

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 first reading (Isa 56:1,6-7) comes from the part of the book concerning life after the Babylonian exile. There were conflicting ideas concerning the destiny of Jerusalem and matters of racial and religious purity. This pericope is remarkable for its openness, for righteous and God-fearing Gentiles would be able to offer sacrifices in the new temple, the house of prayer for all peoples. The reading appears to have been chosen to accompany the gospel (Matt 15:21-28), which tells of the faithful Canaanite (or Greek Syrophenician in Mark) woman who begged Jesus to heal her daughter. The encounter does not disclose a clear belief in Israel's God, nor any desire to join Jerusalem's temple worship, but she has faith in Jesus' ability to help. According to Matthew she calls him by the messianic title Son of David, which in Matthew is used mainly by foreigners and the blind. It later gives way completely to the title Son of God (used by the disciples last Sunday) by those mocking Jesus on the cross, but finally in faith by the presumed foreigners, the centurion and his company. Although Matthew's gospel is written for Jewish believers and appears to have

exclusively Jewish concerns, foreigners are surprisingly privileged in it, first signified by the visiting Gentile wise men, the Magi. Matthew presents Jesus as the fulfilment of Isaiah: during the cleansing of the temple, Matthew, Mark and Luke have Jesus cite Isaiah, calling it a house of prayer for all peoples, but Matthew alone has Jesus say in apparent reference to his own ministry that there is something greater than the temple here (Matt 12:6); Jesus prophesies its destruction (24:2), and is later accused of claiming he would destroy and rebuild it in three days (26:61; 27:40); as the last act of this gospel the risen Lord Jesus sends the eleven to make disciples of all nations. On this point all three readings today converge: in the second reading (Rom 11:13-15, 29-32), Paul credits his being sent to the Gentiles to the failure of other Jews to receive the Gospel. This may appear to contradict the commissioning, seeming to indicate turning to the Gentiles only because of the failure of the Jews. Instead, we note it is said only of Paul's ministry, for he went first to the Jews and only later to the Gentiles. Bearing in mind what was said last Sunday, note that this does not constitute rejection of the Jews, neither by

Paul nor by God. Rather Paul hopes the success among the Gentiles will goad the Jews to beneficial jealousy. He is the only New Testament author to use this unusual verb, three of the four instances being in this letter and all for the same purpose. Instead of being considered a vice, this jealousy or envy can stimulate to personal betterment, just as athletes are goaded to improvement by the successes of competitors. Paul portrays Jewish reticence as having a positive benefit, one to make their eventual conversion more joyous. Perhaps careful attention to Paul may have helped avoid past atrocities against Jews, and attention to both Paul and history may help circumvent a return to anti-Jewish sentiment, but there are worrying signs of this rising again. For those of us who are Christians there should be the reminder that just as all nations are to be blessed in Abraham (Gen 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:4; Acts 3:25 and Gal 3:8), knowledge of God having been held by the Jews in trust for all people, so also Christ's entrusting us with the proclamation of the kingdom does not give us an exclusive claim to heaven so much as the privilege of bearing it for the benefit of all, as he did the cross.

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 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> Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039

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/>



**SJXXIII Parish
Pastoral Council**

Dear Parishioners,

As we come to the end of the 3 year term for our present parish council, on behalf of the whole parish, I would like to thank them for their dedicated service, words of wisdom and hard work in making our parish a better community.

After reviewing the effectivity, a better functioning and the synodal way we will be having more representations. The next Pastoral council will be composed of all the ministry head, a few representatives from the young people and few appointees by the parish priest. It will be a bigger team, then a Synodal way of functioning.

Thank you once again to our outgoing Council members for their faithful service to our community.

Fr Jolly



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SERVICE**

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

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

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

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

Therese Cassar, George Matthew

Remembrances:

Death Anniversary

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, Natasha Leita, Bev Osborn, Myrna Manalili, Dudley Francis, Manuel Sarris, Troy James, Margaret Harrison, Jude Newnes, 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, Christina Properzi, Louise Smith, Peter McArdle, Melissa Nava, Ryan Dixon, Fausto Bayot, Carlo Bueno, Helen West, Elizabeth Candame, Carlo Dominic Marcelino Matteazi, Perla Magculang, Jonathan Gemin, Barbara Thompson, Victor Pons, Joshua McCarroll, Zoey Illic, Gerald Simbulan, Ksenija Bosnic, Elizabeth Langley, Cindy Dadivas, Jerwin McCarron, Dr Bronwyn Andrews, Elsie Knapp, Josie Lewis, Emma Matoza, Zena Samar, Lenka Olivier Taliya, Marilyn Nalapo, Charlie Busuttill, Imelda Vinluan, Babies with Blister disease Mary Bormate, Carrie Conolly

Thanksgiving

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

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.



Prayer

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 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 XX111, Patron of our parish, **Pray for us**
 St. Vincent Ferrer, Patron of all builders, **Pray for us**

How to contribute

Be part of that good news. Let us be generous, cheerful and rejoice in the goodness of the Lord. For your donations:

- ★ Dedicated "Tap & go" machines at both entrances
 - ★ Bank transfer
Account name - Glenwood Stanhope Gardens St John 23rd Parish
BSB 067 950 **A/C** 100002469
Reference - BD (your name)
 - ★ BPOINT – For credit card donation visit
<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/StJohnXXIIPGSG>
 - ★ scan QR Code
- Thank you for your support.

GOOD NEWS



New Parish Hall

New office and meeting Room

Air-conditioned Church

TARGET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED
\$1,000,000.00




Thank You!

FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Your time, talents, prayers, and support are helping us build a stronger parish and a brighter future together.

PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING A BRICK BY SCANNING THE QR CODE ABOVE.

CONTACTS

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours

Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

Office Contacts

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CLERGY

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OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

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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

	4	11	18	25	
Aug	Jacob	Meena B	Sebastian	Pangilinan E	
Sep	1 Fernandes	8 Jakob B	15 Tanganun	22 Erasmus	29 Jayakoddy
Oct	6 Erasmus	13 Sebastian	20 Shalini	27 Ring	
Nov	3 Barnouti	10 Tina B.	17 Available	24 Available	

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

Rosary statue contacts Techie Sarlabus techie.sarlabus@gmail.com or
Melva Paguinto emcpi85@yahoo.com.au



Diocesan News

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.

Natural Family Planning

MET Natural Fertility: Sympto-Thermal Method (STM) Initial Instruction via Teams August 27

Tuesday 27 August, 7:30-8:30pm. The most important symptom alerting women to ovulation is used in all methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP). The Sympto-Thermal Method includes measuring your basal body temperature, which also confirms ovulation! This method is 99.6% effective in postponing pregnancy and helps couples identify the best time to achieve pregnancy! If you would like to refresh your knowledge and skills or begin NFP then this is the session for you! To register visit parracatholic.org/natural-fertility

SPECIAL EOY / EARLY BIRD GROUP OFFER

Be The Witness

A powerful musical encounter
with the story of Jesus through the eyes of Peter

10–13 September 2026
**Riverside Theatres
Parramatta**

Group Bookings 10+ Concessions Available Limited Seats

Invite your parish, ministry, family and friends

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Group Bookings

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With the support and
encouragement of
Bishop Vincent Long

Presented by
Mary, Queen of the Family Parish,
Blacktown

You are invited to attend a

Married Couples' RETREAT

"Reflect, Renew & Reconnect"

Saturday 5th September 2026
Bishop Bede Heather Centre,
1 Marion Street, Blacktown
8:30am to 4:30pm

\$45 per couple
Bookings essential
Places strictly limited
Register at:
parracatholic.org/marriedcouplesretreat/

Sessions
Expressions of Love
Living your Vocation of Marriage
7 Principles of making Marriage Work
Creating a Marriage First Aid Kit
Couple Prayer + Commitment Ceremony
+ Mass with Bishop Vincent

Included
Lunch + refreshments

Diocesan News



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

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.

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.



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 18 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.

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](https://www.instagram.com/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](https://www.instagram.com/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

Blaze Term 3 Dates

	21 AUG	4 SEP
16 SEP		

Young at Hearts Seniors Group
Contact either of the following:

Frank Coleiro - 0459 504625
Trevor Coutinho - 0407 150399

Vinnies

join the good works

For more info contact
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

RCIA Enquiry Session

The parish RCIA team is having the enquiry session on Thursday 20th August 2026 at 7.00pm in the Church kitchen area.

If you have family or friends or anyone who might be interested in understanding our Catholic faith, please invite them to this session.

The RCIA programme will commence on Wednesday, 2nd September 2026.

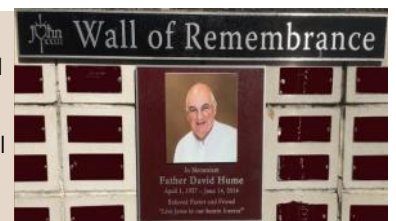


COLUMBARIUM

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.

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



Community Events

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!



August Calendar

Mon	17	8:30am - Mass
Tues	18	9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary Novena prayer <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Wed	19	9:15am - Mass 8:00pm - Holy Hour
Thurs	20	<i>Saint Bernard (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Fri	21	<i>Saint Pius X (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass
Sat	22	<i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)</i> 9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass
Sun	23	7.30am 9:00am 10:30am masses 6:00pm - Mass

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



 Sate anyone? It's back. Join us for a day of delicious Indonesian sate (satay) dish with other savory and sweets.	30 August - Satay and others after the morning masses	Hosted by Indonesia Community
Father's Day celebration Celebrate Fathers with Us – A Dinner for a Cause!	18 September - The Hills Lodge	Hosted by OLPH prayer group



A heartfelt thank you from Vinnies!

Vinnies would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported our Bowl of Soup Fundraiser. Your generosity and tremendous support will help provide much-needed assistance, care and relief to those in our community who are doing it tough.

Thank you for helping us make a difference!

Sunday, 30 August - Satay Sunday



Come and enjoy a delicious Sunday treat hosted by our wonderful Indonesian Community!

Savour authentic Indonesian Satay, freshly prepared and served with warmth and love. Bring your family and friends, enjoy great food, and celebrate the wonderful diversity of our parish community.

Everyone is welcome! Come hungry and enjoy a taste of Indonesia!

After our morning masses



MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAYER GROUP

ST JOHN XXIII PARISH

CELEBRATE Fathers DAY

• DINNER FOR A CAUSE •

18 SEPT FRIDAY
6:30PM to 11:30PM

 2 COURSE PLATED DINNER

 DRINK

 MUSIC

★ SURPRISE RAFFLE PRIZES ★

THE HILLS LODGE
1 Salisbury Road cnr Windsor Road,
Castle Hill, NSW 2154

Tickets

\$125^{pp}

 **ONLY 100 SEATS AVAILABLE**

PROCEEDS GOES TO ST JOHN XXIII PARISH

For more information contact
MARCY 0427 607047 | MELVA 0413 725224

Celebrate Fathers with Us – Dinner for a Cause!

This September, join our OLPH Prayer Group as we honour and celebrate all fathers with a special event, “A Tribute to All Fathers”, on 18 September 2026.

Treat your fathers with family and friends to an enjoyable evening of celebration at the Hills Lodge, Castle Hill.

Enjoy a two-course plated dinner with drinks, be entertained by live music to set the mood and there's an exciting surprise raffle draw where all attendees will have the chance to win!

With only 100 seats available, we encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment.

Come together to honour all fathers and father figures who have enriched our lives, create treasured memories and support a worthy cause.

Building Our Community Together

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

Please save the date — Sunday, 4 October 2026

We are delighted to invite everyone to celebrate St John XXIII Parish Feast Day on Sunday, 4 October, following the 10:30 AM Mass until 2:00 PM, at St John XXIII School Hall.

Come along with your family and friends for a wonderful afternoon of food, treats, music, games and plenty of fun for the kids. There will also be an exciting raffle draw with fantastic prizes, including air tickets to India and New Zealand, a 65" Smart TV, a Sydney Harbour cruise, an iPad and more.

This is a special opportunity for us to come together as one parish community, celebrate our feast day and enjoy a great afternoon of fellowship and fun.

Please scan the QR code to register as this will help us with catering and other logistics.

St John XXIII Parish Feast Day
St John XXIII Stanhope Gardens

4th Oct
AFTER
10:30AM MASS
UNTIL 2PM

St John 23rd (School) Hub / Square

Food, treats, music, games, and non-stop fun for kid

Raffle draw with exciting prizes

1st PRIZE Air Tickets to India	2nd PRIZE Air Tickets to New Zealand	3rd PRIZE 65" Smart TV	CONSOLATION Harbour Cruise, iPad & more
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Free event & all are welcome

**\$20 RAFFLE TICKET
ON SALE AT THE CHURCH
FOYER**



or help us sell to your relatives and friends

If you would like to advertise your business please contact the parish office. This helps support our parish
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