

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

All or various combinations of the appointed readings may be used today. The Vigil's first reading's story of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9) is a mythological explanation for the fact that humankind has many languages, and it is told in a way that owns the two-sided nature of languages: they both unite and divide. Language is an abstract tool wielded by society as a whole as the supreme instrument of cooperation, but it also delineates one society or people from another; language aids cooperation within a group, and lack of it inhibits working with others. This is a key for interpreting the account of Pentecost read at Mass during the day (Acts 2:1-11), when the many languages cease to divide, and God is proclaimed (in both senses of preached and worshipped) equally in all languages. Here is a new model for drawing the people of all nations together in a new work in Christ, united by his Spirit.

The Vigil's second reading (Exodus 19:3-8,16-20) is part of the long narrative of the giving or revelation of the Covenant and Law (the Torah) on Sinai that is the ultimate source of the image of the descent of the Lord "in the form of fire". Study of the Torah is at the heart of the Jewish observance of Shavuot (Pentecost). However, the context of our Vigil's gospel reading (John 7:37-39) is another festival, Sukkot (Booths), the harvest festival six months after Pentecost. Booths acquired symbolic interpretation as celebrating the ingathering of the people to the Holy Land at the end of the sojourn in the wilderness after the escape from Egypt. On the verge of entering the Holy Land, Moses enjoined on them faithfulness to the Covenant and Torah, so this feast also emphasises the study of Torah. Water played a prominent part in the festivities, being drawn each day at Siloam, taken in procession to the Temple, and poured on the altar with the people singing from Psalm 117(118):25-26 "O Lord, save us [Hoshiah na] ... Blessed is he who comes in the Lord's name" while waving greenery, including palms. This is the context of Christ's exclaiming

"If anyone thirsts ..." (John 7:37), and John then links the pouring of water with the bestowing of the Spirit. Thus John brings together imagery from the festival of Booths with Christ's entry into Jerusalem at Passover and with the bestowing of the Spirit, so that in effect he weaves the three primary Jewish feasts of revelation together as one around the person of Christ: he is the Passover lamb, he gives the New Commandment (love one another), and he promises and bestows the Holy Spirit who will teach the commandments.

An oddity in John's text in the Vigil is the claimed citation from Scripture, "From his breast shall flow fountains of living water", for it matches no known verse. But it may belong to versions of either of two prophetic texts associated with the feast of Booths, Zechariah 14:8, "On that day living waters shall flow from Jerusalem", and Joel 3(4):18, "a spring shall flow out from the house of the Lord". The Vigil's fourth reading is also from Joel (3:1-5, or 2:28-32 in some editions), which is thus also related, and pertains to a new rescue and a regathering to the land of Israel.

The Vigil's third reading, Ezekiel 37:1-14, also speaks of a regathering to the land of Israel, but it includes the evocative imagery of dead bones reassembling into bodies (strangely akin to any number of modern movies) and being imbued anew with a living breath. However, an aspect of this image is not far from the Acts reading on Sunday morning: the disciples are in effect hidden away, and are like dead people, but with the inbreathing of the Spirit they draw a new breath as a newborn body and step forth to proclaim the marvels of God. Both Masses include a reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, and both dwell on the life-giving and invigorating Spirit that makes the community of disciples live the divine life.

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

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scan the QR code



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✉ Communications@john23rd.org.au

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SEMINARY

We would like to appreciate and **THANK** all those who were able to support our Bishop's (Good Shepherd) appeal to support our Seminarians in formation. If you were still not able to be here on that day and still would like to support them, envelopes are available at both entrances of the church. Once again Thank you for your generosity in supporting our future priests in the Diocese.

Entrance Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

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Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-16, 23-26

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



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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

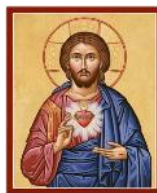
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Aug	5	12	19	26	
	Jacob	Tangunan	Sebastian	Pangilinan E	
Sep	2	9	16	23	30
	Hala	Valdez	Tangunan	Ring	Barnouti
Oct	7	14	21	28	
	Valdez	Richards	Jacob	Available	

"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.

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.



TapnGo machines available by the entrances.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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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	9	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> 8:30am - Mass
Tues	10	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary & novena prayers Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	11	<i>Saint Barnabas (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 8:00pm - Holy Hour
Thurs	12	9:15am - Mass
Fri	13	<i>Saint Anthony of Padua (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Sat	14	6:00pm - Mass
Sun	15	<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i> 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

UPCOMING Community



Good luck, **Anthony Matthews**, all the best for the future. Thank you for all your contribution to our SJXXIII Parish.



Join and meet our Alpha Team for a cuppa soup. Find out about Alpha 7th June, Saturday, after the vigil mass.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

Soup Night

21st June 2025,

Saturday

after the 6pm Mass



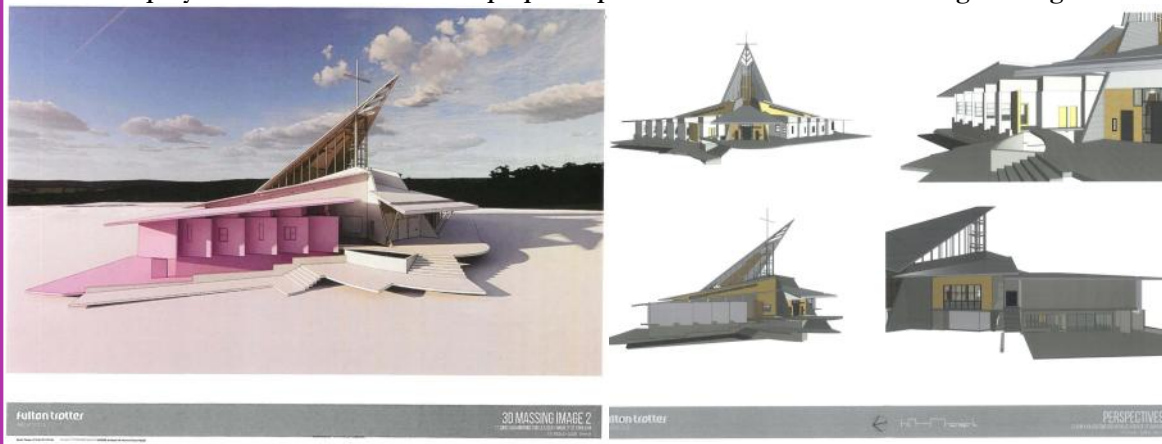
The Young at Heart

Our Seniors' group, The Young at Heart, invites all seniors for a presentation by a Clinical Exercise Physiologist, Savio Gracias Flor, a fellow parishioner. **Friday, the 13th of June at church after the 9.15 am Mass and Benediction.** He will talk on general health conditions that we could face with age. He will also touch on topics such as the importance of engaging in avenues of practical exercises. This presentation will be beneficial to all who attend. Hope to see everyone.



To register for interest, please send an email to theyoungatheart@john23rd.org.au or contact the parish office 8883 5981.

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



If you received the sacrament of Confirmation as a teenager, you were most likely asked to memorize a list of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit as part of your preparation. As Catholic Christians, we believe that the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation indelibly mark us as belonging to Christ. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in these sacraments also makes us more attuned to God's voice in our lives, and it is through the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit that we are strengthened each day in becoming the person that God created each of us to be.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are first mentioned in the Old Testament. The prophet Isaiah describes the ideal Davidic king with these words:

The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2-3)

Our Christian faith teaches us that Jesus, the Son of God, expressed each of these attributes of the "spirit of the Lord" in their perfect fullness. Because of our participation in Christ, we, too, are given a share of each of these gifts of the Spirit. Jesus himself assured us of this when he promised that his Father would send the Holy Spirit upon us in his name, to teach us everything and remind us of all that he told us. (John 14:26) It is through these seven gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord—that we grow in holiness and are continually reminded of God's loving presence within us and around us.

It is easy to consider the gifts of the Holy Spirit only in the abstract, without deeply pondering the ways in which they are a part of our everyday lives because of God's goodness and generosity towards us. In reality, these seven gifts have a variety of expressions that are unique to us as individuals.

In my own life, I have sometimes experienced fear of the Lord most deeply when looking up at the stars in the countryside on a clear summer's night. I am reminded of God's infinite power and majesty, and His care for the universe and all that is in it. This fear of the Lord is not related to being afraid, but rather consists in being filled with immense wonder and reverence for the one to whom we owe our very existence and the existence of all that surrounds us. Maybe you have experienced the same feeling towards God during a breathtaking sunset or during a significant moment of physical or emotional healing. These are expressions of fear of the Lord, a gift of the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis has spoken at length about each of the seven gifts, and I would like to share some of his descriptions here along with a few comments.

Wisdom: *"the grace of being able to see everything with the eyes of God. It is simply this: it is to see the world, to see situations, circumstances, problems, everything through God's eyes."* One way to think about the gift of wisdom is that it affords us with a supernatural lens with which to view ourselves, others, and all of creation. It helps us to perceive truth, beauty, and goodness and to distinguish those elements from the contrary. Wisdom may come to our aid, for example, when we encounter a person panhandling on a street corner. Instead of reacting in a way that leads us to ignore or judge this person and their circumstances, wisdom gives us the eyes to see this man or woman as a brother or sister in Christ. We may then be moved to pray for them, or even extend our hand in charity, rather than turn a blind eye towards them.

I remember receiving the gift of wisdom in a particular instance a couple years ago when I was living in Syracuse, NY. I encountered a man on a downtown street who would have been easy to pass by and not acknowledge in any way. He had a disheveled appearance and the words that were coming out of his mouth did not seem to make much sense. I felt prompted to say something to him, and so I greeted him. He was friendly, but I still had difficulty understanding him because he had trouble expressing his thoughts and ideas.

As I recall, he revealed to me during the course of our conversation that he had a desire to work on cars and one day even open up his own garage. It was at this point that I was no longer distracted by how this man looked or sounded, but that I could see him as someone very much like myself – a person with interests and desires, a person with hopes and dreams for himself and his life. After this encounter, I realized God had humbled me with the gift of wisdom to see a total stranger as my neighbor and brother, and nothing less.

Understanding: *"a grace...which awakens in a Christian the ability to go beyond the outward appearance of reality and to probe the depths of the thoughts of God and his plan of salvation."* The gift of understanding helps us to ponder deeply God's all-merciful and constant love for each one of us. It grants us keen insights into how the Holy Spirit is actively at work in our daily routines, so that we may better serve the Lord by building his Kingdom here on earth. For example, the gift of understanding may help us to recognize our God-given talents to a greater extent and then discern how to best use them in the service of faith, justice, and evangelization.

Counsel: *"the gift through which the Holy Spirit enables our conscience to make a concrete choice in communion with God, according to the logic of Jesus and his Gospel"* I often associate this gift with the virtue of prudence. Counsel nurtures our interior sensitivity to our conscience, and then aids us in taking the right action with the right intention. We have experienced the gift of counsel when perhaps we were tempted to gossip about a friend or colleague behind their back but then refrained from doing so.

Knowledge: *"a special gift, which leads us to grasp, through creation, the greatness and love of God and his profound relationship with every creature."* This kind of knowledge goes beyond human knowledge and imparts to us knowledge that can only be received through divine gift. In noticing the beauty and the mystery of creation all around us, one receives intimate knowledge of the Creator and Author of all that has been, all that is, and all that will be. One way that knowledge expresses itself is when we recognize, in the depths of our heart, that there is absolutely nothing we can do to earn God's love or to "get on his good side." Rather, the recognition by our souls of the unconditional nature of God's love and mercy for us is one form of true knowledge.

Fortitude: *"the gift [through which] the Holy Spirit liberates the soil of our heart...frees it from sluggishness, from uncertainty and from all the fears that can binder it, so that the Lord's Word may be put into practice authentically and with joy."* The grace of fortitude grants us courage and perseverance so that we may continue to co-labor with Jesus in serving others. It helps us to grow in faith, hope, and love, and to cast off doubt, despair, and destructive patterns of thinking. Fortitude prevents us from becoming faint of heart, and it sustains us in the most trying of circumstances so that we can hold fast to our faith and good works.

Piety: *"...is synonymous with the genuine religious spirit, with filial trust in God, with that capacity to pray to him with the love and simplicity that belongs to those who are humble of heart."* What does filial trust in God look like? With the gift of piety, the Holy Spirit enables us to pray to our Father in heaven with child-like trust and confidence. We offer our praise and thanksgiving to the One who continually draws us toward God's self, like one "who raises an infant to their cheeks." (Hosea 11:4) The gift of piety, for example, is responsible for those instances where we find ourselves praying to the Lord as if by reflex – without hesitation or prior planning. In a way, piety reveals our acceptance of the fact that we are radically dependent on God for all that we need and most deeply desire.

Fear of the Lord: *"the gift of the Holy Spirit through whom we are reminded of how small we are before God and of his love and that our good lies in humble, respectful and trusting self-abandonment into his hands."* Fear of the Lord is a loving and profound reverence for God, rooted in the knowledge and understanding that it is in Him that "we live and move and have our being." (Acts 17:28) There are moments in time and space in which the transcendent is immediately felt, and these give us opportunities to reflect on who we are before the Creator. Fear of the Lord cultivates our sense of wonder and awe in the presence of God, who is Sacred Mystery.

One particular way that we can grow in our awareness of the activity of the Holy Spirit through these seven gifts is through prayer. For example, in particular situations we can ask Jesus for help by petitioning him for specific gifts, such as wisdom or fortitude. We can also pray the daily Examen, where we can review our day with God and recognize moments in which we were inspired by a spirit of understanding, for example. God wishes to abundantly share the gifts of the Holy Spirit with each of us; He asks only for our docility and openness in receiving these gifts freely given. Let us pray that we continue to grow from the graces we received at Baptism and Confirmation and to encourage one another along our pilgrim journey!

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<https://thesuitpost.org/2022/08/catholic-101-gifts-of-the-holy-spirit/>

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
Karen Green
Julian Martin
Suni Fernando
Mei Velasco
Ajith Lobo
Helen Festejo
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

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

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

Remedios Fernadez, Corazon Francisco, Zenaida Amio

Remembrances:

Anniversary:

Trevor Cherry

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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.

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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



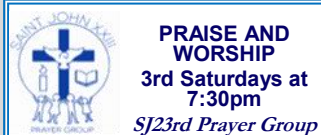
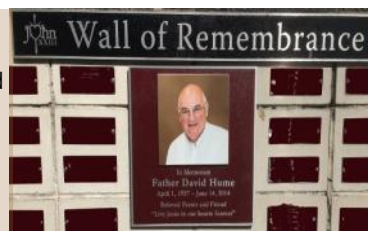
COLUMBARIUM

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.

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**, or to download a copy of the itinerary **CLICK HERE!** Payment due 7 July

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.

Whispers of Nature

01/06/25 - 30/06/25

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13th June and 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](https://www.instagram.com/blazeyouthsj23).

Franciscan Men

Topic: Pentecost: The Strength of the Holy Spirit

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE

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

Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents
 8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville NSW
franciscan.men@gmail.com

Br. Louis Schmid OFM Conv.

Youth Ministry

<p>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"</p>	<p>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 email gnite.stjohn23@gmail.com or DM on @ignite_sj23</p>	<p>LOOKING FOR YOUTH LEADERS</p> <p>CONTACT US IF YOU ARE INTERESTED Email: blaze@john23rd.org.au Instagram: @blazeyouthsj23</p>
MORE YOUTH GROUPS		
<p>CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)</p>	<p>Rojith de Silva 0405 9563210 Nimeshi Fernando 0417 101009</p>	<p>YFC (Youth for Christ) Australia International Dominic Lim 0468 826253 (Aus) Vince Erasmo 0406 253698 (Int'l)</p>

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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