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<p>Priests Serving The Parish: Fr Brian Rooney Fr Kevin Walsh Email: kevin.w3@bigpond.com Fr Dave Hume Email: FrDave@john23rd.org.au Presbytery: 8824 3985</p> <p>Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday Masses: 8.30am, 10.30am and 6.00pm. Baptisms: <i>By appointment</i> on Sunday at 12.00pm Reconciliation: First Rite: Saturday 4.30pm - 5.30pm. Second Rite: Third Saturday at 9.30am. Exposition: Tuesdays and First Fridays 6.30pm-7.30pm and Saturdays 8.00am-9.00am (Vocations) Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed, Thurs and Sat at 9.00am in the Church. Tuesday: Novena Mass to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7.30pm. Fri 9.00am (Holy Cross Primary during school term) FIRST FRIDAY Exposition 6.30pm-7.15pm. Benediction at 7.15pm and Mass at 7.30pm. Sacrament of the Sick: First Saturday during 9.00am Mass: Morning Prayer of the Church: - Sun 8.00am; Wed 9.30am;</p> <p>Schools Holy Cross, Glenwood. Principal: Leanne Nettleton 02 9629 8742 John XXIII, Stanhope Gardens Principal: Peter Stoyles 02 9852 0500 St Mark's College, Stanhope Gardens</p>	<p>Parish Secretary: Tanya Gatt (Mon-Fri 10.00-3.00pm)</p> <p>Sacramental Coordinator/ Finance: Sue Andruskin (Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs) Email: Sacramental @john23rd.org.au</p> <p>Youth Minister: Colin Lee M - 0433 333 217 Email: bj23youth@john23rd.org.au www.blazeyouthministry.com</p> <p>RCIA Co-ordinators: John & Jean McCartney Email: profmark@ozemail.com.au</p>
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BREAKING OPEN THE WORD!

4th July 2010



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Dear Friends,

Hasn't it been a strangely cold week! Well, I actually quite enjoy the cold. Coming from a country with only summer as our only season, this has been a real blessing for me, having said that, I hope it doesn't get colder. Well I hope you have been enjoying the winter season. I know a few people who will be going up to the snow for the school holidays. I wouldn't mind doing some snowboarding myself!

Well, last weekend we had a special blessing for Simon, Rhea and Josh for the WYD Volunteer program and we are looking forward to working with them to help grow the youth ministry. They also managed to raise a few hundred dollars for their pilgrimage to WYD in 2011. Thank you all for your generosity, they sold out on their cakes!

Also, this week, I have had the privilege to once again chat with the year 5 and 6 about Ministry and it seems that many are interested in the Blaze Youth Program. If you have been thinking about joining us for a while, this is be a great time as we will be exploring the theme "MY Walk with God".

Let us grow together in Christ and have a great week!

Colin Lee

Jesus lived by what he said, When he appeared to his apostles after he rose from the dead his greeting was "peace be with you." Amazing words to people who ran away from him when he needed them most.

When Jesus sent out the seventy-two disciples he said that their first words on entering a house were to be: 'Peace to this house.' They were to be ambassadors of peace and goodwill. Without peace nothing is possible.

What is this peace that Christ is asking of us? It is not a negative thing. It is not just the absence of war or enmity. Peace is a positive thing. It implies openness, friendship, tolerance, goodwill, hospitality, reconciliation. It disposes us to reach out to others. It helps to break down barriers of suspicion, fear, prejudice, bigotry.

What does working for peace involve? It means welcoming people close to us, those who annoy us or disagree with us, those who provoke, anguish within us. To take the path of peace is to accept people as they are, with all their limitations and weaknesses. The people we need to make peace with are not our friends but our enemies.

Shortly before Communion the priest says to us, 'The peace of the Lord be with you always.' What a wonderful gift is being offered to us—the peace of Christ, a peace which the world cannot give. Then he invites us to 'offer each other a sign of peace.' The hand we reach out to our neighbours is the same hand with which we receive Jesus in Communion.

We come to Mass to receive blessings from the Lord. If we took nothing else away with us from here but peace, our time would be well spent. We must be prepared to give back something of what we have received. The end of the Mass is not like the end of a football game or film where we simply get up and leave. At the end of the Mass we are *sent out*. Having received the peace of Christ, we are then sent out as ambassadors of that peace to others.

We have to accept that our peace will not always be accepted. But at least we ought to try. It can be a bridge to divisions and it can heal wounds.

Let us grow in the peace of Christ,

Fr Dave.

FIRST READING:
Isaiah 66:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his
hand.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Resp Psalm:
65:1-7. 16. 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God
with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the
earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous
your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall
bow:
shall sing to you, sing to your
name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among
men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river
dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear
God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not
reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

SECOND READING:
GALATIANS 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul
to the Galatians

**The marks I carry on my body are
those of Jesus Christ.**

The only thing I can boast about is
the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom the world is cruci-
fied to me, and I to the world. It
does not matter if a person is cir-
cumcised or not; what matters is
for him to become an altogether
new creature. Peace and mercy to
all who follow this rule, who form
the Israel of God.

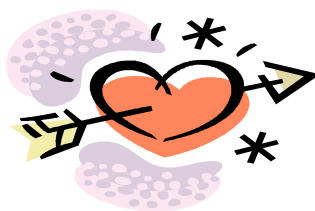
I want no more trouble from any-
body after this; the marks on my
body are those of Jesus. The
grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be

with your spirit, my brothers.
Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:
Colossians 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ rule in
your hearts,
and the fullness of his message
live within you.
Alleluia!



PLEASE NOTE:

**HOLY CROSS MASS AT
9.00AM FRIDAY WILL BE
HELD AT BLESSED JOHN
23RD CHURCH OVER THE
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.**

GOSPEL:
Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

A reading from the holy Gospel ac-
cording to Luke

Your peace will rest upon him.

The Lord appointed seventy-two oth-
ers and sent them out ahead of him,
in pairs, to all the towns and places he
himself was to visit. He said to them,
'The harvest is rich but the labourers
are few, so ask the Lord of the har-
vest to send labourers to his harvest.
Start off now, but remember, I am
sending you out like lambs among
wolves. Carry no purse, no haver-
sack, no sandals. Salute no one on
the road. Whatever house you go into,
let your first words be, "Peace to this
house!" And if a man of peace lives
there, your peace will go and rest on
him; if not, it will come back to you.
Stay in the same house, taking what
food and drink they have to offer, for
the labourer deserves his wages; do
not move from house to house.
Whenever you go into a town where
they make you welcome, eat what is
set before you. Cure those in it who
are sick, and say, "The kingdom of
God is very near to you." But when-
ever you enter a town and they do not
make you welcome, go out into its
streets and say, "We wipe off the very
dust of your town that clings to our
feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure
of this: the kingdom of God is very
near." I tell you, on that day it will not
go as hard with Sodom as with that
town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing.
'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils sub-
mit to us when we use your name.' He
said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like
lightning from heaven. Yes, I have
given you power to tread underfoot
serpents and scorpions and the whole
strength of the enemy; nothing shall
ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that
the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather
that your names are written in
heaven.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.


Understanding the Word


The Kingdom of God

Jesus sends the seventy-two disciples as he had earlier sent the Twelve (9:1-6; see the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ). After giving instructions Jesus tells them what to say: 'the kingdom of God is at hand'. In Luke's theology the kingdom of God marks a new age. Jesus said, 'The law and the prophets lasted until John; but from then on the kingdom of God is proclaimed' (16:16). Consistent with Luke's view of an orderly unfolding of salvation history (Advent 1, OT 3), John the Baptist brought to a completion the former age. With Jesus' coming the new age of the kingdom has begun.

Jesus describes two scenarios: one in which those to whom the disciples preach 'welcome you', the other in which 'they do not receive you'. In both cases the disciples announce, 'the kingdom of God is very near' (vv. 9,11). For each the kingdom means something different. For those who are peaceable, who welcome the disciples, and give them something to 'eat and drink', the kingdom is manifest when the disciples 'cure the sick'. Thus, hospitality, table fellowship, and the healing of disease are all signs that the kingdom of God is truly 'near you'. The gracious mercy of God has taken hold: 'the kingdom of God is among you' (17:21). Such tokens as fellowship and restored health are pledges of the kingdom in its fullness. The first reading from Isaiah uses different imagery to convey the sense of God's rule over the people: mourning is replaced by rejoicing, there shall be abundance, prosperity, comfort, and people flourish like the grass.

The refusal to receive the disciples and their proclamation results in judgment: shaking the dust off their sandals is a traditional sign of disavowal and disowning. On the one hand, refusal brings judgment; the weight of judgment will be greater than that levelled against the notoriously sinful city of Sodom - its destruction was total! On the other hand, refusal does not prevent or impede the kingdom. Its coming is assured, its establishment is not in doubt.

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<p>FOOD FOR THOUGHT: <i>Fr.Kev Walsh</i></p> <p>Do you wish to deepen the quality of your life? Would you like to spend some quality time, nourished from God's Word?</p> <p>Are you looking for inner peace? If, so...do check out the coloured Flyers in the Shrines of Our Lady, and St.Joseph for detailed information.</p> <p>Fr.Kev and his team of young people, will be leading a Tazie style Prayer time, 1st Friday of each month, 7.30-8.45PM, commencing August 6, at St.Joseph's Spirituality Centre, Baulkham Hills.</p>	<p>We pray and remember.....</p> <p>Born to Eternal Life: Seratin David. Anniversary: Monica Cobarrubias, Fiorita Morelli. Sick: Rita Halls, Irene Leantou, Darius Hasibuen, Aquido Que, Janet Perera, Fiorita Morelli, George Kiddle, Michael & Rosa Cascio, John Cook, Lolita P Ludovice, Charlie Vella, Josephine Ballas, Miucl Toloba, Alvin Sebastian, Abegail Udarbe, Pepito Atayan, Florence Canda, Jun Noble, Rustico Reyes, D. Mercado Sr, Beth Linsao, Norman Ranasinghe, Arsenio Exconde, Emanuel Cremona, Prudencia Saceda, Debbie Clark.</p>	<p>YOUTH - CALLING ALL TEENAGERS FROM YEAR 6 -12! Our next Blaze event will be on Friday 16th July. This Friday, we will be exploring the theme "My Walk with God". We will look at God's Walking companions and how that relates to us today. If you are coming, make sure you bring a plate to share with others. To all the young people, it would be great if you could bring your friends along this night of great learning and fun! We welcome new comers!</p> <p>The details are: BLAZE (Year 6-12): 16th July 2010 from 6.00pm-7.30pm Venue: Youth Space (NOTE: New space is near parish office) For more information call Colin Lee 0433 333 217</p>
<p>SEEKING ENROLMENT IN 2011?</p> <p>Enrolments Applications will be available for distribution to students seeking enrolment into Kindergarten at John XXIII Catholic Primary School and Year 7 at St Mark's Catholic College.</p> <p>Please visit the school office, 7.45 am – 3.30 pm, Monday to Friday, or contact The Enrolment Officer on 9852 0500</p>	<p>OVER 55'S WEDNESDAY, 21 JULY 2010</p> <p>Lunch at Seven Hills RSL 11.30am for 12.00pm</p> <p>Please contact Des or Barb on 8824 7220</p> <p>Yearly calendar in foyer.</p>	<p>BLAZE YOUNG ADULTS – CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS AT HEART! Calling all young adults aged 18 and above. Come join us at our next gathering in the Youth Space on the 4th July. We will be exploring the theme "Evangelising from the inside out". We will look at what evangelizing is, why is it important to evangelise and what we can do to attract more young people to the church! We welcome all new comers to our YAG group, please come and say hello to us after the 6pm mass on a Sunday!</p> <p>The details are: Date: THIS Sunday 4th July 2010 after mass from 7.00pm-8.30pm Venue: Youth Space For more information call Colin Lee 0433 333 217</p>
	<p>Enrolments for 2011. Expressions of Interest for Kindergarten 2011 are now being taken for Holy Cross Primary at Glenwood. For further information please contact Mrs Kylie Batiste on 9629 8742 at the school office. The forms can also be downloaded from our website: www.hcglenwood.catholic.edu.au or email holycross@parra.catholic.edu.au</p>	

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<p>From the Parish Priest:</p> <p>1. Parish Council: nominations are now closed. There will be the AGM meeting of the Parish Council in the School Staff Room on Thursday 15th July at 7.30pm. At this meeting 12 members will be elected for a period of two years. A Chairperson and secretary will then be elected. The financial statement for the parish will then be read. All parishioners will be welcome to attend this meeting.</p> <p>2. Novena Mass to Our Lady of perpetual help. Come to this beautiful mass on a Tuesday Night. Sit with Jesus during adoration of the Blessed sacrament from 6.30pm to 7.15pm, rosary at 7.15pm followed by the beautiful Novena Mass.</p> <p><i>Live Jesus in our hearts, Forever. Fr Dave.</i></p>	<p>Assistant Pastoral Care Worker, Australian Sudanese Catholic Community</p> <p>The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of Assistant Pastoral Care Worker. This is a part time position working 3 days per week and located at Homebush West. Applications to Anthony Spata, Polding Centre, Level 5, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney NSW 2000 or anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org. Applications close 11 July 2010. Enquiries: 9390 5317</p> <p>From the Sacramental Team at Blessed John XXIII Parish to Parents of Children preparing for First Eucharist.</p> <p>After discussion at our Parent Meetings for First Eucharist, we have decided to have two sessions for 'Understanding our Church and Walk Through the Mass'. Parents can decide which one of these sessions would be more suitable for them to bring their children to. As it is compulsory to attend one of the sessions, we thought that it may make it easier, if families have the opportunity to have the choice of two dates. The new date is Thursday, August 5 at 3.45pm. The original date is Saturday, August 7 at 4.30pm.</p>	<p>From the Sacramental Team Volunteers Needed!</p> <p>Dear Parishioners,</p> <p>We are in the process of reorganising the Sacramental Program in the Parish. We would like to hold preparation sessions for each of the Sacraments; Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist, at the parish. We would like to hold these before Mass on Saturday afternoon at 4.30pm or on Sunday morning after the 8.30am mass. This way our families will have two choices, as to which sessions they will attend. Parents will be a part of these sessions with their child and we would like to have these groups divided into smaller groups in different rooms and have a facilitator working with each of these rooms.</p> <p>The parish is asking for people to volunteer as facilitators to lead these groups. Training will be provided and each of the Sacraments will have between 2 and 4 sessions.</p> <p>If you would like to help us with this endeavour please contact Sue Andruskin at the parish at sacramental@john23rd.org.au or call Sue on 9852 0580 on Tuesdays or Thursdays. This new process for the sacraments will commence with our new group of children who will enrol for First Reconciliation in September this year.</p> <p>Peace and blessings to each of you, Sue Andruskin</p> <p>Presiders for next week: 10th/11th July Sat. Vigil 6.00pm Fr. Dave Hume Sun. 8.30am Fr. Brian Rooney Sun. 10.30am Fr. Dave Hume Sun. 6.00pm Fr. Kevin Walsh</p>
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