

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

Context determines meaning, an adage as useful in reading Scripture as it was when I first learned it while studying Latin and Greek. The main part of today's pericope (Luke 14:1,7-14) is the second of three episodes (14:2-6, 7-14, and 15-24) that unfold within a single scene described in 14:1, but which does not in itself seem to require a Sabbath setting. The first episode, the omitted healing of a man with dropsy that is unique to Luke, does require a Sabbath setting, as do its parallels in 6:1-11 and 13:10-17 (also omitted from the Sunday Lectionary), and so its location here serves to emphasise the Sabbath setting for the following two parts. When this scene is taken as a whole the logical connection to last Sunday's reading is more apparent. The main connection revolves around the verb "recline", which is lost in translation because it does not immediately communicate to the modern reader the formal dining it implies, and so it often has to be helpfully expanded to make it clear. The norm for formal dining in the ancient Greco-Roman world was to eat while reclining, with well-established etiquette determining the order of each guest's placement with respect to the host. Thus in last Sunday's reading the statement that the people coming from all nations "will recline" became for us "will ... take their places at the feast". Other such instances may include variations on "dine", "sit at table", "share a meal", and "be at a feast".

The other feature making this scene unique to Luke is that it is the only meal reported to be on the Sabbath. It also contains Luke's only two uses of the expression "eat bread", appearing in the first verse, giving way thereafter to the more usual use of "recline", until it is repeated in verse 15, the opening of the third but omitted section. The unique Sabbath context may help explain the use of this less common expression too, for it is a less formal, more relaxed reference to a meal befitting the restrictions of the Sabbath day rest, which makes what is required for formal dining impossible. At this point we need to be cautious not to read backward into first-century practices

the rituals and embellishments of Sabbath meal customs of later centuries; the indications of this period are of simple practices.

Which model—that of the Sabbath, or of a formal meal—is the better one to have in mind when imagining heaven's metaphorical feast? We might well ask, if heaven is like a formal feast, who serves? And what does it say about heaven if some are there to serve and others to be waited upon? The model of the Sabbath meal, compared to other meals, is simpler (the meal having already been prepared), with no need of waiters and service, sometimes perhaps being only bread and accompaniments, and it is more relaxed and familial with less or no attention to status to dictate the order of places. However, Jesus observed the Pharisees (who are watching him closely) picking the places of honour. It seems that at this Sabbath meal they could not break away from the world's social protocols, and so Jesus takes it as a moment for teaching, and his emphasis is that it is better to have rather as guests the poor, the maimed and lame, and the blind—those generally occupying a low social status. These are the very ones referred to in the omitted third part's parable given in response to a fellow diner's exclamation, "Blessed is he who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" In this parable those originally invited to the king's banquet excuse themselves, when the time arrives, due to various worldly concerns, and so they are replaced by those gathered from the highways and hedges, namely the poor, the lame and the maimed, and the blind. The teaching attached to the parable in part three parallels that which is attached to the meal in part two, the pair combining to say that what one does here and now should be modelled on heaven; welcome the poor here and now, and they will welcome you in the hereafter. This point will emerge yet again in the gospel when the Pharisees mock Jesus' teachings on the good use of one's wealth.

#### JEFF HOOD

We welcome Seminarian Jeff Hood into our Parish. Please take sometime to get to know Jeff.

Jeff brings with him a lot of wisdom as a psychologist, psychotherapist and trained spiritual director with a marvelous ability to put together faith and theology with life. As we welcome him into the parish, I hope together with your help, I will be able to assist him and provide him with the opportunities to be a synodal leader and develop the pastoral engagement to be an effective participant in the mission of Jesus Christ in accordance with the vision of our Diocese.

Wishing him a pleasant stay and experience with us.

Fr Jolly Chacko, MS



#### 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

<b>Mon</b>	8:30am
<b>Tues-Fri</b>	9:15am
<b>Sat</b>	9.00am, 6pm Vigil
<b>Sun</b>	7:30am 9am 10:30am 6pm
<b>Holy Cross Primary School</b>	
<b>Wed</b>	9:15am during school days
<b>2nd Sat</b>	7:30pm Indonesian Mass

#### Masses of Devotion

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

#### Exposition + Benediction

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Fri</b>	after 9.15am, 7.30pm
<b>Wed</b>	8:00pm Holy Hour

#### Reconciliation

<b>After the weekday masses</b>	
<b>Sat</b>	after the 9am mass until 10.30am 5:15 - 5:45pm before the Vigil Mass or upon request

#### Sacraments

<b>Sun</b>	12pm Baptism by appointment
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#### Prayers

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

#### Special Blessings

<b>Blessing during masses</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sun</b>	Birthday celebrants
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sun</b>	Wedding anniversaries

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



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

### Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

### First Reading

*Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29*

*Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 67:4-7, 10-11*

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**

### Second Reading

*Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*

*You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Matthew 11:29*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Luke 14:1, 7-14*

*All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted*

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, "When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.



## CONTACTS

### PARISH OFFICE

#### Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

#### Office Contacts

☎ (02) 8883 5981

(AH Emergency)

📞 0434 033 326

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Stanhope Gardens NSW 2768

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NSW 2768

### CLERGY

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### OTHER CONTACTS

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our mailing list

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### NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish  
community!

Please take a welcome pack from  
the church foyer

Visit our website

<http://john23rd.com/>

Like our Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/john23rdparish](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.*

Rosary and novena prayers every Tuesday at  
7:00PM and

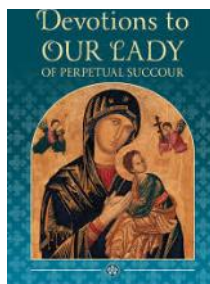
**Novena mass every First Tuesday 7:30pm**

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.

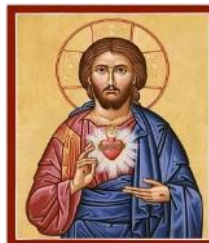
### Rosary Statue Family Roster

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	
	Deang	Sebastian	Hala	Festejo	
Dec	2	9	16	23	30
	Cruz CG	Barnouti	Sebastian	Paguinto	Paguinto
Jan	6	13	20	27	
	available	available	available	available	

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

### HOLY HOUR

Eucharistic  
Adoration  
every  
Wednesday  
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

God, you love us and the contemplation of your forgiveness becomes a ray of goodness in the humble  
heart that entrusts itself to you.

## Caring for our parish together

*We are very grateful to all our parishioners who always generously support our Parish.*

**FIRST COLLECTION** supports the priests and deacons of the Diocese.

**SECOND COLLECTION** goes to the running costs of our church, ministry expenses.

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

scan this



TapnGo machines available by the entrances.

## OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

### Ambrose Early Learning

160 Perfection Ave Stanhope Gardens

☎ (02) 9852 0585

✉ [celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:celcstanhope@parra.catholic.edu.au)

🌐 [www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au](http://www.celcstanhope.catholic.edu.au)

### Holy Cross Primary

49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood

Principal: Attila Lendvai

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## Community Events



Building our Community  
**TOGETHER**

As a community of St John 23rd, we invite our different cultural community to host a Saturday Vigil or Sunday mornings mini event after our mass celebrations for a full community involvement and encourage our parish community to support these mini endeavour.

Any other suggestions for church fanfare, fundraising activities or just availability of support are most welcome and greatly appreciated. Please contact either Nanette - 0404 465600 or Techie - 0438 201436.

## September Calendar

Mon	1	8:30am - Mass
Tues	2	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary prayer 7:30pm - Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed	3	<i>Saint Gregory the Great (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 8:00pm - Holy Hour
Thurs	4	9:15am - Mass
Fri	5	9:15am - Mass 7:30pm - Novena Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat	6	9:00am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass
Sun	7	7:30, 9:00, 10:30am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass

# UPCOMING Community



**Saint John XXIII Church Feast 2025**

**Cnr Perfection Ave & Bentwood Tce, Stanhope Gardens**

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams - Pope St John 23rd

<http://john23rd.com/> | <https://www.facebook.com/john23rdparish/> | [www.instagram.com/sj23stanhope](http://www.instagram.com/sj23stanhope)

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## Parish Feast Celebrations!

# OCTOBER 12 SUNDAY

# SAVE THE DATE

Mass at 10:30am followed by celebrations

**Festivities begin with the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Tuesday, 7th October, followed by daily events, and conclude with the Feast on Sunday, 12th October.**

**Stay tuned for more details!**

## WATCH THIS SPACE



## Cake Angel's Kitchen

To support our parish fundraising, our Cake Angels will be offering delicious food for purchase.

More details to follow.

## PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING AND COMPLETION OF OUR NEW PARISH OFFICE AND HALL

Almighty God, we thank you for your many blessings to our parish and to each of us.

We pray for your guidance and wisdom as we prepare ourselves to begin the construction. May your Holy spirit be with all our Engineers, architects, builders and all involved in this project. Protect them from harm and grant them skill and diligence. May this hall be a place of unity, fellowship and faith formation for our community, a space where we can grow in faith and serve others.

Bless all our sponsors, donors and each of us who contribute in our own humble ways and means.

Whatever we do, may we do it for your glory.

St. Joseph, the patron of families and workers,  
St. John XXIII, Patron of our parish,  
ST. Vincent Ferrer, Patron of all builders,

Pray for us  
Pray for us  
Pray for us

## 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.

### 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*

Maricar Gatmaitan, Merita Fernando, Fred Bunk

### Remembrances:

### Anniversary:

Felician Suarez Jr, Celeste Peralta

### 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 Dadivas, 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, Lenka Olivier Talija, Manuel Sarris, Ryan Dixon, Obet Dionisio, Jonathan Gemin, Carrie Conolly, Rosie Carbonel, Virginia Santos, Imelda Vinluan Ksenija Bosnic, Myrna Manalili, Charlie Busuttill, Jerwin McCarron, Lily Camilleri, Natasha Leitao Perla Magculang, Fausto Bayot, Marilyn Nalapo, Carlo Bueno, Joshua McCarroll, Dudley Francis, Mary Phillips, Elsie Knapp, Barbara Thompson, Jakov & Marija Franich, Bev Lewis, Zena Samar Jude Newnes, Marcelino Matteazi, Victor Pons, Hilary Regan, Helen West, Emma Q Fernando, Brendan Prideaux, Alvin, Troy James  
Babies with Blister disease

### Thanksgiving:

Shalom Bongon

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

## BISHOP'S FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal – supporting our senior priests as they continue to serve.

This Father's Day, as we thank the father figures in our lives, let's also honour our spiritual fathers — the priests who nurture our faith. Even after stepping back from administration, they continue to serve in faithful ways: offering sacraments, celebrating Masses, hearing confessions, assisting at services, and serving as chaplains in aged care. Your generosity helps ensure our ageing priests receive the care, comfort, and dignity they deserve in this next chapter of their lives.

Please give generously at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or scan the QR code.

Thank you.



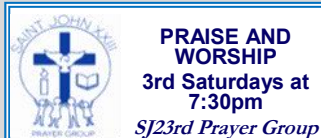
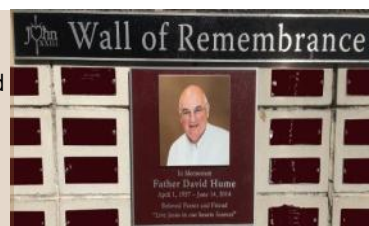
## COLUMBARIUM

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





Dear Parishioners,

Many beautiful things happened in our community and our homes this year. Now we are thrilled to share another exciting plan for the future of our parish. With our growing community and expanding needs, we are undertaking a vital extension project, to build a parish office and a new multipurpose hall. This new space will not only increase our church capacity when needed but also serve as a center and space for fellowship, meetings, youth activities, family and faith formation events and outreach.

The Hall will be able to accommodate around 180 people. The total cost of this project is approximately around \$4.2 million. We have made some effort to find the money needed and we will have a saving of \$ 3.1 million by the end of August 2025. We hope to finalize the needed documentation process and DA permission by the middle of this October and begin the actual construction by November. If all goes according to plan, we expect completion of the project by October 2026. Recognizing our need, Bishop Vincent has given us his blessing and approval for our parish to go ahead with our initiative.

We are inviting you all to be partners in making this vision a reality. We cannot do this without each of us being generous to our maximum. Every contribution and cooperation bring us closer to building a stronger, more connected parish. Our target is to raise \$1 million.

## Ways we can help

- Make a personal or family donation;
- Pledge a regular amount for this project over the next 12 months;
- Be a general sponsor or of a specific area;
- Organize an event that could raise some funds;
- Share the campaign with family, friends or local business.

We are the stewards of our parish, and we are not just building a hall, we are building the heart of our thriving parish Community. Ideally, if we can find 350 people with a gift of \$3000 each, we can achieve this. In saying this we also invite gifts of any amount, according to your giving ability and most importantly to give with a happy heart. Let us all dream together as Father jolly always says.

## The Parish Finance committee

Ways to donate

### Bank transfer

Account name : Blessed John XXIII Parish

BSB : 067 950

A/C : 00000313

Reference: BD (your name)

### BPOINT

For credit card donation visit

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/StJohnXXIIIPGSG>

or scan the QR code



Please join us in praying for the fruition of our proposed Parish Office extension and Gathering Hall project.

If you would like to know more, please speak with Fr. Jolly.

Alternatively, if you have creative ideas or would like to organise a fundraising event to help bring this dream to life, please reach out to Techie or Nanette.

Below are the latest building plans for you to see what our vision is.



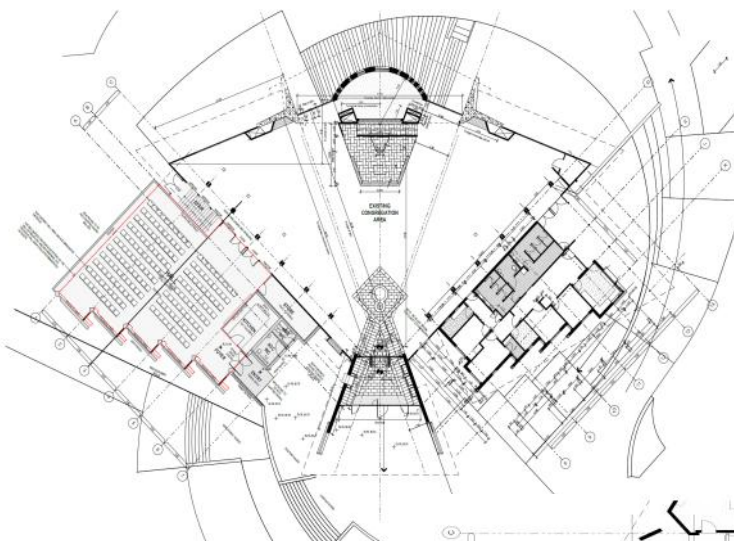
CHURCH AND HALL EXTENSION - MAIN ENTRY



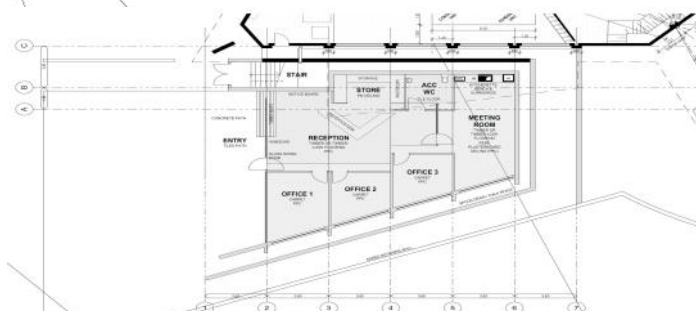
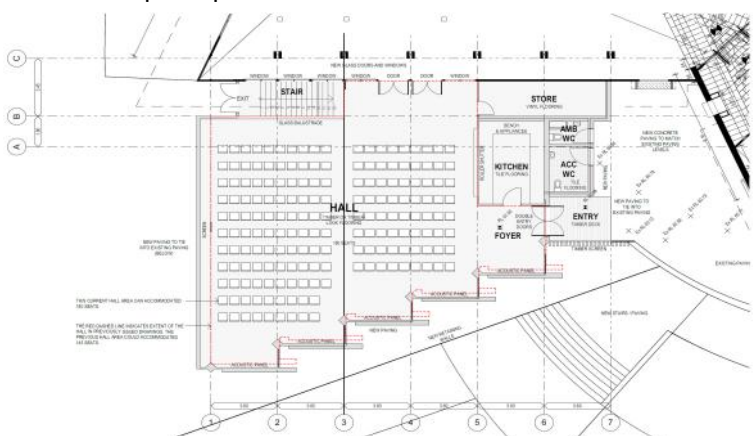
HALL EXTENSION - SOUTH ENTRY



HALL EXTENSION - OFFICE NORTH ENTRY



## Proposed plan for the church extension - hall area



Below deck area next to the garden where the office will be assigned.



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

## 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 <https://parracatholic.org/events/jubilee-pilgrimage-2025/> or download a copy of the itinerary <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!

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## Youth Ministry

### BLAZE YOUTH

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**WHEN:** 7:00 - 9:00pm  
**WHERE:** St John XXIII College  
(C Block Bell space)

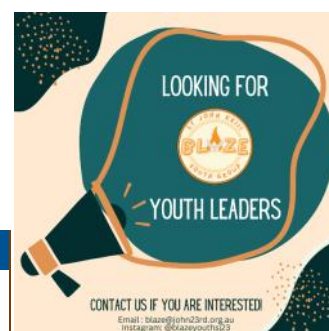
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Years 7-12

8 September

19 September



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**WHO:** 18 - 35 years of age  
**WHEN:** First Sundays each month  
**TIME:** 7:00 - 9:30pm  
**WHERE:** St John XXIII Staffroom

For any queries please either email [gnite.stjohn23@gmail.com](mailto:gnite.stjohn23@gmail.com) or DM on @ignite\_sj23

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0405 9563210  
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0417 101009

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