

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.

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.

Gospel Reflection

From last Sunday's gospel reading we have leapt to half way through the next chapter. Immediately before this Jesus went up a mountain to pray all night, and summoning the disciples in the morning he appointed twelve as "apostles". Hence the Lectionary adapts verse 17 for the opening, "Jesus came down with the Twelve". He then finds a great crowd there and he begins teaching them in what is often called the Sermon on the Plain that parallels four sections of Matthew's Sermon on the Mount. Excerpts from this teaching episode form the gospel readings today and the next two Sundays; it is the first time since 2001 that these three linked readings appear together undisturbed by the Lent-Easter cycle. Beyond the Lukan and Matthean versions sharing some material, both have teachings reported elsewhere in the other gospel, but each also has unique elements. Aside from content, the differing context in the two gospels is important: in Matthew, who has the mission directed primarily to fellow Jews, the crowd comes from Jewish regions; in Luke, who has the mission directed to gentiles too, the crowd comes also from the gentile coastal region. Luke's scene connects back to the episode covered on the Second and Third Sundays where Jesus reminded his compatriots that a prophet is not accepted in his own country, pointing out the past examples of Elijah and Elisha working miracles for gentiles, not Hebrews. Here now gentiles have come to hear him and to be healed, along with Jews from Galilee and Judaea.

Both Luke's and Matthew's sermons begin with beatitudes. Luke's form differs from Matthew's, firstly in number, reducing them from eight (plus one) to three (plus one), secondly in adding to corresponding "woes", and thirdly in personalising them to his hearers as "you will..." rather than "they will...". Luke's combination of affirmations and woes prompted the Lectionary's choice of Jeremiah 17:5-8 as first reading for its paired curse and blessing. In turn, its reference to a tree planted by the waterside prompted the choice of Ps 1 for the responsorial Psalm, but borrowing a verse from Ps 40[39] for the refrain. Put together these help emphasise Luke's underlying theme of the necessity of trusting in God in everything.

But turning back to the gospel, a word on translation: Greek's exclamatory makarios, equivalent to Hebrew 'esher that is found mostly in Psalms (e.g., Ps 1:1 and Ps 40[39]:5), mostly translates as happy or blessed, and also be fortunate, lucky, and glad, but none is without shortcomings. Happy is awkward for the oxymoronic "Happy are those who weep", but neither does blessed indicated having been blessed. The expansion of the final one (the plus one) in both Luke and Matthew may point in the right direction, for they switch to the imperative Rejoice. If we re-read the beatitudes then as beginning "Let the poor or hungry or weeping rejoice, for you will..." we see that it is not being poor or hungry or sad that is being praised, but the salvation this is coming, and is now being announced in the mission of Jesus. In the same way in Luke's woes it is the coming correction and not currently being rich or well-fed or happy that is a woe. It does not suggest that the coming good fortune or correction is to be in the hereafter. Indeed Christianity should never be considered like opium for the suffering, impoverished masses, that is, a sop to make oppression bearable; it demands making things right now. Nor is this contradicted in our second reading with Paul telling us that "If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people." While he affirms the future orientation, that is with fulfilment after death, he also rejects that idea that following Christ is merely to make us feel better in this life. This point is then emphasised in the final beatitude and woe: true prophets do not tell people how nice things will be in the future, but rather they call people to correction here and now, and for that they suffer rejection in the here and now. The mission to set the downtrodden free is active, not merely the uttering of platitudes.

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
2nd Sat 7:30pm Indonesian Mass

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

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 please email

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CONTACTS

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Never miss our Bulletin

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our mailing list

✉ communications@john23rd.org.au

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish
community!

Please take a welcome pack from
the church foyer
Visit our website

<http://john23rd.com/>

Like our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/john23rdparish

COELIACS

Those who are gluten intolerant
may receive communion with a
gluten low host. Please inform the
acolyte before Mass.

HOMEBOUND

Homebound and would like to
receive Holy Communion please
contact the parish office or send
text message to Rose Franco on
0401 387427



Office for Safeguarding
Parramatta Way is to:

◆ Act with Justice, and state that
we have a zero tolerance for any
form of abuse or harm to
children or any person

◆ Act with justice and ensure that
laws and obligations are upheld,
and safety is paramount
<https://safeguarding.org.au/>

Praying together

Praying together provides a lot of benefits like strengthening our faith and uniting hearts in our community. Join us and enrich your faith and let the Holy Spirit come to you.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Prayer

O Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke thy most powerful name, which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. O Purest Mary, O Sweetest Mary, let thy name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, O Blessed Lady, to help me whenever I call on thee, for, in all my needs, in all my temptations I shall never cease to call on thee, ever repeating thy sacred name, Mary, Mary.

O what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion fill my soul when I pronounce thy sacred name, or even only think of thee. I thank God for having given thee, for my good, so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely pronouncing thy name: let my love for thee prompt me ever to hail thee, Mother of Perpetual Help. (Then say three Hail Marys).



Rosary and novena prayers
every Tuesday at 7:00PM and
Novena mass every
First Tuesday 7:30pm
please contact either

Techie Sarlabus techie.sarlabus@gmail.com or
Melva Paguinto emcipi85@yahoo.com.au

for the opportunity of having the statue of Our
Lady visit your home, and be included in a roster
below.

Families on the roster, if unable to pick up please
don't hesitate to contact Techie or Melva.

If you would like to invite Fr Jolly or
Fr Bartholomew to join you in prayers at home,
please organise with the parish office.

Rosary Statue Family Roster

	4	11	18	25	
Feb	Loreta	Sebastian	Baluyut	Ruggiero	
Mar	Paguinto	Hala	Lali	Barnouti	
Apr	Deang	Available	Sebastian	Available	Jacob
May	Dennis	Sebastian	Available	Available	
June	Available	Available	Available	Available	

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

HOLY HOUR

Spend an hour in prayer and meditation with
the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday
at 8:00PM



NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Novena Mass to Our Sacred Heart of Jesus
every first Friday of each month at 7:30PM
with exposition and adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament.

PRAYING in the SILENCE of the HEART

with Brother Roger of Taizé

Jesus Christ, we seek you as you
behold us. Your glance comes to
banish the pain from our hearts.
Then you say to us: "Do not worry;
though I am invisible, always I am
with you."

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.

To help with the planning/budgeting of church expenses, we have a Planned Giving Program. We encourage parishioners to register for direct debit or credit card deductions as alternative to an envelope system. Support can be provided via the registration forms are available at the church foyer or from the website or scan the QR Code.

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TapnGo machines available by the entrances.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Ambrose Early Learning

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Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

**DARE
TO BE A
DISCIPLE**



Becoming Catholic - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Catholic Church welcomes people of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life – anyone who has a desire to learn about and enter into a life of faith in Jesus Christ can become a Catholic. The process of becoming a Catholic is a journey of faith and conversion. It is a time to learn about the teachings of the Church, to grow in one’s relationship with God, and to make a commitment to live a Christian life.

Adults who are interested in becoming Catholic can enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program through a local parish. The RCIA program provides participants with a comprehensive understanding of the Catholic faith, including its teachings, history, and traditions and culminates in the individual receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Children who are raised in Catholic families typically receive the Sacrament of Baptism as infants. However, children who are not baptised as infants can also become Catholic through a Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program that has been tailored to their age and level of understanding.

Christians who have been baptised in other Christian denominations can also become Catholic. The process for these individuals typically involves a profession of faith and reception of the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Here are some of the basic steps involved in becoming a Catholic:

Contact a local Catholic parish: Express your interest in becoming a Catholic. The parish will then connect you with an RCIA coordinator who can guide you through the process.

Attend RCIA classes: RCIA classes are typically held once a week and cover a wide range of topics about the Catholic faith, including the Bible, Church history, liturgy, and sacraments.

Participate in retreats and activities: In addition to classes, RCIA participants are also encouraged to participate in retreats, prayer services, and other activities that help them to deepen their faith and experience the Catholic community.

Receive the sacraments: After completing the RCIA program, participants are ready to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. These sacraments are typically celebrated at an Easter Vigil or Pentecost Sunday Mass.

Continue to grow in faith: Becoming a Catholic is not an end point but a beginning. It is a lifelong journey of faith and growth. Catholics are encouraged to continue to learn about their faith, to participate in the sacraments, and to live a life that is consistent with their Catholic beliefs.

<https://parracatholic.org/celebrate/become-a-catholic/>



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is a process universally restored in the Roman Catholic Church in the 1970s to prepare unbaptised adults for membership in the Church. Also called ‘the Catechumenate’, this process of Christian initiation has several stages and ritual steps, leading up to the reception of all three sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, ideally but not necessarily at the Easter Vigil. People undertaking this journey of initiation, unless they have been baptised into another Christian community, are called catechumens. If they have been previously baptised, they are called candidates and, while they normally undertake the same formation in the Catholic faith as catechumens, they are initiated into the Church through Confirmation and Eucharist only.

Stages

There are four stages that make up the RCIA. The first two conclude with a special rite celebrated with and in the presence of the catechumen’s Church community. The third stage ends with the sacraments of initiation, customarily celebrated in the context of the Easter Vigil. The fourth stage is post-initiation.

Stage one is referred to as the Pre-catechumenate or Period of Evangelisation and focuses on helping inquirers to address their many questions as they start out on this journey of faith. It is during this stage that the inquirer is introduced to the account of the life and teachings of Jesus to be found in the gospels and to the community of which they will soon form a part. Once the inquirer believes he or she has made sufficient progress in their understanding, and the community agrees, he or she is formally accepted into the life of the Church as a catechumen or candidate by means of a public rite: the Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens.

The second stage covers the period of formal formation in the Christian faith. Catechumens attend the Sunday Liturgy, traditionally leaving after the Liturgy of the Word for their own time of prayer and instruction. During this period of formation (or catechesis) they are introduced to core teachings of the Church and encouraged to participate in the community’s life of service to those in need. Over an extended period of time, they and the community discern their growth in understanding of the Christian life and contemplate their willingness and ability to put that into practice. When it has been discerned that the catechumen is ready to take the next step, it is ritualised in the Rite of Election or Enrolment of Names. It is during this rite that the community acknowledges and celebrates God having chosen the catechumens and candidates for full initiation into the Body of Christ.

Having been put forward for the sacraments of initiation, the elect (which is the title for the catechumens and candidates now that they have transitioned into this stage) enter the third stage. When the sacraments are to be celebrated during the Easter Vigil, this third stage corresponds with the Lenten season. This third stage is called the Period of Purification and Enlightenment and is marked by three community celebrations, traditionally called Scrutinies. The Scrutinies are, from the point of the view of the elect, an opportunity for healing and forgiveness as they leave their old life and continue their journey into the new. From the point of view of the community, the Scrutinies provide an opportunity to pray for the elect and to renew its own commitment to ongoing repentance and renewal. The Scrutinies take place on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. This stage culminates in the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Becoming-Catholic-The-Rite-of-Christian-Initiation-of-Adults>

Community Events



Building our Community
TOGETHER

As a community of St John 23rd, 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.

February Calendar

Mon	17	8:30am - Mass
Tues	18	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm—Rosary prayers Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	19	9:15am - Mass 8:00pm - Holy Hour
Thurs	20	9:15am - Mass
Fri	21	9:15am - Mass
Sat	22	<i>The Chair of Saint Peter (F)</i> 9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass
Sun	23	7:30, 9:00, 10:30am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

UPCOMING Community EVENTS



We will be holding a community yard sale. We are in the planning stage for this event. Anyone interested to participate in this endeavour (as sellers) please contact:

Agnès on 0438 487 050
Nanette on 0404 465 600

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK FR MENARD GASPI

We bade a fond adieu to our beloved Fr Menard last weekend with a sumptuous morning tea.

It is quite amazing, at such short notice, how our community can put together a delicious feast. Thank you to all who have provided sweets and savouries esp. the beautiful delicious cake, to make a memorable farewell to Fr Menard.

We wish him luck in his future endeavours at St. Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill and will continue to pray for his success in his new parish.



WELCOME Fr Bartholemew Chukwu

We welcome our new assistant priest Fr Bartholemew Chukwu this Sunday. Let us all make him feel welcome.

We will be having a morning tea after the 10.30am Mass to celebrate his appointment to our parish..

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.



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

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.

⇒ Grief and Bereavement Support Ministry. (Shalom)

We are looking for members to be part of this great counselling and comforting ministry. If you want to be part of this, a training course will be provided. For more information please contact the parish office or get in touch with Fr Jolly.

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



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



FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

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

The Young at Heart

Our Seniors group, "The Young at Heart" invite all senior parishioners to a coffee morning on Friday, the 21st of February at the church kitchen after the 9.15 am Mass and Benediction.

We would love to see you there. Please contact Frank or Trevor (details in the parish bulletin) if you would like to attend. Please bring along to share, a plate of your favourite snacks. Coffee, tea will be provided.

A gold coin donation would be appreciated.



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

Theresal Susai, Joey Salonga, Irene David

Remembrances:

Emmanuel Cremona, Antonia Cremona, Victor Frances

Anniversary:

Vences Fernando, Gertrude Silva

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.

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

Thanksgiving:

Teresita Maglaya

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



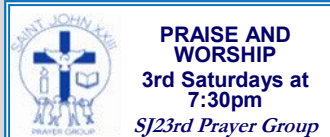
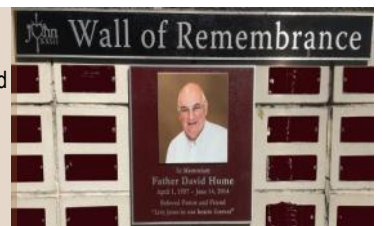
COLUMBARIUM

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
 The plaques cost \$600.00





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

Calling All Young Singers!

Do you have a love for singing and want to use your voice to bring joy to our church? We are looking for children aged **6–12 years** to join our **St John 23rd Children’s Choir!**

If you’re interested in being part of this wonderful group, please reach out to **Maria** at:

0416 228 705

mariajohn14@hotmail.com

Let’s make a joyful noise together!



LOOKING FOR

YOUTH LEADERS

CONTACT US IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!

Email : blaze@john23rd.org.au
Instagram: [@blazeyouthsj23](https://www.instagram.com/blazeyouthsj23)

"Would you like to be a part of a fulfilling ministry, shaping the future of young Catholics?"

BLAZE Youth Group are looking for more youth leaders to help us run our sessions fortnightly!

If you would like to contact us, please feel free to do so via email or Instagram!

Proverbs 22:6 *"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it."*

YOUTH



BLAZE YOUTH
WHO: Year 7 to Year 12
WHEN: 7:00 - 9:00pm
WHERE: St John XXIII College (C Block Bell space)



Please use the QR code to register. For any queries please email on blaze@john23rd.org.au or DM [@blazeyouthsj23](https://www.instagram.com/blazeyouthsj23)



IGNITE YOUNG ADULTS
WHO: 18 - 35 years of age
WHEN: First Sundays of the month
TIME: 7:00 - 9:30pm
WHERE: St John XXIII College Staffroom




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