

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.

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."

Reflection

The readings today draw us into a movement that is at the heart of Christian life: from being gathered by God, to being sent by God. They trace a pattern that begins in God's initiative, is fulfilled in Christ, and continues in the life and mission of the Church.

In the first reading, Israel arrives at Sinai, the place of encounter. God reminds the people of what has already been done for them: "I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself." This is not a people who have earned their place; they have been chosen, gathered, and drawn close. Only then comes the call: "you shall be for me a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation." Their identity is grounded in relationship before it is expressed in mission. They are first brought to God, and only then entrusted with a role for the sake of the world.

Paul takes up this same pattern in the second reading, but deepens it in the light of Christ. God's action is even more radical than at Sinai: "while we still were sinners Christ died for us." The initiative is entirely God's. Reconciliation is not the result of human effort or worthiness, but of divine love poured out freely. The language of Paul is striking—weak, ungodly, sinners, even enemies—and yet these are precisely the people for whom Christ gives his life. The foundation of Christian existence is not achievement but gift; not merit but grace.

This movement reaches its fullness in the Gospel. Jesus sees the crowds and is moved with compassion: they are "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." His response is not simply to feel for them, but to act. He calls the twelve, gives them authority, and sends them out. The mission of the disciples flows directly from the compassion of Christ. They are drawn into his own response to the world.

There is a clear progression: God gathers a people; Christ reconciles that people; the Spirit sends that people. The Church exists within this dynamic. It is not first a community that organises itself for mission; it is a community that has been gathered and transformed by God and therefore is sent.

The Gospel also highlights the nature of that mission. It is not abstract or distant. It is concrete, embodied, and deeply human: "cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons." These actions speak of restoration—of life where there is death, wholeness where there is brokenness, freedom where there is oppression. The proclamation that "the kingdom of heaven is close at hand" is inseparable from these signs. The kingdom is not only spoken; it is enacted.

At the same time, the instruction "you received without charge, give without charge" returns us to the beginning. The disciples are sent not as owners of a gift, but as its stewards. What they have received—from Christ, from God—they are to pass on freely. Mission is always rooted in gratitude.

For those who gather each Sunday, these readings offer a way of understanding what is taking place in the liturgy itself. The assembly is first gathered by God, called into being not by its own initiative but by grace. It listens again to the story of God's action, especially in Christ who died for us while we were still sinners. And from that place of being gathered and reconciled, the community is sent—strengthened to participate in Christ's mission in the world.

Today, then, is not simply about the call of the twelve long ago. It is about the ongoing pattern of Christian life: gathered by God, reconciled in Christ, and sent in the Spirit. What we receive, we are to give. What we have been drawn into, we are to embody. And what begins in compassion must continue in action.

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 <i>during school days</i>
2nd Sat	7:30pm Indonesian Mass

Masses of Devotion

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

Exposition + Benediction

1st Fri	after 9.15am, 7.30pm
Wed	8:00pm Holy Hour

Reconciliation

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

Sacraments

Sun	12pm Baptism <i>by appointment</i>
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Prayers

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

Special Blessings

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

Homebound?

Homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact the parish office or send text message to Rose Franco on 0401 387427
Or if you would like a visit from the Vincentians, please contact the Parish Office or share the relevant contact details with us.

COELIACS

Those who are gluten intolerant may receive communion with a gluten low host. Please inform the acolyte before Mass.

Join & be part of our community.
Welcome pack at the church foyer or scan the QR code



If you want to be part of our mailing list please email

✉ Communications@john23rd.org.au



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/>

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.

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading *Exodus 19:2-6*

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 99:2,3, 5*

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading *Romans 5:6-11*

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation *Mark 1:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Go with Him and go preach



Special Intentions *Names published with permission*

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

Born to eternal life

Raymond Miners

Remembrances:

Death Anniversary

Cynthia Rego, Victor Miranda, Antionette D'Souza

Sick

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, John Tipton, Valeria Laureta, Natasha Leitao, Bev Osborn, Carlo Bueno, Helen West, Fausto Bayot, Myrna Manalili, Elizabeth Candame Josie Lewis, Emma Matoza, Mary Bormate, Carrie Conolly, Jerwin McCarron Ksenija Bosnic, Zena Samar, Charlie Busuttill, Elsie Knapp, Perla Magculang, Peter McArdle, Melissa Nava, Imelda Vinluan, Cindy Dadvivas, Louise Smith, Marcelino Matteazi, Elizabeth Langley, Marilyn Nalapo, Lenka Olivier Talija, Christina Properzi, Gerald Simbulan, Dr Bronwyn Andrews, Dudley Francis, Isagani Ocampo, Raymond Lanzona, Lucas Colleta, Rosanna John Pellissery, Brendan Prideaux, Florentina Elisura, Bev Lewis, Mr Thomas, Mary Phillips, Rosie Carbonel, Renado Naldo, Cathie Christie, Hilary Regan, Maria Romeo, Jonathan Gemin, Victor Pons, Joshua McCarroll, Zoey Illic, Carlo Dominic, Manuel Sarris, Troy James, Margaret Harrison, Jude Newnes, Ryan Dixon, Barbara Thompson, Babies with Blister disease,

Thanksgiving

John Francis De Salis, Angelo Pasco

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

Gospel

Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

FIRST COLLECTION supports the priests and deacons of the Diocese.
SECOND COLLECTION provides for the running costs of our church, ministry 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 via the following methods:

- direct debit arrangements to your nominated bank account or credit card
- Regular bank transfers set up at your end to the parish bank account
 Account name - Glenwood Stanhope Gardens St John 23rd Parish
 BSB - 067 950 A/C - 100002469 Reference: PG (your initial and family name)
- Donating through cash or using the "Tap & go" machines which are available by the entrances.

Please contact the parish office to update us with your preferred giving option. Either by phoning 02 88835981 or emailing accounts@john23rd.org.au.



Support can be provided via the registration forms are available at the church foyer or from the website or scan the QR Code

HALL PROJECT

Prayer

Church building project - Ways to donate

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, **Pray for us**
 St. John XXIII, Patron of our parish, **Pray for us**
 St. Vincent Ferrer, Patron of all builders, **Pray for us**

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Reference - BD (your name)
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Dear parishioners and friends,

As a parish, we have been experiencing the love of God in various ways, our families, jobs, children, youth and the vibrancy of the community. We are a community that prays together, loves each other and celebrates that love through our liturgy, social gatherings, our generosity and outreach to the needy and the spirit continues to lead us in the right directions. As part of our journey and building the community, we have been praying for the space for our community gatherings and activities, and we are happy to announce that we have obtained all the needed permission to begin the construction of our parish office and hall. We have selected our builder from the number of quotes we have received and are in the process of finalizing the acceptance of the quote. We thank Neena and Ricalyn, from our school, who were so smart to pick up the details of everything that could have been missed easily, our parish members including David Gunawan who were involved at every stage and the diocesan property management team.

We are finally getting ready to begin the actual construction, and we will experience some inconveniences at this point with the flow of our traffic, minor and limited changes with our daily church activities and let us be patient and grow with the virtue of patience. We hope to finish the whole project in 8 months' time (latest by 28th of Feb). The total cost of our project will be \$4.4 million including the air-conditioning of the Church. Through our serious efforts to see through the project happening we have already spent \$200 thousand on this project and we have another \$3.4 million set apart for this project. Thus, it leads us to a shortage of \$800 thousand. As a Parish we had been Dreaming of air-conditioning the Church for a long time. We believe it is better to do both at the same time, to reduce again some of the expenses.

When we see this big figure of \$800 thousand shortage, we can panic but remember each of us are never alone but part of a community. When each of us does our part according to our ability, generosity and willingness, it just happens. Thus, let us put our hearts and minds into it. When we work together nothing is impossible for us. St. John XXIII parish dream together and make that dream of today a reality tomorrow through each of us. Thus, as we prepare to lay the foundation stones soon, may we ask each of you in the parish to be part of that foundation. Please donate the foundation stones and be part of it. Each stone will cost \$100. You are free to donate as many stones as you wish. But at least donate one, which all of us in our parish is capable to do. In this way you all will be part of the foundation of the parish hall, and we thank you for being part of the foundation of our parish hall. Then continue your support the best way you can to complete the project. We take this opportunity to thank all those who have already made some big sacrifices to support the project with their contributions. May your sacrifices be rewarded abundantly by the lord. "God loves a cheerful giver" (2cor, 9:7).

Parish fund raising, finance, Building committees and Fr. Jolly

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CONTACTS

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OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Ambrose Early Learning

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Praying together

When we come together in prayer, our faith is strengthened and our community grows closer.

Join us every Tuesday at 7:00 PM at SJ23rd Parish Church as we pray the rosary and a novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

This is an opportunity to deepen your faith and open your heart to the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Rosary Statue Family Roster

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Jun	Hala	Mina B	Deang	Erasmus	Fernandes
Jul	Tambolero	Ring	Available	Lee	
Aug	Jacob	Available	Sebastian	Pangilinan E	
Sep	Available	Available	Available	Erasmus	29

"A family that prays together, stays together - Fr Patrick Peyton"
Rosary statue contacts Techie Sarlabus techie.sarlabus@gmail.com or Melva Paguinto emcipi85@yahoo.com.au



Diocesan News

Across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, people turn to the Church for care, hope, guidance and belonging. Through the Bishop's Good Works Appeal, our Diocese supports vital ministries including Holy Spirit Seminary, Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Over the coming weeks, this Appeal will support Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your generosity provides education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation for seminarians as they answer God's call.

Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code



Nominations open for the 2026 Papal & Diocesan Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Papal and Diocesan Awards, recognising individuals - both religious and lay - who have made outstanding contributions to the Catholic Church and its community. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognised? Nominations close at midnight on 30 June 2026. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit parracatholic.org

Adult Confirmations 2026

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 29th August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day.

The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1st September, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday 18th August, 2026. For more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Ministry of Care courses: 3-24 June

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. The course will take place every Wednesday in June at 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Please register via parracatholic.org/ministry-of-care-courses to reserve your spot. For enquiries, please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.



Diocesan News



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

Pastoral Ministries

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. Mahatma Gandhi
We are in need of 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.

⇒ CLEANERS AND GARDENERS

As we give our heartfelt thanks to the wonderful volunteers who faithfully keep our church clean, our gardens green, and our surroundings welcoming, we also invite others to join this valued ministry. A few more helping hands would make a great difference in caring for our shared spiritual home. If you are able to assist, please contact Tanya at the parish office.

⇒ CAKE ANGELS

If anyone is interested to be involved and take leadership of this fun loving dynamic group please contact Tanya at the parish office or Techie at 0438 201436.



⇒ Liturgical Ministry

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest." Luke 10:
The St. John XXIII Parish Liturgy Team warmly invites parishioners to serve and contribute in the following ministries below
Please contact Parish Office if you are interested or for additional information.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Assist in the distribution of Holy Communion during liturgies and bring Communion to the sick and homebound.
Open to men and women aged 18 and above.

Ministers of the Word

Proclaim the Scriptures and offer commentary during liturgies.
Open to men and women aged 18 and above.

Lectors



Junior Servers

Assist the Celebrant, Deacons, and Acolytes during liturgical celebrations.
Open to boys and girls aged 10 and above who have received First Holy Communion (Confirmation preferred)



Tech Ministry

Support and coordinate technical aspects of the liturgy, including sound systems and projection.
Open to men and women aged 16 and above.
No prior experience is required.



Ushers & Greeters

Greet and assist parishioners, helping to create a warm and welcoming environment.
Open to men, women, and children aged 12 and above.



COLUMBARIUM

If you are considering purchasing a niche, we still have spaces available. These are open to parishioners, families, friends and our neighbouring parishes. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT GROUPS

BLAZE YOUTH Year 7 to 12

WHEN: 7:00 - 9:00pm

WHERE: St John XXIII College (C Block Bell space)

For any queries, please email blaze@john23rd.org.au or DM @blazeyouthsj23 on Insta | FB or Contact Ellena - 0478 685 191

IGNITE YOUNG ADULTS 18 - 35 years of age

WHEN: First Sundays each month 7:00 - 9:30pm

WHERE: St John XXIII Staffroom

For any queries please either email gnite.stjohn23@gmail.com or DM on @ignite_sj23

CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

Rojith de Silva 0405 9563210 Nimeshi Fernando 0417 101009

YFC (Youth for Christ)

Dominic Lim 0468 826253 Australia

Ronan Limguangco 0478 629629 International



Young at Heart Seniors Group

Contact either of the following:

Frank Coleiro - 0459 504625

Trevor Coutinho - 0407 150399



Vinnies
join the good works
Please contact for more info
Debra Pitre 0412 570333

Try Alpha?

EXPLORE FAITH WITH YOUR ST JOHN XXIII COMMUNITY.

Alpha is a series of sessions that allows people to connect, discover more about their faith and answer life's biggest questions.

We invite you to join us as we go on this journey together.

Contact: Joyce Celestino
0450 001 047

joyce_claire16@hotmail.com



"The BLAZE and Ignite Youth leaders would like to extend our appreciation to everyone who supported our bake sale fundraiser last Sunday morning. Whether you donated baked goods, volunteered your time, or purchased treats, your generosity and support helped make the event a wonderful success. The funds raised will go towards supporting our youth ministry and assisting our World Youth Day pilgrims on their faith journey (in 2027). We are especially grateful to our parish community for your continued encouragement and support of our young people.

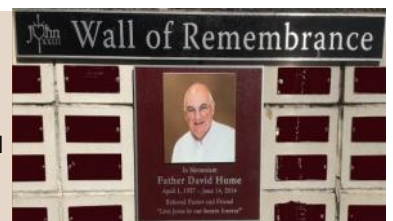
Thank you for helping us build a vibrant and faith-filled community. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

God bless,

Blaze & Ignite Youth Leaders"

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



UPCOMING Community EVENTS



Building our Community TOGETHER

Please contact either
Nanette - 0404 465600
Techie - 0438 201436

As a vibrant community of St John XXIII Parish, we invite our various cultural groups and ministries to take part in our parish life by hosting a Saturday Vigil or Sunday morning mini-event after our Mass celebrations. These gatherings are a wonderful way to share your culture, connect and strengthen our sense of family and belonging within the parish. We encourage everyone to come along, participate and support these community-led activities. We also welcome suggestions for future events, fundraising ideas, or any offers of help — your creativity and support are always appreciated and play an important part in making our parish life joyful and thriving!

A Friendly Reminder to Our Parish Community

We kindly ask all parishioners to help care for our church by tidying up after Mass. Simple gestures - such as disposing of rubbish properly and returning items like bulletins (if not taking them home) make a meaningful difference. Together, let us keep our church clean, welcoming, and ready for all who enter. Thank you for your care and consideration in looking after our shared spiritual home.

June Calendar

Mon	15	8:30am - Mass
Tues	16	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary Novena prayer <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Wed	17	9:15am - Mass 8:00pm - Holy Hour
Thurs	18	9:15am - Mass
Fri	19	9:15am - Mass
Sat	20	9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass
Sun	21	7.30am 9:00am 10:30am masses 6:00pm - Mass

YAHS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10 th July, Friday after mass	Morning tea
For all inquiries/confirmation/RSVPs please call or text Frank 0459 504 625 or Trevor 0407 150 399	

TASTE OF SRI LANKA

SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2026
AFTER ALL MORNING MASSES
7:30AM | 9:00AM | 10:30AM

ENJOY THE DELICIOUS FLAVOURS OF SRI LANKA & SUPPORT IN RAISING FUNDS FOR ST JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC PARISH BUILDING PROJECT.

TASTE OF SRI LANKA

SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2026

Pre-Order
Your Favourites

Yellow Rice Pack \$18
(Chicken, Onion Sambol, Beans, Egg plant moju, Boiled Eggs, Sprats badun)

String Hopper Pack \$15
(Coconut Sambol, White Curry)

Milk Rice Pack \$15
(Chicken Curry, Lunu mins- Chilli Sambol)

Chicken Kottu \$15

Lamb Kottu \$15

Short eats pack \$10
(Fish Pattie, Fish Roll, Fish Culletts, Tri colour Veggie Sandwich
*Includes Cheese, Butter Cake)

There'll be a variety of Sweets and other items available on the day for purchase.

Cash or Card payments can be made on the day

Cut-off date to pre-order is 17 June

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Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time in the Catholic Liturgical Year

While the word “ordinary” in popular usage is used to describe things that are nondescript or dull, ordinary rather means customary, regular, and orderly. Ordinary Time may also be called Ordinal Time, which means numbered time. Ordinal comes from the Latin “ordinalis,” which is a word meaning “showing order, denoting an order of succession.” Hence, Ordinary Time is the standard, orderly, counted time outside of the other liturgical seasons. There is nothing “dull” about Ordinary Time!

What is Ordinary Time?

Ordinary time is the longest liturgical season in the Catholic Church, encompassing either 33 or 34 weeks each year. Because other liturgical seasons begin or end with movable feasts, the length of Ordinary time can vary slightly; however, 33 weeks is the more common length. The weeks are numbered, e.g., the first Sunday of Ordinary Time, the second Sunday of Ordinary Time, and so on.

Ordinary time is technically one liturgical season, though it is divided into two periods. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, when the term “Ordinary Time” was formally established, the two time periods were merely referred to as “the Season after Epiphany” and “the Season after Pentecost.”

The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green; however, other appropriate colors are worn on particular feast days.

Season after Epiphany or Ordinary Time after the Baptism

The period of Ordinary Time used to be referred to as the Season after Epiphany. That title and the sometimes-used titles “Season after the Baptism” or “Ordinary Time after the Baptism” are still useful in identifying the time period.

While the Epiphany and the Baptism are celebrated on separate days, the two descriptions (after Epiphany and after the Baptism) are not contradictory. In the modern Roman rite, Epiphany is celebrated on the first Sunday after January 1 and the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated the following Sunday. Prior to Vatican II, Epiphany was celebrated January 6, whether a Sunday or a weekday, and the Baptism was celebrated on the Octave of the Epiphany, which would be January 13. Where the title “Season after Epiphany” was used, the phrase was inclusive of the Octave of the Epiphany - January 13 - therefore indicating that Ordinary time started the day after the Baptism was celebrated.

This period of Ordinary Time lasts until the day before Ash Wednesday, which is Shrove Tuesday. This portion of Ordinary Time focuses on the childhood of Jesus and then on the public ministry of Christ.

Season after Pentecost or Ordinary Time after Pentecost

The second portion of Ordinary Time begins after Pentecost and is much longer than the first. This second period of Ordinary Time lasts from the day after Pentecost through the final day before Advent. Because this portion of Ordinary Time occurs after the celebrations of Jesus’s Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension, this segment of Ordinary Time is focused on the Age of the Church. The Age of the Church is the age we live in now, the time that exists between the Age of the Apostles and the second and last coming of Christ for which we are preparing. This period of Ordinary Time is also focused on Christ’s reign as King of kings; the Feast of Christ the King caps off the season of Ordinary Time as the final Sunday before Advent begins.

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<https://www.myfaithwalk.org/ordinary-time>

Understanding Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time is the longest season in the Church’s year. Comprising thirty-three weeks, it is divided into two sections; one short and the other very long. The weeks between the Christmas and Lenten seasons are the shorter part of Ordinary Time while the weeks between Pentecost and the Advent season form the long stretch. The word ‘ordinary’ comes from the word ordinal which means ‘counted’. Each week is known by a number, e.g. the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The use of the term Ordinary Time in our liturgical calendar distinguishes it from the other seasons—Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter—which focus on particular aspects of Christ’s life: his birth, suffering, death and resurrection. Ordinary Time celebrates Jesus’ teaching and ministry. It gives us time to reflect on how we live as Christians. We have thirty-three weeks to examine and ‘order’ our lives while we focus on a particular Gospel, in a three-year cycle, and to enter it deeply. We are presently in Year A, the year of Matthew.

Year A – The Gospel of Matthew

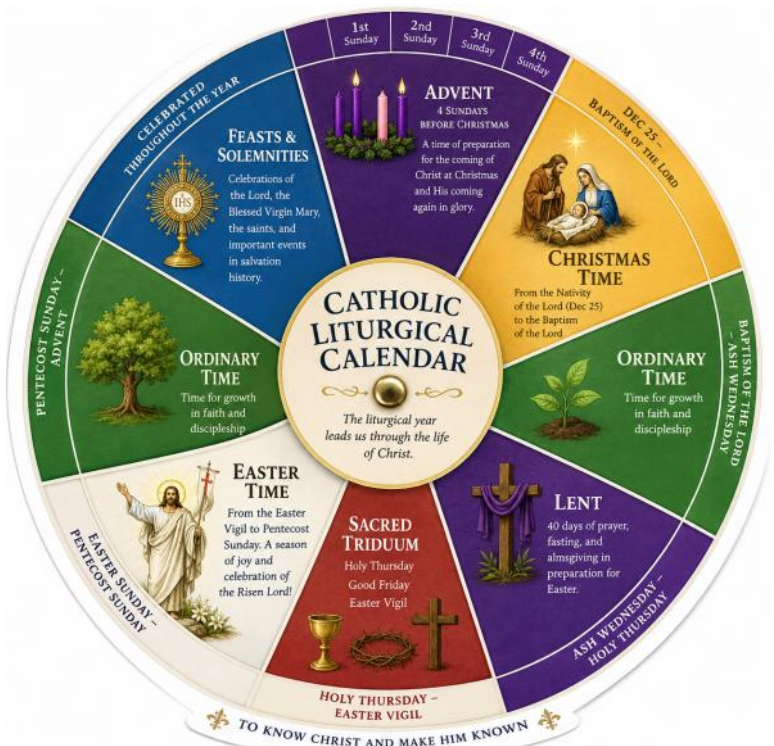
Year B – The Gospel of Mark

Year C – The Gospel of Luke

The weekday Masses are organised in a two-year cycle: Year I (odd years) and Year II (even years). The first readings and the gospels of weekdays are read in continuity, so that one day’s readings follows the next. In this way we are enabled, over time, to enter deeply into the spirit of the readings.

GREEN, the colour of Ordinary Time, tells us much about its significance in the Church’s life. It is the rich colour of growth and new life. Ordinary Time deserves to be lived extraordinarily—in the depths of our own hearts, in our families and in the worshipping community. It is important for us to immerse ourselves deeply in the spirituality of Ordinary Time because it contains the essence of who we are in the ‘everydayness’ of our Christian lives.

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