

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.

***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*

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## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The first reading (Isa 25:6-10) is a message of consolation acknowledging God's concern for all peoples. Due to its consoling tone, it is often chosen for use at funerals with Mass. Its reference to the banquet that God prepares was most likely the prompt for the choice of the accompanying Psalm 22(23), also frequently used at funerals. In addition to the banqueting link is perhaps an upended link to the gospel parable (Matt 22:1-14), for while the psalmist hopes to live in the house of the Lord forever, the ill-suited man is evicted early from the banquet. In that parable (Matt 22:1-14) the banquet is prepared by the king for his son's wedding, but its emphasis in this location continues the theme of last week's parable (Matt 21:33- 43); the first invitees failed to respond righty when the time came, so others are invited to join in the wedding banquet in their stead. To renege on a wedding invitation would have been an extraordinary social effrontery, so the scenario of this parable is rather shocking. Similarly astounding would be filling the banquet with all sorts of others who, being neither kin nor friends, have neither expectation nor presumption to have a place at the wedding feast, nor would they be seen to belong naturally. Elements from last week's parable are repeated here, specifically those of the king sending servants again, some now being seized, and mistreated, and even killed. These features are not found in Luke's version (Luke 14:15-24). There is also a whole section in Matthew that has no correspondence to Luke's, and it complicates Matthew's version which now appears to be formed of the melding of two parables revolving around a wedding feast, the second one concerning the man without a wedding garment. I remember as a child being troubled by this section, thinking it harsh that the poor man should be treated so, and I interpreted his silence as a sign of embarrassment—exactly how I felt when put on the spot in the school room. But there is nothing in the story to indicate poverty, just a disregard for protocol and disinterest in the king's concerns; he is there for the free feed and not to engage in the wedding celebration.
Comparison of Matthew's and Luke's versions sometimes results in the suggestion that each evangelist has revised the parable to suit his own purposes, but it could also be that Jesus himself repeated parables with variations to fit each situation. In this particular case, the first section, stripped of the to-do over the garment, can stand on its own, and the Lectionary makes provision for just this in the shorter form (v.1-10). But the proclaimer of the Gospel, and homilists, should not too readily opt for the shorter just because it is shorter; the extra section in Matthew has a very important aspect that is related to what was acknowledged in the reflection for Sunday 17, and hinted at on other occasions: not all members of the Matthean community are truly committed. It could be that Matthew was intending to refer specifically to those who fell away during times of persecution that his community had already experienced, but even aside from persecutions there were signs of failure of members, and of corruption. Such possibilities were previously raised in the parable of the sower (Matt 13:1-23; Sunday 15). Not all those called later to replace the reneging first-chosen measure up, and like the first they will face being evicted. This extended parable is a warning to all, giving no comfort to those who call themselves disciples of Christ: just claiming membership of a chosen group, whether by birth or adoption, is not sufficient; calling Lord, Lord, (cf. Matt 7:21,22 and 25:11) is not sufficient; doing the will of God is what is required (cf. Matt 7:21-23). Thus, membership in the Church is not about getting a ticket to heaven, but about joining the activity of the Kingdom.

## MASS TIMES

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| Mon | 8:30am |
| Tues-Fri | 9:15am |
| Sat | 9.00am, 6pm Vigil |
| Sun | 7:30am 9am 10:30am 6pm |
| 2nd Sat | 7:30pm Indonesian Mass |

## DEVOTION AND PRAYERS

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| Tues | 7:00pm Rosary \| novena prayers (*Church*) |
| 1st Tues | 7.30pm Novena Mass *Our Lady of Perpetual Help* |
| 1st Fri | 7:30pm Novena Mass *Sacred Heart of Jesus* |
| Thurs | 7:00pm Lectio Divina |
| Fri | 6.30pm *Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group (office)* |

Pauline Camilleri 0407 417039

## EXPOSITION + BENEDICTION

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

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation** *After the weekday masses*
Sat after 9am mass to 10.30am
5:15 - 5:45pm before the Vigil Mass or upon request
**Baptism** *by appointment*
Sun 12pm Baptism

## SPECIAL BLESSINGS

*Blessings during masses*
1st Sun Birthday celebrants
3rd Sun Wedding anniversary

## HOMEBOUND?

Homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact the parish office or 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

Please inform the acolyte before mass if you are gluten intolerant so that you may still receive communion with a low gluten host.

## JOIN & BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY

Welcome pack at the church foyer or scan

Be part of our mailing list,
*Communications@john23rd.org.au*

**Catholic Mission Church Appeal**

Next Sunday 18th October we celebrate the Catholic Mission Appeal. As we approach the 100th World Mission Day, Pope Leo XIV calls us to be "One in Christ, United in Mission" – a call to put Christ at the forefront, as we share His love with those who need it most. This is a powerful opportunity for the parish to be part of a life-changing mission. Please give generously.

## Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

## First Reading *Isaiah 25:6-10*

*The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm *Ps 22*

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name, If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

## Second Reading *Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20*

*I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation *cf Ephesians 1:17, 18*

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

## Gospel *Matthew 22:1-14*

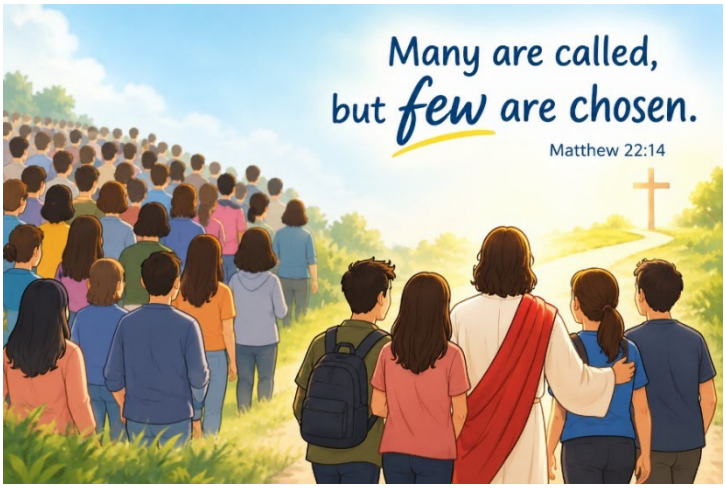
*Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



## Hall | Office Project

### 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 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/StJohnXXIIIPGSG*
- scan QR Code

Thank you for your support.
**Parish fund raising, finance, Building committees and Fr. Jolly**

SBS SECURE BUILDING SOLUTIONS

**WEEKLY UPDATE REPORT**
**5 October to 10 October**

**Milestone Summary**
✓Contract Award 6/07/26
✓ Building Permit Issued 22/07/26
✓ Commencement On Site 10/08/26
☺ Practical completion 5/02/27

**Completed Items this period**

- Install Agg line and Waterproof – RW3
- Back fill – RW3
- Formwork and steel reinforcement - Columns
- Pour Columns & BW1 core fill – 02/10 (Pending weather)
- Block Delivery

**Activities being completed this week onsite**

- Install Stage 1 Scaffold
- Install formwork GF Slab
- Reinforcement steel delivery
- Electrical service pathways
- Hydraulic & drainage rough-in
- Start GF Slab reinforcement















## 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 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**

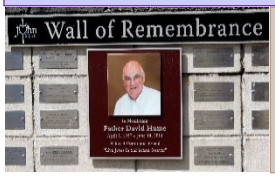
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| **OCT** | **6** | **13** | **20** | **27** |  |
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| **NOV** | **3** | **10** | **17** | **24** | |
| | Barnouti | Tina B. | Meena B | Jacob | |
| **DEC** | **1** | **8** | **15** | **22** | **29** |
| | Shalini | Paguinto | *Available* | Fernandes | Fernandes |
| **JAN** | **5** | **12** | **19** | **26** | |
| | *Available* | *Available* | *Available* | *Available* | |

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

If you want to be included in the roster for the Rosary statue, please contact: Techie Sarlabus *techie.sarlabus@gmail.com* or Melva Paguinto *emcipi85@yahoo.com.au*

**COLUMBARIUM**
Considering purchasing a niche? Spaces are still available. These are open to parishioners, families, friends & our neighbouring parishes.
Please contact the Parish Office.






**MEMORIAL WALL**
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

## 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**

Antoinette De Silva, Ramiro Dominguez, Cristine Carger, Obet Jacildo,

**Remembrances:**

Elisa A Nazareno

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

**Thanksgiving**

Wira Peiris

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

## Diocesan News

**Bishop Vincent Presents: Kim Daniels on 'AI, Pope Leo and the future of human dignity'**

Join us on 13 October at 6 pm to hear from one of the Church's foremost experts on Catholic Social Thought and its importance in the age of artificial intelligence. A lawyer by training, Ms Daniels served for 10 years as a member of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication until 2026, and during the Synod on Synodality from 2021-2024 was an expert participant and coordinator of the study group that focused on the Church's mission in the digital age. Registration is essential, visit *parracatholic.org/kim-daniels*

**Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Formation course: 17 October**

Are you currently taking Communion to the sick and dying in the Diocese of Parramatta? If so, please join the Office for Worship for a day of ongoing formation to further your knowledge and understanding of this important topic. Saturday 17 Oct from 9:30am – 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and Lunch provided. For more information and to register before 14 October at *parracatholic.org/events/ministry-of-communion-formation/*

**FaithFEED Echo - November 6**

Looking for a space that brings together creativity, music and meaningful conversations? Searching for a place where gifts among those in their 20s, 30s and 40s can be celebrated and empowered?
TFF ECHO brings together creativity, music and meaningful conversations that echo the God who works in us, among us and around us!
Register for TFF ECHO – an experience from The FaithFeed. Food, drink and live music provided! Doors open at 7pm with live music from a 7:30pm start.
Note: This is an 18+ event only.
Register online at: The FaithFeed ECHO (6 November) | Diocese of Parramatta

**Diocesan Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass - November 15**

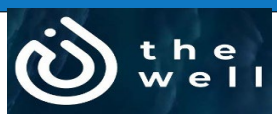
The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 15 November at 2:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Fr Fernando Montano VG, will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by afternoon at the Cathedral Hall.
Couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate.
Couples and their families are warmly invited to light refreshments in the Cathedral Hall after Mass.
Please register online at: Diocesan Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass (15 November) | Diocese of Parramatta
You can also register via email mailto:marriage@parracatholic.orgor phone 0408 233 478, please include full names, years of marriage and number of family attending.











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## 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!

Building our community
TOGETHER
**Please contact either**
Nanette - 0404 465600
Techie - 0438 201436

| October Calendar | | |
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| **MON** | **12** | 8:30am - Mass |
| **TUES** | **13** | 9:15am - Mass<br>7:00pm - Rosary \| Rosary Prayer<br>*Our Lady of Perpetual Help* |
| **WED** | **14** | 9:15am - Mass<br>8:00pm - Holy Hour |
| **THURS** | **15** | *Saint Teresa of Jesus (M)*<br>9:15am - Mass |
| **FRI** | **16** | 9:15am - Mass |
| **SAT** | **17** | *Saint Ignatius of Antioch (M)*<br>9:15am - Mass<br>6:00pm - Mass |
| **SUN** | **18** | 7.30am 9:00am 10:30am masses<br>6:00pm - Mass |




**Blaze Youth and Ignite Young Adults** will be hosting a bake sale outside the kitchen after all Sunday Morning masses on the 18th of October. Come along, grab a delicious homemade treat and support our young people as we raise funds towards our World Youth Day 2027 pilgrimage to Seoul! We'd love to see you there.




### A Wonderful Feast Day Celebration

Our parish is truly blessed! We were blessed with beautiful weather, wonderful participation, and a joyful spirit throughout the event. We hope everyone who attended had a wonderful time and enjoyed the fellowship and celebrations.

A heartfelt thank you to our organising committee, volunteers and everyone who helped to make the event such a great success.

A special thank you to our wonderful DJ, Lisa Vallejo, who kept us entertained with lively music and encouraged our talented parishioners to share their singing and dancing. Your energy and enthusiasm certainly added to the joy of the celebration!

And, of course, as in any event, there is nourishment. Thank you to all our parishioners who generously prepared and shared delicious food, including the much-enjoyed Filipino native dishes. We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to Michinbury Fruit Market for their generous donation of fresh fruits adding a healthy and refreshing touch to our celebration.

To everyone who contributed in any way - through your time, talents, generosity or simply by being present - thank you for helping make our celebration a memorable and joyful occasion.

**Raffle Draw – Congratulations to Our Winners!**

Congratulations to all our lucky raffle winners! As the saying goes, the more tickets you purchase, the more chances you have to win!

We extend our sincere gratitude to all those who contributed prizes and supported our raffle:

- 1st Prize – Trip to India: Bennett Stephens and John XXIII Parish
- 2nd Prize – Return Airfares: Susan Clark, ITravel
- 3rd Prize – 65" Smart TV: Gary Lee & Family
- Consolation Prize – Apple iPad: Ajith Lobo & Family
- Consolation Prize – Sydney Harbour Dinner Cruise: Wira Peiris & Family

**CALLING ALL YOUTHS YEAR 6 –12**

We are excited to share that SJ XXIII Blaze Youth in collaboration with Mary Immaculate Youth are planning a "Living in Christ" Youth Retreat for young people in Year 6 to 12 on Saturday, 12 December 2026.

We are currently gathering expressions of interest to help us with our planning and to gauge how many young people are interested in attending.

If your child is interested in attending, please scan the QR Code and complete the form.

Kindly forward anv questions to Ellena on 0478685191.

God Bless, SJ23 BLAZE YOUTH GROUP

## 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 8883 5981 accounts@john23rd.org.au
Support can be provided via the Registration forms are available at the church foyer or from the website or scanning the QR Code

*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.

### 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, & 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 in being involved in and take leadership of this fun loving dynamic group please contact Tanya at the parish office or Techie at 0438 201436.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY

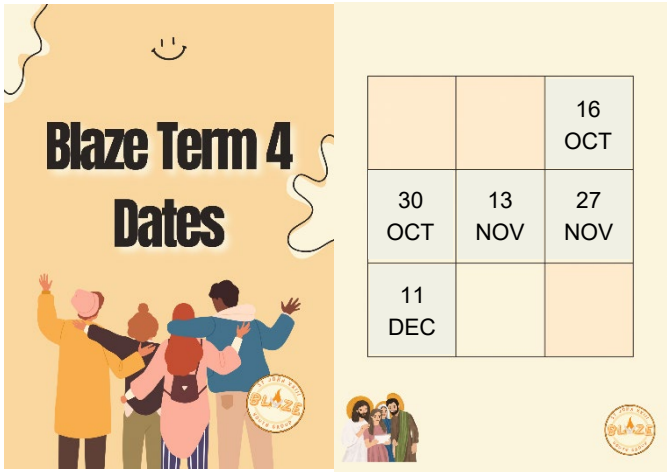
"*The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.*" Luke 10:

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.

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| | **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**<br>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. |
| LECTORS | **Ministers of the Word**<br>Proclaim the Scriptures and offer commentary during liturgies. Open to men and women aged 18 and above. |
| ALTAR SERVERS | **Junior Servers**<br>Assist the Celebrant, Deacons, and Acolytes during liturgical celebrations.<br>Open to boys and girls aged 10 and above who have received First Holy Communion (Confirmation preferred) |
| TECH MINISTRY | Tech Ministry<br>Support and coordinate technical aspects of the liturgy, including sound systems and projection.<br>Open to men and women aged 18 and above. No prior experience is required. |
| Ushers & Greeters | Ushers & Greeters<br>Greet and assist parishioners, helping to create a warm and welcoming environment.<br>Open to men, women, and children aged 12 and above. |

## YOUTH | YOUNG ADULT GROUPS

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| **BLAZE YOUTH**<br>Year 7 to 12<br>**WHEN:** 7:00 - 9:00pm<br>**WHERE:** St John XXIII College (C Block Bell space)<br>**For any queries:**<br>blaze@john23rd.org.au or<br>@blazeyouthsj23 on Insta\|FB<br>Ellena 0478 685 191 | **IGNITE YOUNG ADULTS**<br>18 - 35 years of age<br>**WHEN:** First Sundays each month 7:00 - 9:30pm<br>**WHERE:** St John XXIII Staffroom<br>**For any queries:**<br>Ignite.stjohn23@gmail.com<br>@ignite_sj23 on Insta\|FB |
| **YFC** *(Youth for Christ)*<br>Australia<br>Dominic Lim 0468 826253<br>International<br>Ronan Limguangco 0478 629629 | **CRL** *(Community of the Risen Lord)*<br>Rojith de Silva 0405 9563210<br>Nimeshi Fernando 0417 101009 |




### FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

If you would like to make flower donations for the church altar, please contact:
James David on 0413 787596






**Vinnies**
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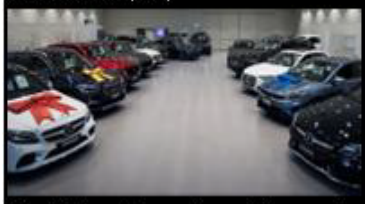
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