

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

Melchizedek is an enigmatic character of whom so little is known that over the millennia the few scriptural references to him have become potent seeds in fertile imaginations. In the Hebrew Scriptures he is mentioned only twice, in Genesis 14:18-20 and Psalm 109(110):4, today's first reading and responsorial psalm. All the first text has to say is that he was King of Salem, that he brought bread and wine to Abraham who was returning from battle, that he was a priest of God Most High (even though he is technically a Gentile), and that Abraham gave him a tithe of the spoils. Since these last two points are at odds with later understandings of the Law, the whole episode and person was subject to much anachronistic discussion and conjecture in Talmudic texts. The psalm's reference is not in itself clear in meaning, though we may assume it was at the time of composition. The discrepancies between the Hebrew and Greek versions of the preceding verse then point to later confusion and further complications. With all this came a lack of clarity, ever an invitation to creative invention. There are signs of much of this in ancient mystical and apocalyptic literature, some of which appear to be behind the interpretation in our Hebrews 7 that is then applied to Christ. Melchizedekian mysticism is a truly weird world too complicated to enter here, but we may note the trace of it in our Roman Canon's reference to "the offering of your high priest Melchizedek" that the former translation had augmented to "the bread and wine offered by your priest Melchizedek". The recent correction, now following the Latin, is justified because Genesis does not have him offering a sacrifice of bread and wine, but merely bringing them out to Abraham and company, it seems as provisions. But the Canon's Latin is also technically incorrect, for he was never called a high priest; in Hebrews it is Christ alone who is the High Priest, but said to be in the order of Melchizedek, whatever that is supposed to mean.

Furthermore, Hebrews never refers to either bread or wine, and so does not associate them with Melchizedek or any priestly activity at all. Nonetheless, Genesis' mention of bread and wine has played a part in eucharistic typology and across the ages from late antiquity they have been depicted as being offered by Melchizedek in art both to Abraham and in sacrifice.

Much more common in even older eucharistic depictions are elements drawn from the gospel accounts of the feeding of the multitudes (Matthew 14:15-21 and 15:32-38, Mark 6:35-44 and 8:1-9, Luke 9:12-17 and John 6:5-13), even though later ages came to overlook these as in any way relevant to the Eucharist. The artistic reference is often no more than as baskets of loaves and fish somewhere within the scene, or even as simple decorations on floors or walls. But even the Roman Canon has a reference to it in the phrase "with eyes raised to heaven", which is found in no Last Supper account; it comes from feeding narratives, such as Luke's today in the variant form "[he] raised his eyes to heaven". Even the ritual handling of the bread in all accounts is the same as that of the bread rite in the Last Supper, described in the verbs took, blessed or thanked, broke and gave. Ancient interpretations saw the feeding narratives both as expressions of the creative power of Christ as God and as demonstrations of his pastoral care as he personally feeds the multitudes via the hands of the apostles who did the actual distribution. This was seen as continuing across the ages via the hands of Christ's ministers. This ancient understanding is important because unlike medieval and later approaches it focuses less on the ordained priest presiding at the Eucharist and more on Christ himself; for even the presiding bishop or presbyter receives the bread and wine that Christ himself takes in his hands and offers to us as his Body and Blood.

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

- Tue** 7:00pm Rosary and novena prayers (*Church Tabernacle*)
- Fri** 6.30pm Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group parish office
Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039

Special Blessings

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

Join & be part of our community.
scan the QR code



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✉ Communications@john23rd.org.au



"Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!" (Ps 27:14)

Please support the Steps of Pope Leo XIV, donate to Peter's Pence 28/29 June

Entrance Antiphon

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading

Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 109:1-4

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.' **R.**

The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes. **R.**

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. **R.**

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.' **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 9:11-17

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



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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.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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

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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 your home, please organise with the parish office.

Rosary Statue Family Roster

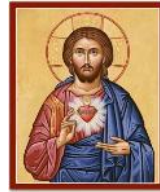
Jun	3	10	17	24	
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Jul	1	8	15	22	29
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Aug	5	12	19	26	
	Jacob	Tangunan	Sebastian	Pangilinan E	
Sep	2	9	16	23	30
	Hala	Valdez	Tangunan	Ring	Barnouti
Oct	7	14	21	28	
	Valdez	Richards	Jacob	Nobleza	

"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.

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.

Commencing 12th June and will finish 21st August with the Holy Spirit weekend on the 25th and 26th July.



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 available at the church foyer or from the website or scan the QR Code.

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TapnGo machines available by the entrances.

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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.

June Calendar

Mon	23	8:30am - Mass
Tues	24	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary & novena prayers Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	25	9:15am - Mass 8:00pm - Holy Hour
Thurs	26	9:15am - Mass
Fri	27	9:15am - Mass
Sat	28	6:00pm - Mass
Sun	29	7:30, 9:00, 10:30am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass



21 June | After 6 p.m. Mass
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 27th July 2025



Join and be
 part of the
Cake Angels

contact Madeline Huang
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or email cakeangels.stjohn23@gmail.com if you would like to offer assistance or food contribution

A very informative presentation last Friday by Savio Gracias Flor, a clinical exercise physiologist.

Another successful event organised by "The Young at Heart."

Savio gave us insights into the purpose and benefits of physical exercises, each to suit individual capabilities and needs. A number of our seniors together with Fr Bartholomew attended the presentation. We are sure all went home impressed, motivated and energized to engage in exercises to keep fit and healthy.



What does the Solemnity of Corpus Christi celebrate?

Also known as the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, this feast honors Jesus Christ, Really, Truly, and Substantially Present under the appearances of bread and wine. This Presence happens through the change which the Church calls transubstantiation (“change of substance”) when at the Consecration of the Mass, the priest says the words which Christ Himself pronounced over bread and wine, “This is My Body,” “This is the chalice of My Blood,” “Do this in remembrance of Me.”

In 2025, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is on June 19, but it is transferred to Sunday, June 22 in some dioceses.

Why do Catholics celebrate Corpus Christi?

The Catholic Church honors Christ’s Presence in the Holy Eucharist with a special feast owing to St. Juliana of Liège, a 13th-century Norbertine canoness from Belgium. She had a great love for the Eucharist. When she was 16, she had a vision in which the Church was a full moon with a dark spot. The dark spot signified that the Church was missing a feast dedicated solely to the Body and Blood of Christ. Even though she had this vision several times, St. Juliana didn’t think that she could do anything to help institute this feast. Therefore, she kept it a secret for many years. Once she was elected prioress, she finally told her confessor, who in turn told the bishop. This eventually led to the Universal Feast of Corpus Christi.

Why is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi important?

The Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life” (Second Vatican Council, *Lumen Gentium*, no. 11). In the Eucharist, Jesus Himself re-presents for our benefit His Sacrifice on Calvary (Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:26-29), gives Himself to us in Holy Communion (Exodus 16:4, 35; John 6:1-14, 48-51), and remains among us until the end of the age (Luke 24:13-35; Matthew 28:18-20). He comes to us in this humble form, making Himself vulnerable, out of love for each one of us. Yet, as God Himself, the Body and Blood of Christ deserve our utmost respect and love, as well as our adoration.

St. Thomas Aquinas, Hymn “Tantum Ergo”

Down in adoration falling, Lo! the sacred Host we hail; Lo! o'er ancient forms departing, Newer rites of grace prevail; Faith for all defects supplying, Where the feeble senses fail.

When is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi?

The traditional date for Corpus Christi is the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, itself the Sunday after Pentecost. Thursday was chosen because it was the day on which the Last Supper was celebrated. Many ecclesiastical provinces (e.g. United States), however, celebrate it on the following Sunday, so that more people can attend. Where it occurs on Thursday, it is a Holy Day of Obligation, that is, Catholics must participate in the Mass.

What is the Corpus Christi procession?

Whenever the Eucharist is exposed for the adoration of the people, it is placed in a sacred vessel called a Monstrance, whose clear glass permits the viewing of the Sacred Host. Such Exposition can take several forms, on the altar in a parish, for adoration and prayer, public devotions such as Eucharistic Benediction, and public processions on Corpus Christi, or at other times. In Catholic countries, such processions often go throughout the city. The faithful usually sing and pray, all in honor of our Eucharistic King. This practice began in the 14th century, and it has been promoted by popes, councils, and saints as a wonderful way to show the supreme importance of the Eucharist and the love that we have for Him.

What is the Holy Eucharist?

The Holy Eucharist is the greatest of the seven sacraments. The Catholic Church teaches that in the Eucharist, Our Lord Jesus Christ, true God, and true man, is really, truly, and substantially, present under the appearances of bread and wine. Our Lord is not merely symbolized by the bread and wine; nor is He present only through the faith of those present. Rather, the two material things, bread and wine, are completely changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, leaving behind only their sensible appearances. Thus, through the words of consecration spoken by the priest, Jesus, without ceasing to be present in a natural way in heaven, is also present sacramentally, in Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, wherever the consecrated elements are present.

Is the Eucharist biblical?

The Eucharist is discussed many times in Sacred Scripture in its root meaning “to give thanks” (Psalm 9:1, Isaiah 12:1,4; Colossians 3:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:18). Giving thanks, or blessing God, was the essential element of the prayers of temple, synagogue, and daily life for Israel. There are many instances, as well, in the Old Testament where the Eucharist is foreshadowed even in its sacramental forms, such as Melchizedek’s offering of bread and wine (Genesis 14:18–20), the Passover (Exodus 12:1-14), and the manna which sustained Israel until it could enter into the Promised Land (Exodus 16:13-17).

Christ likewise always gave thanks to His Father for His good gifts. This is recorded especially in contexts where He anticipated the forms of new covenant worship. These include the wedding feast of Cana (John 2), changing water into wine, the two multiplication of loaves miracles (Matthew 14:13-21; Matthew 15:32-39), multiplying substance to satisfy the needs of all, and His explanation of the Eucharist in the Bread of Life Discourse (John 6). Finally, at the Last Supper, He instituted the Eucharist, as the normative way of commemorating His Paschal Sacrifice on Calvary, commanding that we do this until He comes again (cf. 1 Corinthians 11).

What happens when we receive Holy Communion?

In Holy Communion, by obeying Jesus’ command to eat His Flesh and drink His Blood, the faithful are personally united with Jesus Himself. It is fitting that we don’t receive just a mystical Jesus, a spiritual Jesus, much less a metaphorical or symbolic Jesus. Jesus took our human nature (body and soul) at the Incarnation, His Body was nailed to the Cross and His Blood poured out in His death, and on Easter, He rose with His Body and Soul. He continues to give us salvation and grace, immediately and directly through His Incarnate Sacred Body and Blood, just as He saved us, and just as He promised in John chapter 6.

Is Jesus present in the Eucharist?

From the earliest days of the Church Christians have believed that Christ was present in the Eucharist, but they did so without theory or explanation. St. Paul simply admonished the Corinthians against sacrilegious reception (1 Corinthians 11), but about 160 AD St. Justin wrote the first effort at an explanation, in his *Apologia* to Emperor Antoninus Pius.

For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Saviour, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise have we been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh.

In the Middle Ages, the character of this change was explored and systematically developed by theologians, especially St. Thomas Aquinas. Thus, the Council of Trent taught against the theories of some of the Reformers, that Christ is really, truly, and substantially present.

His Presence is real because it has a “real being.” This philosophical term conveys that it has actual existence, and not just mental existence (as a fictional creature or a concept of a thing would).

His Presence is true. Truth refers to an accurate statement of reality. The Blessed Sacrament is called Christ because it is Christ. It is not simply a symbol, as a flag is the symbol of a nation, or as a photograph is a representation of the individual shown.

Finally, His Presence is substantial. Even though our senses detect the appearances or properties of bread and wine, the substance is Christ, Who is wholly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, under each element, and any parts of them.

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Adoration is the act of adoring Our Lord, present in the Most Holy Eucharist. Often, parishes will have perpetual adoration or set times each month when the faithful can adore the Eucharist. People will frequently spend an hour with Jesus. This is known as a “Holy Hour.”

St. Therese of Lisieux said, “It is not to remain in a golden ciborium that He comes down each day from Heaven, but to find another Heaven, the Heaven of our soul in which He takes delight.”

Why should we make a Holy Hour?

“The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.” (CCC, 1380)

What do you pray during Eucharistic Adoration?

There are no set prayers that you must pray during Adoration. You could pray your personal prayers or traditional prayers of the Church, such as the Holy Rosary. You could also read Sacred Scripture or another devotional book, or even spend your time in silence with the Lord.

*For more reading please check the EWTN site
<https://missions.ewtn.com/seasonsandfeastdays/corpuschristi/>*

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



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

⇒ 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

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



PARISH WHATSAPP COMMUNITY

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We will be having formation and training to parishioners who wish to serve at the altar in our liturgies and masses. This includes for the:

- Ministers of the Word proclaims the Scriptures and commentate in Liturgies. Open to all men and women age 18 and above.
- Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion distributes the Holy Communion during Liturgies and is also called to give Holy Communion to the sick and homebound.

For expressions of interest or further information, please contact the Parish Office.

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

Geoff Rooney

Remembrances:

Anniversary:

Luz Borromeo

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

Thanksgiving:

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

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

For donation, please contact James David on 0413 787596



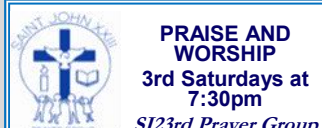
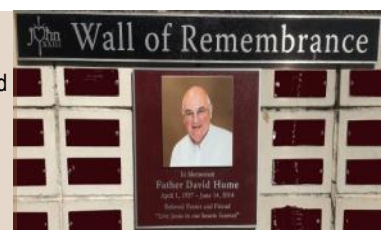
COLUMBARIUM

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/>

4 - 25 June - MINISTRY OF CARE COURSES

Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course on the Ministry of Care. It will be held every Wednesday evening in June at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Attend all 4 sessions to receive a certificate of completion or just attend the session(s) that interest you. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to reserve a spot. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0488 000 211.

19 June or 17 July - MUSIC WORKSHOP

Copyright can be a tricky thing to navigate. Come and learn all about your requirements for reporting music use at Mass, the different types of copyright licensing available, and much more.

This workshop will be led by from MET Music Formation Facilitator Eric Grella. Please note that this workshop is being offered on 2 separate dates at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown: 19th June & 17th July, 7-9pm (no need to attend both). Please [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP.

(<https://parracatholic.org/events/music-workshop-19june/#register>)

7 - 25 September 2025 - ADULT JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

Led by Rachael, a passionate Lay Augustinian and seasoned pilgrimage leader, this journey is deeply enriched by her personal connection with Pope Leo XIV - the first Augustinian Pope. With special access to the Augustinian house in the Vatican and reflections shaped by years of ministry and friendship, this pilgrimage offers more than just travel - it's a spiritual encounter. Register [HERE](#), (<https://parracatholic.org/events/jubilee-pilgrimage-2025/>) or to download a copy of the itinerary [CLICK HERE](#) (<https://parracatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Adult-Jubilee-Pilgrimage-Itinerary-Harvest-NO-QR-CODE.pdf>)! Payment due 7 July

Whispers of Nature

01/06/25 - 30/06/25

Don't miss this opportunity to add a unique piece of art to your collection. Visit the Dennis Johnson Library, Stanhope Gardens, NSW-2768, from 1 June to 30 June 2025 to experience this exquisite art showcase.

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Blaze Term 2 Dates

Please pray for the realization of our preposed parish office and extension and gathering hall

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Youth Ministry

BLAZE YOUTH
WHO: Year 7 to 12
WHEN: 7:00 - 9:00pm
WHERE: St John XXIII College (C Block Bell space)
 For any queries, please email us at blaze@john23rd.org.au or DM [@blazeyouthsj23](#) on Instagram and Facebook"

IGNITE YOUNG ADULTS
WHO: 18 - 35 years of age
WHEN: First Sundays each 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](#)

LOOKING FOR YOUTH LEADERS

CONTACT US IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
 Email: blaze@john23rd.org.au
 Instagram: [@blazeyouthsj23](#)

MORE YOUTH GROUPS			
CRL <i>(Community of the Risen Lord)</i>	Rojith de Silva 0405 9563210 Nimeshi Fernando 0417 101009	YFC (Youth for Christ) Australia International	Dominic Lim 0468 826253 (Aus) Ronan Limguangco 0478 629629 (Int'l)

Indonesian Mass



Every Second
 Saturday, 7.30pm
 St John 23rd Church

Please come and celebrate
 The Eucharist together
 (Indonesian Language)

Risen Lord Community Praise & Worship Night



7.30pm

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