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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.

DISCIPLESHIP

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/faith/discipleship/>

The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it (CCC 1816).

What is a Disciple?

The word disciple derives from the Greek term 'mathētēs' to mean 'pupil' or 'student.' To be a disciple is to, therefore, dedicate your life to be an apprentice for the ultimate master, Jesus Christ. It is through this apprenticeship that one becomes a friend and follower of the Lord.

To be an intentional disciple is to live out our identity in Christ Jesus. It is through imitating Christ, the perfect model of humanity, that we can be confident in who God created us to be and fulfil the unique purpose God has for our lives.

Responding to your Calling

The call to discipleship is a universal call. It is an open invitation to anyone willing to respond to Christ's love for them and conform their lives to his. This is different to a vocational calling. Whereas everyone is called to be a disciple, not everyone is called to the vocation of marriage. God calls some individuals to consecrated single life and other individuals to the religious life, whether that be to the priesthood or to a community for religious sisters.

Living out your Calling as a Disciple

The desire to evangelise is one way that disciples live out their calling. By fulfilling the Great Commission to 'make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you', disciples intentionally make other disciples (Mt 28:19-20).

Disciples desire to share the gift of the Gospel with others. In addition to bearing witness to Christ and sharing their personal testimony of the way Jesus has transformed their lives, disciples will pray for renewal and volunteer to further the new evangelisation mission.

Another way that disciples live out their calling is through serving others with acts of love, mercy and healing. As stewards, disciples pour themselves out to bless, benefit and serve others without counting the cost. The Blessed Virgin Mary is a perfect example of this. As the first disciple, our Blessed Mother responded to God's calling with total faith and submitted her entire life to the service of God, permitting the Word to become flesh. In the same way, disciples are called to surrender their lives to the Lord and lay their lives down for others.



The 12 Marks of a Disciple

- Disciples are called - Jesus invited the fishermen to leave their nets and follow him. God always initiates the relationship and pursues us first, for he 'came to seek out and to save the lost.' (Lk 19:10).
- Disciples accept Jesus' call - The choice to be a disciple is an intentional one, which one must make in response to God's love for us.
- Disciples trust God - Just as Peter and Andrew 'left their nets and followed him', discipleship often means leaving our past behind and following Jesus with faith. (Mt 4:20).
- Disciples love others - Jesus said that 'by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.' (Jn 13:35)
- Disciples bear spiritual fruit. The fruit in our lives proves that we are disciples of Christ, as we continue to abide in him, the true Vine.
- Disciples obey their master - Jesus said that we are his friends if we do what he has commanded (Jn 15:14). Obedience deepens our intimacy with the Lord.
- Disciples are docile - This means that disciples of the Lord are teachable. Whatever they learn from Jesus, they try to implement in their own lives.
- Disciples spend alone time with Jesus - The disciples were Jesus' closest friends. They shared some of their most intimate moments with him. As disciples, we are called to invest in our relationship with the Lord, by spending quality time with him in prayer and Eucharistic Adoration.
- Disciples carry their cross - Jesus said 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.' (Lk 9:23) Suffering is part of the cost of discipleship.
- Disciples serve others - When feeding the five thousand, the disciples volunteered to distribute the food. In the same way, disciples are called to serve others through the seven corporal acts of mercy.
- Disciples are committed - Discipleship requires that no one looks back when following Jesus. Disciples set their eyes on the treasures of heaven and keep an eternal perspective.
- Disciples evangelise - Disciples share the gift of the Gospel and make other disciples. The joy of knowing Jesus overflows in their lives that they feel compelled to share the Good News of what Jesus has done for them with others.

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

For further updates on parish activities

<http://john23rd.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish>

If you want to be part of our mailing list email

✉ Communications@john23rd.org.au

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**



Second Reading

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Special Intentions

Born to eternal life:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Remembrances:

Sam & Mario Ricca, Feliciano Suareg Jr, Teresita Emnace, Rodulfo Emnace, John Cherry, Ernesto DeLeon

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.

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

Thanksgiving:

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 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

Sep	3	10	17	24	
	Rashid	Ring	Tangunan	Vasram	
Oct	1	8	15	22	29
	Valdez	Sebastian	Lali	Shalini	Festejo
Nov	5	12	19	26	
	Hala	Barnouti	available	Jacob	
Dec	3	10	17	24	31
	Paguinto	Lee	Sebastian	Sebastian	Sebastian
Jan	7	14	21	28	
	Available	Available	Available	Available	

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



RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming a Catholic? Or learn more about the Catholic faith?

Please contact the RCIA team to answer any queries & provide the information of the RCIA program.

Our program will start in Sept 2024.

Contact the parish office or Vincent Gracias Flor - vgfdegoa@gmail.com

Septebmer Church Calendar

Mon	2	8:30am - Mass
Tues	3	<i>Saint Gregory the Great (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary prayers 7:30pm - Novena Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	4	9:15am - Mass
Thurs	5	9:15am - Mass
Fri	6	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - First Friday Novena Mass The Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat	7	9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass
Sun	8	<i>Feast of the Nativity of Mary</i> 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

PRAYING in the SILENCE of the HEART

with Brother Roger of Taizé

Jesus, hope of our hearts,
you dwell in us, and by your Gospel you tell each one of us: "Fear not, I am with you."

PLEASE LET'S LOOK AFTER OUR CHURCH PEWS.



Please do not stand on the kneelers.

This is the way.

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.

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

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

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

ALPHA PROGRAM

I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them.

... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.'

Pope Francis - Evangelii Gaudium #3

Our next Alpha will be starting on Thursday 12 September.

Register now - <https://tiny.cc/AlphaStJohnXXIII> Feel free to call Mei 0410 040 434 or email mei.donnie.velasco@gmail.com for any questions.



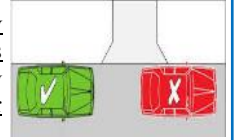
John McCabe
Karen Green
Julian Martin
Suni Fernando

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.



JUNIOR SERVERS



We will be having a training for those who wish to serve as Junior Servers at the altar in our liturgies and masses. Junior Servers assist the Celebrant, Deacons and Acolytes in the Liturgy celebrations.

Open to all boys and girls from age 10 years old and must have received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and (preferably) Confirmation.

Training - Saturday, 14th September, 2-4.30 PM at the Church.

Commissioning - 10:30AM, Sunday, 6th October during mass.

If you are interested or for additional information, please contact the Parish Office or Wira Peiris on 0424 738 484 or via email peiris@yahoo.com.au

The Young at Heart don't stop, we are at it again!!

This time it's a **PICNIC AT THE PARK**. For all seniors of our parish, you are all invited to join the group for a fun picnic at the popular **Nurragingy Reserve, Knox Rd Doonside**.

Wednesday, 25th September after the 9.15am Mass

For more information please contact either Frank 0459 504625 or Trevor 0407 150399



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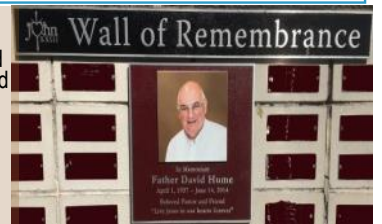
For our parishioners who are planning to buy a Niche, do so without delay, because we always want to prioritise members of our parish who wish to buy the Niches. For further information please contact the Parish Office.

MEMORIAL WALL

The wall in front of the church is devoted to the memory of our deceased family and friends, especially if they are buried overseas.

For any enquiries please email columbarium@john23rd.org.au

The plaques cost \$500.00



Join and be part of the **Cake Angels**
SJ23rd
contact Madeline Huang
cakeangels.sjohn23@gmail.com

ST JOHN XXIII
PRAISE AND WORSHIP
3rd Saturdays at 7:30pm
SJ23rd Prayer Group

YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS CLUB
Young at Hearts Seniors Group contacts
Frank 0459 504625
Trevor 0407 150399

Vinnies
join the good works
Message Rose Franco 0401 387427

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



Join and be part of the
Cake Angels
SJ23rd
contact Madeline Huang
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We're back!!!
29th Sept, Sunday morning masses

Thank you to everyone who participated in our St John 23rd Canonization anniversary event. It was truly another night to remember. A lot of work is involved and this would not have been possible without parishioners' and our schools' participation. There is a lot to be thankful for:

- ★ Our organisers, the Parish Council, a job well done. They were able to band together different groups to provide us with entertainment;
- ★ Our school children and the teachers for their participation; with their beautiful music, wonderful sounding instruments and graceful and energetic dances;
- ★ Our Youth group for being the Masters of Ceremony, taking memorable pictures and taking care of the audio visuals for our performers;
- ★ Our parishioners and parish friends, for the catering: doing the sausage sizzle, providing other delicious dishes and sweets, the sweet fruits and helping in serving out the delicious food and washing the dishes;
- ★ Our choir for leading us in prayer through the beautiful rendition of their music
- ★ Deacon Menard for being an energetic stage hand and hopefully did not tire himself too much;
- ★ And finally to the Very Rev. Peter Williams for officiating the Mass Celebration and Fr Jolly, for all the support he provides for this vibrant parish.



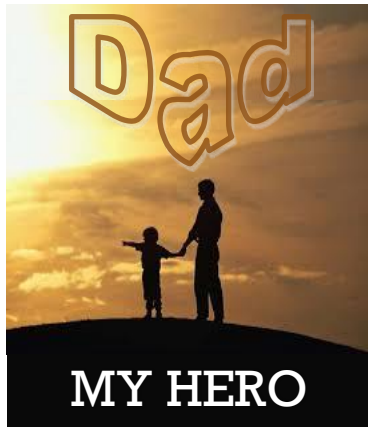
The combination of “the eyes of the blind shall be opened” in Isaiah 35:5 and the Psalm’s “the Lord gives sight to the blind” seems to be preparing the way for an account of the restoration of sight in the Gospel (Mark 7:31-37), but its focus is instead on restoring hearing and speech. In this story, which is shared with Matthew, as with the raising of the young girl (Thirteenth Sunday this year) told also by Matthew and Luke, Mark alone reports the Lord’s command in Aramaic (a Syriac dialect). In this case the Lord’s word is transmitted in Greek transliteration as Ephphatha, but correctly it should be Ethphathach. The mispronunciation perhaps points to a particular fascination with the Lord’s own words in Mark’s Greek-speaking circles, and also to the attribution of magical power to such words that may then be borrowed in magical folk-medicine; think similarly of the conjectured origin of Hocus pocus in Hoc est Corpus from Mass in Latin. However, the Aramaic word is richly connected to the mission of Jesus. The Hebrew in the first reading (Isa 35:4-7) has two synonymous verbs in verse 5 for opening, respectively applied to the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf. The first is not common (it is used eighteen times) and is always said of eyes, except in Isaiah 42:20, where it is used of ears. The second verb is common and refers to the opening of eyes and ears and mouths, but also to the untying of cords and to setting free. This is clear in the Syriac Peshitta’s use of a single verb for both Hebrew verbs in Isaiah and the word Mark reports Jesus using, where it is applicable both to opening the man’s ears to hear and to freeing his tongue to speak clearly. The Septuagint’s version of Isaiah has “will hear” instead of the Hebrew’s second verb, “will be opened”, while the added

translation in Mark matches only the Septuagint’s translation of Isaiah’s first verb. That Greek verb is fitting only for the ears, not for the tongue, so that the man’s becoming able to speak clearly seems to be merely a consequence of the miraculous opening of his ears. Reading both passages via the Syriac, and reading them in parallel as the Lectionary has us do today, reveals the Gospel’s encounter to be more than simply a story of a healing: the episode points to Christ’s redeeming mission as one of liberation, the scene becoming a fulfilment of Isaiah’s prophetic passage in a demonstration of Christ’s mission in the flesh and in the life of an actual person. Furthermore, Mark’s transmission of the Aramaic commands Ethphathach (Be opened/unbound/freed!) and Kūm (Arise!) in 5:41 together sum up Christ’s twofold work: to redeem and raise those doomed to die. Both stories show this at work in the here and now of people’s lives and not merely as a future hope for the end of time. If our mission as Church is to continue Christ’s work, then it is likewise to be carried out among people in our own time. Thus the historical impetus to establish such works as schools, since education sets free from ignorance (which explains why missionaries were so often resisted by the agents of colonial commerce), and hospitals, since curing the sick frees them from ills or caring for them brings relief in time of suffering. But we should not think only in such institutional modes; not every parish can or should establish a school or hospital or hospice, or other such major works, but the question remains for each: What does this community do to proclaim Christ’s saving mission in the lives of real people both near and far?

Happy Father's Day

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea, the generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night, the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle’s flight, the joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need, then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, and so,

He called it ...



Bishop’s Father’s Day Appeal supporting our retired priests

This Father’s Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests’ lifelong gifts of faithful service. They have dedicated their lives to guiding us spiritually and emotionally, often at great personal sacrifice.

Your compassionate donation cares for our clergy’s health and wellbeing during sickness and retirement.

Please give generously to the Bishop’s Father’s Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code.

Thank you.



Vote now for People’s Choice: 2024 Kids’ voices art competition

Click on the link to the competition page and the online voting. Be quick, as voting closes on **Sunday 1 Sept**

<https://catholicoutlook.org/vote-now-for-peoples-choice-2024-kids-voices-art-competition/>



Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church

On Saturday 10 August, the Diocese of Parramatta launched the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church. Our pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 16 months. To download a copy of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, visit parracatholic.org/synodality.



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

SOUL FOOD PODCAST
WHOLESALE 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://pfparrarra.org.au/soulfood/>

Join us this Sunday for a night of fun, faith and fellowship at Ignite.
We will be having a social night, but first, we will join the Sunday 6pm Mass celebration and then head down to the Fiddler Glasshouse for dinner.

IGNITE
18-23 YOUNG ADULTS

6pm Mass followed by dinner at the Fiddler Glasshouse
Sunday 8th September 6pm - 9:30 pm

Marriage Enrichment Day
Marriage is a union between a man and women that mirrors the covenant between God and His Church. It is the beginning of a life-long commitment. The basic building block of the family.

Date: Sunday, 29 September 2024
Time: 12.00 – 2.00 pm
Venue: St John XXIII Catholic Parish Staff Room, 160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens, NSW 2768
Title: THE VOW
Presenters: Anne & Eddie Ferry, Worldwide Marriage Encounter
To book use QR Code below

A good marriage is the heart of the family

CONTACTS

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BLAZE
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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 us to put you in our contacts as well as for any special dietary requirements.
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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
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For all youth ministry enquiries
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