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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>Office Hours: 8.30am - 4.00pm (Monday to Thursday) 9.30am - 3.00pm (Friday)</p> <p>Parish Secretary: Tanya Gatt (Monday-Friday)</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!

11th July 2010

Where do we find spontaneous goodness from people? It does exist in our world today but we need to take the time to recognise compassion in action.

Our media poisons our minds and portrays the seedy side, the dark side of humanity. The newspapers and television delight in the sins of others and seem to convict and sentence others. They have brought down good people when they have made a mistake. The media seem to have become the judge and jury on many social issues from politics, religion, ethics, and morals.

Bad news sells! Goodness in people is real and it happens everyday, but unfortunately reporting it does not sell, and the newspapers, television and radio run a business and we are told that people will buy, read and look at ugly, bad, and corrupt news about others.

But in today's gospel Jesus tells us some good news! It's obvious that the Samaritan goodness had become habitual, spontaneous, second nature. The nice thing about people like that is that they don't think they have done anything special. For some, generosity consists in a few sporadic acts;

for others it is a way of life.

In reporting the incident in our newspapers the reporter may have highlighted the attack on the person who was bashed. The good Samaritan probably may not have been mentioned.

The most disturbing thing in Jesus' story is not the attack made on an innocent man, but the fact that two people who we would expect to help him passed by without even showing compassion for him. A true Christian is not indifferent to the suffering of another.

Who is my neighbour? The answer that Jesus gives us is that our neighbour is whoever I choose to be a neighbour to. The real question is not who do I consider to be my neighbour, but who am I willing to treat as a neighbour?

What kind of a neighbour am I? It's a question we ought to ask ourselves every now and then, but it's one we can't answer ourselves.

This is the good news of Jesus Christ and it is worth reading.

Have a great week, Fr Dave



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Dear Friends,

Hope you have had a great weekend and looking forward to the week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr Dave for his continued support and encouragement with the youth team. This week, the leadership team met with Fr Dave and myself to start to plan for the new program which will start in August. Our first Blaze program will be on the 20th August and will be on for every 3rd Friday of the month. We are also planning for the Youth Mass to be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Our first one will be on the 5th September. So make sure you put these dates in your diary.

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

Colin Lee

<p>YOUTH MASSES (1st Sunday of the month 6pm - 7pm followed by supper)</p> <p>Sunday 5th September 2010</p> <p>Sunday 3rd October 2010</p> <p>Sunday 7th November 2010</p>

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**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:
Ps 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.**
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 crucified to
me, and I to the world. It does not
matter if a person is circumcised 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 anybody
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.

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

**GOSPEL:
Luke 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

Love and law

At the centre of the discussion between Jesus and the lawyer is a law that requires 'love'. We might ask: how can 'love' be required by law? How does one legislate 'love'? The law commanding love of God quoted by the lawyer is the 'Shema' from Deuteronomy 6:4-5. The 'Shema' (= 'Hear, O Israel ...') is the core affirmation of Israelite faith and is recited twice a day by devout Jews. The book of Deuteronomy, in its final form, is presented as a covenant. In turn, a 'covenant' is a standard ancient Near Eastern contractual agreement between individuals or kingdoms. The main element of all such covenants is found in the requirements that the greater party imposes on the lesser. In this analogy all the laws contained in Deuteronomy are the requirements of the covenant. Because the covenant has made Israel God's own people, the lawyer rightly speaks of 'inheriting' the blessings God had earlier promised. The blessing described in Deuteronomy for 'doing' the law will be life in the promised land: '... observe all the commandments I enjoin on you today, that you may live and increase' (Deut 8:1). Jesus echoes this command when he says to the lawyer, 'Do this and life is yours' (Luke 10:28).

It was a standard feature of ancient covenants that the one imposing the stipulations would command his servant to love him. The subjects of the Assyrian king Assurbanipal are commanded, 'You will love Assurbanipal as yourselves'; in another text the subjects reply, '... the king of Assyria, our lord, we will love'. In these contexts 'love' means loyalty; in turn, loyalty is expressed in obedience. This kind of 'love' can be legislated for it requires a certain kind of behaviour, not an emotional response of affection towards another. The connection between 'love' and 'obedience' is clearly in Jesus' mind when he says, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments' (John 14:15). Love is not an emotion; it is something one does: 'what must I do?' (10:25), 'do this and life is yours' (10:28), 'go and do the same yourself' (10:37).

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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: Priam Menon, Lazarus Anthony, Brenda Panden, Solange Veerasamy, Claude Panden, Wilhemina Meyepa, Simone Thamby, Laurence Face, Olivia Marion.</p> <p>Anniversary: Daniel & Arnold Duchesne, Anica Peiric, Gualberto Delgado, Michael Desanti.</p> <p>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, Muel 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>BLAZE YOUTH - CALLING ALL TEENAGERS FROM YEAR 5 -8!</p> <p>Our next Blaze event will be on the 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 5-8): 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 soon 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. Please visit the school office, 7.45 am – 3.30 pm, Monday to Friday, or contact The Enrolment Officer on 9852 0500 to complete an Expression of Interest form.</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>NEW BLAZE PROGRAM (3rd Friday of the month) 7.00pm – 10.00pm</p> <p>Friday, August 20th 2010 (Parable of The Narrow Door Theme: Humility and Hospitality, "Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last")</p> <p>Friday, September 17th 2010 (Parable of The Dishonest Manager Theme: Honesty and faith, "God knows your hearts; for what is prized by human beings is an abomination in the sight of God")</p> <p>Friday, October 15th 2010 (Parable of The Widow and the Unjust Judge, Theme: Mercy and Justice, "God will grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night")</p> <p>Friday, November 19th 2010 CHRIST THE KING (The necessity for Watchfulness, Theme: Forgiveness and Justice, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise")</p>
	<p>Enrolments for 2011.</p> <p>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>The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council is on this Thursday 15th July in John23rd School Staff Room beginning at 7.30pm.</p> <p>This will be a significant meeting because the nominated parishioners will all be accepted as your representatives. A few weeks ago we met as a parish over three gatherings. You shared with me the needs of the parish. I have published that list. With a parish council, we move forward to serve the parish and try over the next two years to include what you the parishioners want in this parish.</p> <p>However, the role of the Parish Council is to empower all parishioners to take part in the building the community of Christ here at Blessed John XXIII. Therefore, I have categorised the ideas from our parish meetings into four mission groups: Faith Development, Community Building, Social Justice/Outreach and Liturgy. Please see the notice boards for this break up.</p> <p>Please come to the AGM on Thursday night and it is not too late to put yourself forward to join the Parish Council to be active in developing the ideas in one of the above groups.</p> <p>Also at this meeting we will be electing a chairperson, deputy chairperson and secretary. The financial statement will be read out to the parish.</p> <p>May Jesus live in our hearts, forever,</p> <p>Fr Dave Hume</p>	<p>THE NOMINATED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Techie Sariabus</td> <td>John Wood</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jo Blasonota</td> <td>Chris Perrin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Johanes Halim</td> <td>Mark Baird</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rose Franco</td> <td>Ding Mojica</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clive Greasby</td> <td>Jude Gibson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Daphne Loughlin</td> <td>Yvette Baird</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joseph Oliphant</td> <td>Nicola Craig</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cecilia Sebastin</td> <td>Rodi Orantia</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rajenora Dasi</td> <td>Bart Sarlabus</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neville Zammit</td> <td>John Boyle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bernadette Virwani</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>THANKYOU AND CONGRATULATIONS</p> <p>If you want to join this group and serve our community in identifying and proclaiming Christ to each other then come along to the AGM this Thursday, 15th July in John 23rd Staff Room, beginning at 7.30pm.</p>	Techie Sariabus	John Wood	Jo Blasonota	Chris Perrin	Johanes Halim	Mark Baird	Rose Franco	Ding Mojica	Clive Greasby	Jude Gibson	Daphne Loughlin	Yvette Baird	Joseph Oliphant	Nicola Craig	Cecilia Sebastin	Rodi Orantia	Rajenora Dasi	Bart Sarlabus	Neville Zammit	John Boyle	Bernadette Virwani		<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. 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. 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. Peace and blessings to each of you, Sue Andruskin</p>
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<p>ROOM TO LET</p> <p>Fully furnished room with double timber bed and double space in the garage for one car, student or quiet mature adult.</p> <p>Please call Georgina on 0423417413</p> <p>Email: g.duchesne@bigpond.com</p>	<p>PARISH STAFF UPDATE</p> <p>In recent years <i>Henry Pruyn</i> has efficiently and capably looked after the parish accounts on a voluntary basis. He has been a tremendous support to Fr Paul, Fr Kevin and recently myself. Henry has been given the opportunity of full time employment and I (for his sake) have made the decision to relieve him of this time consuming, necessary and important task.</p> <p>On behalf of the Parish Community, I thank him for his dedication and hard work in providing accountability in our financial endeavours.</p> <p>Hence, I have employed <i>Sue Andruskin</i>, our Sacramental Coordinator for an extra two days to look after our finances. Sue was multi-skilled in the Parish Office at Holy Spirit St Clair for the past 15 years. We welcome Sue into this role as we are fortunate to have someone with her capabilities replacing Henry.</p> <p><i>Therefore, our office hours will be :</i> Mon-Thurs: 8.30am—4.00pm Friday 9.30am– 3.00pm. Fr Dave Hume</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.</p> <p>The new date is Thursday, August 5 at 3.45pm. The original date is Saturday, August 7 at 4.30pm.</p>																						
<p>Would you like to Advertise in this space?</p> <p>Call the Parish Office on (02) 98520580</p>	<p> Hills Family Funerals</p> <p><i>A Tradition of Care & Concern</i> Pre- Paid Funerals Available</p> <p>340 Old Northern Rd. Castle Hill 9659 0900</p> <p>www.hillsfamilyfunerals.com.au</p>	<p>Presiders for next week: 17th/18th July Sat. Vigil 6.00pm Fr. Brian Rooney Sun. 8.30am Fr. Dave Hume Sun. 10.30am Fr. Kevin Walsh Sun. 6.00pm Fr. Dave Hume</p> <p>Would you like to Advertise in this space?</p> <p>Call the Parish Office on (02) 98520580</p>																						