to put you in our contacts as well as for any special dietary requirements.

If you have any questions, email us on [blaze@john23rd.org.au](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au) or DM us on @blazeyouthsj23



**IGNITE**

A community where young people can come together, build friendships and learn about their faith.

**WHO:** 18 - 35 years of age

**WHEN:** Every first Sunday of the month

**TIME:** 7:00 - 9:30pm

**WHERE:** St John XXIII College Staffroom

If you're interested and please use the QR Code to register for our sessions. If you have any questions, either email us on [ignite.stjohn23@gmail.com](mailto:ignite.stjohn23@gmail.com) or DM us on @ignite\_sj23



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

For all youth ministry enquiries  
[blaze@john23rd.org.au](mailto:blaze@john23rd.org.au)

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Follow us  
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<https://www.instagram.com/blazeyouthsj23>

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Natasja Surjanto  
Brendan Weber  
Earl Carvalho  
Anna Todhunter  
Charlotte Todhunter  
Johnathan Soosaipillai

**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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