

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

Each of the four gospels have points of divergence that are sometimes interesting to note. Luke has more points of departure than usual in today's texts. In the processional pericope he does not mention the people using leafy branches (cf. Matthew 21:8 and Mark 11:8) or palms (John 12:8) as they greet Christ, but only their mantles or cloaks. He alone does not include "Hosanna" in the people's greeting, and adds "Peace in heaven and glory" in place of Matthew's and Mark's second "Hosanna", thus both distancing the people's text from Psalm 117(118):26 that the others agree on, and linking it back rather to the angels' song at Jesus' birth (Luke 2:14).

In the Passion reading itself is an oddity too difficult to deal with here: there is great variation among the manuscripts, with Luke having at the Passover meal either two cups, or one in the order of cup then loaf. During the meal Luke alone has a dispute break out among the disciples about who is the greatest, which both Matthew and Mark place while still on the journey to Jerusalem. However, Jesus' response in teaching about the need for the leader to serve corresponds to the unique feature of John's gospel, that of Jesus washing the disciples' feet as a demonstration of service-leadership. The next unique feature in Luke is Jesus' reminding the disciples of when they were sent out without a purse or other things, but then he tells them to take them, and even to sell one's mantle to buy a sword if one currently has none. This is odd advice.

Now let us turn back to the gospel reading on the first Sunday of Lent, the temptations. Only Luke says that when the tempter had finished he left Jesus "until an opportune time". The only time the devil reappears in Luke, but then is named Satan, is to enter Judas before the Passover (or during the meal, according to John—the only other evangelist to mention this). Satan is also mentioned, uniquely to Luke, in a preface to the prediction of Peter's denial. Thus we have temptations continuing, but among the disciples. However, if we take the temptations seriously and remember that anything easily rejected is not a real temptation, or in other words that you can only be tempted with something you actually want, then we see signs that Jesus continued to face temptations. The references to the swords seem to point to his considering actually taking up arms in a rebellion. During prayer in Gethsemane this temptation is finally extinguished, but not without anguish, and he chooses complete submission to the Father's will. Then comes the time for swords, but he orders them put away—though not before one is used, and unique to Luke, Jesus heals the victim's ear. Jesus is then led away to trial.

The most obvious of Luke's remaining divergences can be summarised: 1) Jesus is sent by Pilate to Herod, whose soldiers, not Pilate's, dress and mock Jesus; 2) Jesus greets the women on the way to Calvary; 3) one of the criminals crucified with Jesus begs to be remembered in his kingdom, and he is promised paradise; 4) Jesus does not pray Psalm 21(22):1, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me", but rather Psalm 30(31):5, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit". There, at his last breath he affirms his choice: the rejection of temptations, and trusting submission to the Father's will.

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 <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
1st Fri	7:30pm Novena Mass <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>

Exposition + Benediction

1st Fri	after 9.15am, 7.30pm
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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
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Prayers

Tue	7:00pm Rosary and novena prayers <i>(Church Tabernacle)</i>
Fri	6.30pm Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group parish office <i>Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039</i>
Fri	7:00pm Stations of the Cross & Mass

Special Blessings

Blessing during masses	
1st Sun	Birthday celebrants
3rd Sun	Wedding anniversaries

For any 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

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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

	1	8	15	22	29
Apr	Deang	Ring	Sebastian	Shalini	Jacob
May	Dennis	Sebastian	Ruggiero	Available	
Jun	Available	Available	Ruggiero	Huang	
Jul	1	8	15	22	29
	Available	Tanganan	Ruggiero	Available	Available
Aug	5	12	19	26	
	Available	Available	Sebastian	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.

PERIOD OF LENT - STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:00PM every Friday followed by Mass.

PRAYING in the SILENCE of the HEART

with Brother Roger of Taizé

Holy Spirit, filling the universe, as a
breath of silence you tell each of
us: "Be afraid of nothing. Deep
within you is the presence of God;
seek, and you will find."



"Devotion To The Divine Mercy"

2nd Sunday of Easter,
27th April
SJ23rd Parish
from 4:00 to 5.30pm
followed by the 6pm
Mass.

Caring for our parish 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.

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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TapGo machines available by the entrances.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Ambrose Early Learning

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Entrance Antiphon

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Luke 23:1-49

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. 'You brought this man before me' he said 'as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.' But as one man they howled, 'Away with him! Give us Barabbas!' (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.)

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' And for the third time he spoke to them, 'Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.' But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, "Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

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One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man.' And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



Good to Know

WHAT IS THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Sacred Paschal Triduum is the three most solemn days of the liturgical year; Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. These most holy days celebrate the Paschal Mystery, first, the passion, suffering, and death of the Lord Jesus, followed by his resurrection, the triumph of the holy cross, and Christ's decisive victory over sin and death.

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Sacred Paschal Triduum. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The Paschal Mystery is Christ's work of redemption accomplished principally by His Passion, death, and Resurrection. The single celebration of the **Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.**

No better days!

If there were ever three days that Catholics should want to go to church to pray, it would be the Sacred Paschal Triduum. These days rank at the head of the liturgical calendar. They celebrate the most sacred mysteries of our faith, and they ought to be celebrated with the community at liturgy. The Jews have three high holy days, three pilgrimage feasts, Passover, Pentecost, and Booths, and those who lived outside of Jerusalem made pilgrimage to the Temple to celebrate these solemn occasions.

The three days of the Triduum are our "high holy days," our "pilgrimage feast," and we ought to make pilgrimage from our homes to church to commemorate and honor how the Lord Jesus laid down his life for us, his friends, for our salvation.

Please make it a top priority to go to church to celebrate the Sacred Paschal Triduum this year.

Reserve the time. Rearrange your schedule if necessary. Take some personal time off from work. Suspend errands or jobs around the house. Drop everything. Plan to attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Enter into the mystery.

-excerpt from an article by Father Michael Van Sloun



HOLY THURSDAY

Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when he established the sacrament of Holy Communion and His Institution of the priesthood.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is the day on which Catholics commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

HOLY SATURDAY— EASTER VIGIL

Holy Saturday is the last day of Lent and of Holy Week, and the third day of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, the three high holy days before Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter is the celebration of Christ's Resurrection from the dead. Easter represents the fulfillment of God's promises to humankind. It is the most important holy day on the Catholic calendar.

EASTER SEASON

The Easter season is fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (Easter) to Pentecost Sunday.

<https://stboniface-lunenburg.org/sacred-paschal-triduum>

Community Events



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.

April Calendar

Mon	14	8:30am - Mass
Tues	15	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm—Rosary & novena prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	16	9:15am - Mass 8:00pm - Holy Hour
Thurs	17	<i>The Lord's Supper</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Mass (school hub)
Fri	18	<i>Good Friday</i> 10:00am - Stations of the Cross (school grounds) 3:00pm—Veneration of the Cross (school hub) Church open until midnight
Sat	19	<i>Easter Vigil</i> 6:30pm - Mass
Sun	20	<i>Easter Sunday</i> 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass



EASTER TRIDUUM 2025 SCHEDULE



Maundy Thursday - 17th April 7.30 pm Mass

(School Hub)

Holy hours after the Celebration of Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. The church will be open till midnight.



Good Friday - 18th April

10.00 am Stations of the Cross (St Marks School grounds)

3.00 pm Veneration of the Cross (St Marks School Hub)



Easter Vigil - 19th April

6.30 pm Mass (Church)



Easter Sunday - 20th April

7.30 am, 9.00 am, 10.30 am and 6.00 pm (Church)



The RCIA team requests the parish community to pray for the candidates preparing for Baptism & the Sacraments. They will receive the Sacraments at the **Easter Vigil Mass on 19th April 2025.**

We have 10 candidates:

To be baptised: **Jenelle, Jeshurun, Senuri, Ravi & Ronald;**

Together with them these would receive the Sacraments of Confirmation & Holy Communion: **Jayden, Cherise, Charity, Lorraine & Sean**

Please pray for them each day as they go through their final preparation. Thank You
The RCIA team at St John 23rd

EASTER CELEBRATION

Easter Sunday, 20 April, after the 10:30 am mass

EGG HUNT

Kids up to the age 10 years are welcome
1 parent or adult can assist if need be.

For those participating, please stay in the church after the mass and wait for further instructions.



HOT CROSS BUNS ON SALE

\$3.00 each

Easter Sunday, 20th April
during the morning masses



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.



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| John McCabe | Mei Velasco |
| Karen Green | Ajith Lobo |
| Julian Martin | Helen Festejo |
| Suni Fernando | 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 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.

⇒ MUSIC MINISTRY

Calling all singers and musicians!

Do you have a love for singing and want to use your voice to enhance worship in our parish? We are looking for parishioners, young and old alike to join our Music Ministry. You can either start a new choir group or join existing choirs.

If you're interested in being part of this wonderful group, please reach out to Neil Mascarenhas: 0422 445152 | neil.mas@gmail.com

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 Joyce Celestino 0450 001 047 or email joyce_claire16@hotmail.com for any queries.



FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

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



Let's make a joyful noise together and lead the congregation in deepening their faith through music!

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

Eali Chacko, Sirima Peiris

Remembrances:

George M. Castillo, Eufemia M. Castillo

Anniversary:

Reynaldo and Rosalia Saedalan

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, John Todhunter, Dr Bronwyn Andrews, Rosanna John Pellissery, Cindy Dadvias, Christina Properzi, John Tipton, Elizabeth Candame, Jovita Castillo, Ryan Dixon, Margaret Harrison, Carlo Bueno, Peter Dawson, Emma Matoza, Lino Matteazi, Isagani Ocampo, Florentina Elisura, Peter McArdle, Melissa Nava, Cathie Christie, Jerry Bondoc, Elizabeth Langley, Geoffrey Robinson, Obet Dionisio, Bev Osborn, Maria Romeo, Louise Smith, Raymond Lanzona, Jonathan Gemin, Joshua McCarroll, Troy James, Lucas Colleta, Adrian Von Hart, Ksenija Bosnic, Charlie Busuttill, Perla Magculang, Hilary Regan, Zoey Illic, Jakov & Marija Franich, Elsie Knapp, Bev Lewis, Lenka Olivier Talija, Myrna Manalili, Marilyn Nalapo, Dudley Francis, Manuel Sarris, Virginia Santos, Carrie Conolly, Natasha Leitao, Victor Pons, Jerwin McCarron, Valeria Laureta, Mary Phillips, Helen West, Emma Q Fernando, Brendan Prideaux, Fausto Bayot, Jude Newnes, Barbara Thompson, Zena Samar, Ryan Dixon, Imelda Vinluan, Chet Catapang, Rosie Carbonel Alvin

Thanksgiving:

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



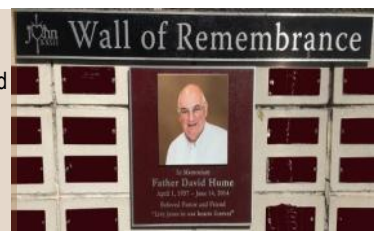
COLUMBARIUM

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



Join and be part of the **Cake Angels**
SJ23rd
contact Madeline Huang
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PRaise AND WORSHIP
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SJ23rd Prayer Group

Young at Hearts
Seniors Group contacts
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Vinnies
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Franciscan Men

Topic: Agony in the Garden: Facing Fear and Vulnerability

With Fr. Pat McCarthy

SUNDAY 13TH APRIL

6:15PM Adoration
Followed by Dinner and Presentation
All Men 18+ Welcome

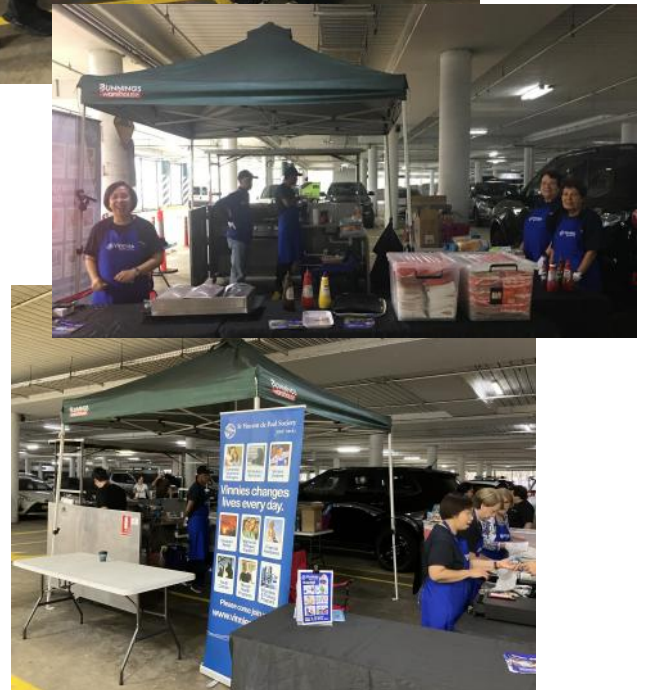
Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents
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Vinnies Successful Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser and Upcoming Event

St Vincent DePaul Stanhope Gardens Conference held a "Sausage Sizzle" fundraiser at Rouse Hill Bunnings on March 30. The event resulted in cooking and selling over 500 sausages, yielding a net profit of \$1,523.78. The success of this event was due to the contributions of over 15 volunteers, including members, their friends and family and parishioners. Donations for purchasing bread and sausages also played a significant role. We appreciate all the parishioners who attended and supported the event.

There are plans for another Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser in the coming months. Those interested in volunteering can contact Roger Perera at 0413 713 911.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to your participation in our next event.



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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 @blazeyouth23

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

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

Please use the QR Code to register for our sessions. For any queries please either email ignite.stjohn23@gmail.com or DM on @ignite_sj23

MORE YOUTH GROUPS	
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Indonesian Mass



Every Second
 Saturday, 7.30pm
 St John 23rd Church

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 (Indonesian Language)

Risen Lord Community Praise & Worship Night



7.30pm

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