

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**

Our Lectionary emphasises the priority of Peter by having stories of him for the first readings at both the Vigil (Acts 3:1-10) and during the day (Acts 12:1-11) and the Gospel readings (John 21:15-19 and Matt 16:13-19). In between each set Paul testifies for himself (Gal 1:11-20 and 2 Tim 4:6-8,17-18), the first concerning his conversion from persecutor to propagator of the Church, the second concerning his mission as it was drawing to its end.

The first reading's story of deliverance from prison (Acts 12:1-11) is interesting for there is no mention of any key to open and close or bind and unbind, yet double chains fall off St Peter, and an iron gate opens of its own accord; the keys that unbind and unlock are clearly "spiritual". The story intriguingly evokes Matthew's version of Peter's commission in today's Gospel (Matt 16:13-19). Secondly, with the setting of the escape stated to be Passover week, contrasting parallels with the Lord's resurrection are apparent: instead of resting in the sleep of death in a tomb, Peter sleeps in a prison; instead of binding cloths, there are chains; instead of a stone to close the opening, there is an iron door. However, in both accounts guards sleep on the job. The major contrast occurs when the story continues beyond the Lectionary's pericope, for Peter goes to the closed house where disciples are gathered in prayer, but unlike the risen Lord he is unable to enter and so stands outside knocking while

disbelieving disciples refuse to open to him. Psalm 34(33):2-9 continues the theme of being rescued and set free, but when we come to the second reading (2 Tim 4:6-8,17-18) there is no expectation of rescue in the sense of being saved from prison; rather there is a sense of being saved to the kingdom of heaven. Whether in being freed to proclaim the kingdom of God and the good news of salvation in Christ, or in being executed as a witness to that same kingdom and faithfulness to Christ, Peter and Paul poured out their lives in offering, a self-giving for that which they held dear, the kingdom of God, and Christ Jesus their Lord.

But there is the extraordinary feature to which familiarity makes us almost indifferent: these two men were flawed, both one-time deniers of Christ, the one by publicly disowning him at the time of the trial, the other by persecuting his disciples, and yet they are crucial in the founding of the Church. The very celebration of them is testimony to the Church's mission to proclaim the good news of forgiveness in Jesus Christ, who looks past the wrong we have done. From whom is the message of mercy most powerfully heard—from the faultless, or from the redeemed? In Peter and Paul we are reminded of who we are as a Church: not a community of the righteous perfect, but of repentant sinners.

**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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Tues** 7.30pm Novena Mass  
*Our Lady of Perpetual Help*  
**1<sup>st</sup> Fri** 7:30pm Novena Mass  
*Sacred Heart of Jesus*

**Exposition + Benediction**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sun** Birthday celebrants  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sun** Wedding anniversaries

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✉ [Communications@john23rd.org.au](mailto:Communications@john23rd.org.au)

### Entrance Antiphon

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

### First Reading

*Acts 12:1-11*

*Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.*

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' - and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 33:2-9*

**R. The Lord set me free from all my fears.**

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R.** Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued his from all his distress. **R.**

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**

### Second Reading

*2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18*

*All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Matthew 16:18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Matthew 16:13-19*

*You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### Communion Antiphon

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.



## CONTACTS

### PARISH OFFICE

#### Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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### CLERGY

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### Never miss our Bulletin

If you would like to be included in 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](http://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

Techie Sarlabus [techie.sarlabus@gmail.com](mailto:techie.sarlabus@gmail.com) or

Melva Paguinto [emcipi85@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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 your home, please organise with the parish office.

### Rosary Statue Family Roster

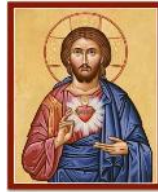
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Aug	5	12	19	26	
	Jacob	Tangunan	Sebastian	Pangilinan E	
Sep	2	9	16	23	30
	Hala	Valdez	Tangunan	Ring	Barnouti
Oct	7	14	21	28	
	Valdez	Richards	Jacob	Nobleza	
Nov	4	11	18	25	
	Available	Available	Available	Available	

"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  
Holy Spirit,  
enable us to turn toward you at every moment. We so often forget that you are dwelling in us, that you are praying in us, that you are loving in us. Your presence in us is trust and constant forgiveness.

### 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](mailto:joyce_claire16@hotmail.com) for any queries.

**Alpha has commenced 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.



TapnGo machines available by the entrances.

## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Ambrose Early Learning

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### Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Attila Lendvai

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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.

# UPCOMING Community EVENTS

### SAVE THE DATE

Angel's cake stall 27th July 2025



Join and be  
part of the  
**Cake Angels**

contact Madeline Huang  
huang64@gmail.com

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

### ✂ Growing in Faith & Fellowship ✂

#### Let's Build Our Parish Community Together!

As we continue to grow as a faith-filled family at St John XXIII, we invite every parishioner to take a simple yet meaningful step:

☺ Introduce yourself to one person or family you don't already know after Mass. Whether it's a friendly smile, a warm handshake or a quick hello, your kindness can make a big difference in making everyone feel welcome and valued in our parish.

Let's strengthen our bonds, one conversation at a time. The Church isn't just a building — it's the people and we are the Body of Christ.

*"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."*  
– Romans 15:7

### Confirmation Enrolment Parent Meeting

For children in Year 6 and above who have made their First Communion.

**Wednesday 2nd July at 7pm in the Church.**

### Heartfelt thank you from Vinnies members for your incredible support during last weekends Soup Night

The members of St. Vincent de Paul Stanhope Garden Conference truly showcased their talents by preparing a delightful assortment of soups, including Chicken & Veg, Lentils, Pumpkin, Minestrone, Congee, and Burmese Laksa.

These delicious soups were sold after the Saturday vigil mass, with the remaining ones sold on Sunday.

We are absolutely thrilled to share that the night was a success, with nearly 100 soups sold! A special thank you goes out to all the parishioners who purchased soups and made donations. Your generosity helped us raise an impressive \$609.50 from sales and an additional \$160 from donations.

The funds raised will be used to purchase essential items for families experiencing financial hardships and homelessness due to loss of jobs, health issues, or mental illnesses. Your unwavering support has made a significant difference in the lives of those in need.

Thank you once again for your kindness and for making this event such a memorable success.



## June Calendar

Mon 30 8:30am - Mass

## July

Tues 1 9:15am - Mass  
7:00pm - Rosary prayers  
7:30pm - Novena Mass  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wed 2 9:15am - Mass  
8:00pm - Holy Hour

Thurs 3 *Saint Thomas (F)*  
9:15am - Mass

Fri 4 9:15am - Mass  
7:30pm - Novena Mass  
Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sat 5 6:00pm - Mass

Sun 6 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am - Mass  
6:00pm - Mass

What is Peter's Pence

The concrete participation in the needs of the universal ecclesial community has taken different forms throughout history. These collections and donations by the individual faithful or entire local churches raise the awareness that all the baptized have always been called to materially sustain the work of evangelization and at the same time to help the poor in whatever way is possible.

**PETER'S PENCE IN THE SCRIPTURES**

*A practice originating in the Holy Scriptures*

In his public life, dedicated to the proclamation of the Good News, Jesus received material aid to support himself with the group of the twelve Apostles (Lk 8:1-3). With this aid they also assisted those most in need (Jn 12:4-7). After Pentecost, in the time of the Church, the need was felt to support those who dedicated themselves fully to the proclamation of the Gospel (1 Tim 5:17-18). Saint Paul, in the Churches he founded, instituted the collection in support of the Mother Church of Jerusalem, which faced serious economic difficulties. He wrote in the First Letter to the Corinthians (16:1-4): "Concerning the contribution for the saints: as I directed to the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that contributions need not be made when I come. And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me".

This concrete participation in the needs of the community took on various forms throughout history, giving rise to the awareness that all the baptized are required to support, also materially and according to their means, the work of evangelization and at the same time to assist those most in need everywhere in the world.

**PETER'S PENCE: SOME HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

*In the journey of the Church*

The Peter's Pence, as a donation to the Successor of Peter, took on a stable form in the seventh century, with the conversion of the Anglo-Saxons, in connection with the feast of the Apostle Saint Peter, to whom Jesus entrusted His Church. It then grew during subsequent centuries, with the adherence of other European peoples to Christianity, always as a contribution of gratitude and devotion to the Pope, as an expression of the unity of the Church, and of ecclesial co-responsibility.

The term "Peter's Pence" was used since Medieval times to identify the censo, or the annual contribution paid to the Holy See by the States or local lordships under the sovereignty of the Pope. With the Protestant Reformation and the end of the feudal system, these relations between the European monarchies and the Pope came to an end. In the modern age, shortly before the end of the Papal State (1870) and the loss of income from territorial possessions, a surprising initiative to offer material aid to the Pope arose throughout Europe and overseas. This affectionate reaction of Catholics was of great comfort and encouragement to the Pope. Also, in that period of crisis, the Holy Father took care of the most afflicted (we recall, for example, the disastrous earthquake in Croatia in 1881), allocating a part of Peter's Pence. Indeed, the support received by the Pope could not but be shared with those who found themselves in a situation of grave need, thus expressing the solicitude of a father who cares for all his children: to receive in order to give, and to give to those who are most in need at that time.

**PETER'S PENCE AIM**

- ◆ *To support the Holy Father's mission*, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by *the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See* who assist him every day.
- ◆ *To support the numerous charitable works* in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development.

<https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/cos-e-l-obolo/storia.html>



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

*"Take part in the steps of Leo XIV with your donation to Peter's Pence."*

With these words, the Vatican is encouraging Catholics to participate in the collection to support the Holy Father in his mission at the service of the universal Church.

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

## Pastoral Ministries

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. Mahatma Gandhi  
We are in urgent need for volunteers to assist in the different pastoral ministries in our Parish.



## WE NEED YOU

### ⇒ SRE Teachers

If you could spare an hour during weekdays to spread God's word teaching the scriptures to children, **WE NEED YOU**. We currently have 4 public primary schools and a high school in our parish where we hold scripture classes during school hours for 30 minutes during Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For more information please call Asoki 0430 020265 or Renuka 0414 795814. Training and resources will be provided.

### ⇒ GARDENERS AND CLEANERS

Now that the church is open for celebrations, its floors need to be swept of dust, cobwebs brushed off, candle stands cleaned and garden kept green. We would like to request all our volunteer cleaners and gardeners to come back and continue their ministry. For more information contact [maintenance@john23rd.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:neil.mas@gmail.com)

### FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

For donation, please contact James David on 0413 787596



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

## 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:

Henrique Baldino, Tricia Batongbacal

### Anniversary:

### 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, Joel Guilas, Alvin, Babies with Blister disease

### Thanksgiving:

Merita Fernando

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



### PARISH WHATSAPP COMMUNITY

Join the St John 23rd Parish WhatsApp Community!

Scan the QR code to stay connected with the latest parish communications, updates and events. Be part of our faith-filled community and never miss what's happening a St John XXIII Parish!



### 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.

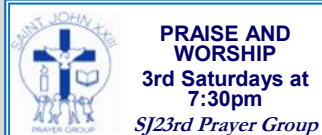
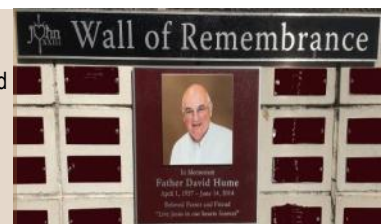
### COLUMBARIUM

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

### MEMORIAL WALL

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

For any enquiries please email [columbarium@john23rd.org.au](mailto:columbarium@john23rd.org.au)  
The plaques cost \$600.00





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

**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

**30 November to 2 December - AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL**

The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Australian Church at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne from 30 November to 3 December 2025!

Join thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable festival featuring inspiring guest speakers, artists, and musicians.

For more details and to express your interest, [CLICK HERE](#) (<https://parracatholic.org/connect/acyf/>) or email [hannab.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannab.portelli@parracatholic.org)

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**4th July**

We hope to see you all at St John XXIII College Bell space from 7pm-9pm.

If you have any questions or enquiries, please feel free to email us! If you would like to keep up with what we do please follow us on Instagram [@blazeyouthsj23](#).

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

**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](mailto: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 [gnite.stjohn23@gmail.com](mailto:gnite.stjohn23@gmail.com) or DM on [@ignite\\_sj23](#)

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CONTACT US IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

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**MORE YOUTH GROUPS**

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