

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 Lectionary omits all of Matthew 17 from the Sunday readings and so from we leap today to half-way through chapter 18, into the middle of what may be described as advice for living as Church. Navigating the conflicting ideas, expectations, hopes and values within any community takes some work, and the Church is not exempt from this messiness that is natural to all human communities. But how deep must the disagreement be before an "offender" is considered to have gone too far? How far off the path does one need to go in order to be deemed "wicked"? How much responsibility must we take for the wrongdoing of others, and how wrong do others have to be before we feel compelled to correct them? And who likes being corrected, or correcting? The advice in the first part might be considered as rules for responsible conflict resolution. There are four steps: speak with the offender in private (for humiliation, which creates resentment, must be avoided if rehabilitation is the aim); if matters are not resolved then involve a few others (for the evidence of others is needed—or may help break an impasse); if matters are still not resolved, involve the community in the hope that it will be listened to; and if matters are still not resolved, treat the offender as a pagan or tax collector. This last piece has been interpreted in some times and places as advice or a command for the community to shun and expel offenders. But did not Jesus keep company with tax collectors? Did not the apostolic Church reach out to pagan gentiles with the Good News? So, instead of being rejected, the offender is identified as one not yet converted, not truly incorporated into the Church and so outside community and communion, and therefore is one in need of conversion, for which engagement is required.

The next item, on binding and loosing, takes us back to the gospel reading two Sundays ago (Matt 16:19), but the authority to bind and loose is here directed not to Peter, but to the community of disciples, that is, the Church. These sayings in different nuances (the first is in the singular, the second in the plural) are found only in Matthew, and their nearest equivalent is John 20:23, but the same terminology and similar expressions are

found in other ancient and rabbinic sources. It is a Jewish expression concerning legal decisions that impose or lift sanctions. This language arises also in Matthew 23:4 (to be read on the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time this year) when Jesus accuses the scribes and Pharisees of binding heavy burdens on others and being unwilling to remove them. Christ's mission, and therefore his Church's, is to set free, to remit debt, to forgive sin – to lift the burden from those who are bound.

On turning to the second reading, a correction would not go astray. Sometimes translators have to balance competing interests of a direct translation versus a smoother one. Two paraphrases in today's second reading have lost something. The first, "If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations", with its needlessly gendered language, seems concerned merely with what satisfies an obligation. Instead, the Greek has "For the one loving the other fulfils the law." Various verbs synonymously meaning fulfil, complete, and perfect are found in the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures. In this case, Paul indicates the deficient nature of law, since its precepts are reductions that when cast in the positive provide examples of right acting, and cast in the negative are examples of contraventions of right acting. Loving the other guides one away from willingly wronging the other, and it guides the way of doing right so that the right thing that is done may be done with good grace. The second quibble over translation is in the last line, "Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments", which in Greek more directly reads, "Goodwill [or love] does no wrong to the neighbour, so goodwill [love] is the fulfilment of the Law." The preceding positive summary of the Law's end may be put thus: Cherish/Love your neighbour as if your own self.

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>) <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



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✉ Communications@john23rd.org.au



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"St Francis continues to speak" – Pope Leo XIV

Proclaiming the Special Year, Pope Leo XIV said St Francis still speaks to a world marked by war and division – not through solutions, but through a life that points to the true source of peace.

Recalling Francis' greeting, "May the Lord give you peace," the Pope said peace is God's gift, embracing peace with God, with one another, and with all creation.

The Special Year commemorates the Transit of St Francis, who died in 1226 after a life radically shaped by the Gospel. His witness of humility, mercy and love for the poor continues to inspire the Church to live the Gospel with joy and courage today.

This Year of Grace follows the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 and invites the faithful to allow the hope they have received to be transformed into active charity, reconciliation and peace.



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.

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 progress with the construction of our Parish Hall/Office. 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**

How to contribute

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Proposed Hall Extension (2 storeys) | Existing Church (1 storey)

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Every gift makes a difference!

TARGET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED  \$1,000,000.00	MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE PARISH THROUGH DIFFERENT FUND-RAISING EFFORTS AND DONATIONS:  \$256,464.00	CASH NEEDED TO BE RAISED TO MEET OUR TARGET:  \$743,536.00
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THANK YOU
for your generous support!

Your prayers, generosity and commitment are building more than walls - you are building a legacy of faith for generations to come.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY AND HELP US REACH OUR GOAL.
God bless you abundantly!

 WEEKLY UPDATE REPORT 31 August to 4 September	
Completed Items - Remove & decommission existing lights in lower ground level under the church - Test and tag electrical equipment - Earth works to bulk out site - Relocate or protect existing services	Activities being completed this week onsite - Re-locate sewer line - GCA & CLS piers inspection 11am 31/08 - Piling - Electrical rough in of services below lower ground slab - Hydraulic rough in of services below lower ground slab



CONTACTS

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Tue - Fri 8.30 - 4.00pm

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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

Sep	1	8	15	22	29
	Fernandes	Jakob B	Tangunanan	Erasmus	Jayakoddy
Oct	6	13	20	27	
	Erasmus	Sebastian	Shalini	Ring	
Nov	3	10	17	24	
	Barnouti	Tina B.	Meena B	Jacob	
Dec	1	8	15	22	29
	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available

"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

Positions Vacant

Parish Secretary – St Madeline's Sophie Barat
Parish, Kenthurst

Learn more at parracatholic.org/jobs

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal - Honour a lifetime of faithful service

We give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, mentors and spiritual fathers who have guided us with love, wisdom and faith. Among them are our priests, who have devoted their lives to serving God's people. They have celebrated the Sacraments with us, prayed with us, accompanied our families and helped bring us closer to Christ. After a lifetime of faithful service, many of our senior priests now need practical care and support as they face the challenges of ageing, illness and retirement. Your generous tax-deductible gift will help care for our retired and unwell priests and ensure they can live with the dignity, care and support they deserve. Please give generously at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QR code.

Thank you for caring for those who have spent their lives caring for us.

Bishop's FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Honour a lifetime of faithful service this Father's Day.

Your tax-deductible gift today helps care for our retired priests and clergy in ill-health.

parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

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

Invite your parish, ministry, family and friends

Scan for Group Bookings

www.bethewitness.com.au

With the support and encouragement of Bishop Vincent Long

Presented by Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown

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 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

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Dominic Lim 0468 826253 Australia

Ronan Limguangco 0478 629629 International



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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.

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For more info contact
Debra Pitre
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A NEW WAY TO SERVE TOGETHER!

Introducing Ministry Scheduler Pro

Praise the Lord!

Our parish is getting ready for a new and easier way to manage our ministry rosters!

We are excited to introduce **Ministry Scheduler Pro**,

which we are planning to launch for the **October rostering period**.

With the new system, volunteers will be able to:

- 📅 View your roster anytime
- 📅 Update your availability
- 🔔 Receive reminders
- 🔄 Manage replacements when needed

Don't worry if technology isn't your thing! **We will provide guidance and support to help everyone get comfortable with the new system.** This is more than just a new roster - it's about making it easier for all of us to serve, communicate and grow together as a volunteering community. Please prayerfully embrace this next chapter of our parish journey.

More information and instructions coming soon!

One parish. Many ministries. One community serving together.



MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO

Volunteers, Scheduling and Roster Planning

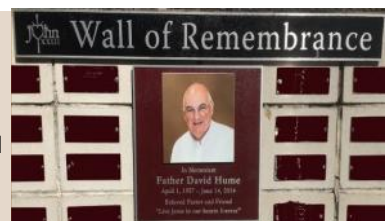


COLUMBARIUM

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!



September Calendar

Mon	7	8:30am - Mass
Tues	8	<i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)</i> 9:15am - Mass 7:00pm - Rosary Novena Prayer <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i> 7:30pm - Mass <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Wed	9	9:15am - Mass 8:00pm - Holy Hour
Thurs	10	9:15am - Mass
Fri	11	9:15am - Mass
Sat	12	9:15am - Mass 6:00pm - Mass
Sun	13	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am masses 6:00pm - Mass

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA GROUP ST JOHN XXIII PARISH

DINNER FOR A CAUSE A TRIBUTE TO ALL FATHERS

18th SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY
6:30PM TO 11:30PM

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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. Enjoy a delightful evening with your loved ones, featuring a two-course plated dinner with drinks, be entertained by live music to set the mood. Plus, there’s an exciting surprise raffle draw where all attendees have the chance to win! The event will take place at The Hills Lodge, Castle Hill with limited seating for only 100 guest—so don’t miss out. Let us come together as a community to create cherished memories while supporting a meaningful cause. All proceeds will benefit our beloved St John XXIII Parish.



Please save the date — Sunday, 4 October 2026

Come along with your family and friends for a wonderful afternoon of food, treats, music, games and plenty of fun for the kids. Exciting raffle draw with fantastic prizes. 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 for catering and other logistics.

\$20 RAFFLE TICKET
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or help us sell to your relatives and friends

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 planned giving option ☎ 02 88835981 or
✉ 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

Bishop Vincent's pastoral letter on the Special Year of St Francis



Dear friends in Christ,

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis. For this reason, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Special Year in honour of the Poverello ("little poor man" as he was affectionately known), offering a plenary indulgence to foster spiritual renewal, peace, and reconciliation.

This Franciscan Jubilee invites the faithful to imitate St Francis's evangelical virtues of poverty, humility, compassion and service to the poor. The Pope encourages us to be bridge builders in the time that is "marked by so many seemingly interminable wars, by internal and social divisions that create mistrust and fear". His mission to the Sultan of Egypt was a witness of love, mutual respect and dialogue. For this reason, St Francis is revered not only by Christians but also by Muslims, and Assisi is internationally recognised as the centre for inter-religious dialogue and reconciliation.

The Pope also emphasised that peace with God, peace among humans, and peace with creation are "inseparable dimensions". The Franciscan vision of peace is not limited to the relations among human beings but also embraces the whole of creation. Francis, who recognises in every creature a reflection of divine beauty, reminds us that peace must be extended to the whole cosmos. This insight resonates with particular urgency in our time. Peace with God, peace among human beings and with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation.

As a Franciscan bishop, I am deeply committed to the legacy of St Francis. I encourage you all to take advantage of the Franciscan Jubilee Year with a view to revitalising the Gospel life and witness we are called to give, personally and collectively.

Until January 10th, 2027, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions – sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Pope – by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St Francis anywhere in the world. Here are the following places in our Diocese:

- The Good Shepherd Church, Plumpton
- St Bernadette's Church, Dundas Valley
- Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kellyville
- Franciscan Shrine of Holy Innocents, Kellyville
- Poor Clares Monastery, North Richmond
- Our Lady of Consolation Chapel, Rooty Hill

Furthermore, the elderly, the sick, and those who, for serious reasons, cannot leave their homes can obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining in the jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God. I pray for a spiritually enriching year through the intercession of Our Lady of Poverty and St Francis.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta

Make a pilgrimage

There are many places of pilgrimage within the Diocese of Parramatta, covering Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, connected to St Francis in name or otherwise. These include:

- † The Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Plumpton – under the pastoral care of Capuchin Franciscans
- † St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Dundas Valley – under the pastoral care of the Friars of St Francis
- † Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Kellyville and Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville – under the pastoral care of the Conventual Franciscans
- † Poor Clares Monastery, North Richmond
- † Our Lady of Consolation Chapel, Rooty Hill – under the pastoral care of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary
- † St Raphael's Slovenian Catholic Church, Merrylands – under the pastoral care of the Franciscan Friars OFM
- † Croatian Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Great Croatian Covenant, Blacktown – under the pastoral care of the Franciscan Friars OFM



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