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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.</p> <p>Baptisms: <i>By appointment</i> on Sunday at 12.00pm</p> <p>Reconciliation: First Rite: Saturday 4.30pm - 5.30pm. Second Rite: Third Saturday at 9.30am.</p> <p>Exposition: Tuesdays and First Fridays 6.30pm-7.30pm and Saturdays 8.00am-9.00am (Vocations)</p> <p>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)</p> <p>FIRST FRIDAY Exposition 6.30pm-7.15pm. Benediction at 7.15pm and Mass at 7.30pm.</p> <p>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!

The story of Martha and Mary can be seen as a parable in action. Whereas the parable of the Good Samaritan stressed the importance of action, or practical love, in the life of a disciple, this story stresses the importance of contemplation. Both are necessary, and have to be integrated into the life of a Christian.

We however, feel sorry for Martha because she felt it unfair that she was doing all the work. Jesus was concerned for Martha because she was too busy to listen to him and was the slave of her duties.

Our daily lives are made up of a round of chores and duties which fall into two categories: the urgent, and the essential. Many of the things we do could be said to be urgent, but only a few are truly essential. We have to distinguish between the two. Like Martha, we tend to give priority to the urgent. The essential, the one thing necessary, gets postponed until later, when, if it is done at all, it is done hurriedly and badly.

It may be beneficial this week to take time out to list the things that we do in our day and to sit and work out

priorities of where we want to spend our time. Does this match our reality? What things need to change so that we can gain control over the important things in our lives? Do we have a balanced day: time for work, exercise, veg out with family and friends, prayer, reading, play?

Mary got her priorities right-she dropped everything and listened to the words of Jesus. Many people would be able to identify more with Martha-busy about many things, yet constantly short of time. They are workaholics. We need to look beyond the daily chores and urgencies. We need to devote time to ourselves. Above all, we need time for reflection.

If we could spend some quiet time with God our lives would be calmer, less driven by anxiety and worry, and deeper and richer. In fact, everything would benefit-our spiritual life, our relationships, even our work.

Action and contemplation are not meant to be contrasted. Both are necessary, and have to be integrated into life.

Go gently! God Love you, Fr Dave.

18th July 2010



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Hope all is well. This week, I went to do some shopping for some youth resources and found some great books and workbooks we could be using for the new youth program which will be starting next month with the help of our new youth leaders. Speaking of which, please pray for Simon, Rhea and Josh and they will be attending the commissioning mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta on the 1st August. Bishop Anthony Fisher will be there to commission the volunteers. All WYD volunteers from the diocese will also be there. Our first Blaze program will be on the 20th August and will be on for every 3rd Friday of the month. We have also planned for the Youth Mass to be celebrated on the 2nd 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: Genesis 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis
Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' he asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

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

Resp Psalm: Ps 14:2-5

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your

hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Cf Luke 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

IN HIS PRESENCE ... A prayer to end the day.

Lord, I place myself in your presence. After the strain and turmoil of the day I rest quietly here, as a little boat, which has been tossed by the waves and buffeted by the wind, rests secure in a sheltered harbour. Here my projects lose their power over me. A healing process begins. My fragmented self is reassembled, and I am made whole again. In your presence, I experience my true worth, which consists not in doing but in being. I surrender myself into your hands. I am at peace.

Conscious Examen: *Spending time with Jesus.*


What was I grateful for this day?

What was I not grateful for this day?

Where was Christ in the above questions?



Parish News.....	Parish News.....	BLAZE Youth Ministry
<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: Sinforsio Chua, 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, Miel 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 30th July. As you know, we will be changing the youth program to once a month now instead of once a fortnight, so this week will be the final program before the changeover. So make sure you put the 20th August in your diary. Also make sure you put the 5th September in your diary as that would be the youth mass. 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): 30th July 2010 from 6.00pm-7.30pm Venue: Youth Space 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. 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 style="text-align: center;">OVER 55'S</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY, 21 JULY 2010</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch at Seven Hills RSL 11.30am for 12.00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please contact Des or Barb on 8824 7220</p>	<p>NEW BLAZE PROGRAM (3rd Friday of the month) 7.00pm – 10.00pm 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. 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>Happy Birthday: From all of us here at B.J23rd, A very Happy Birthday to Fr Kevin Walsh, last Friday 16th July. I think he celebrated it by going to the dentist.</p> <p>Time and Talent :Thanks to all those who volunteered their time and talents to help out in the parish. New rosters are being drafted and I thank my secretary Tanya Gatt for her help in contacting people and drawing up new rosters and lists.</p> <p>If you would like to help then please take a time and talent sheet from the foyer and give it to me or hand it in to the office.</p> <p>We had our AGM of the Parish Council last Thursday. The group has been divided into the four ministry areas and will work over the next two years for you. Please help them to help you by considering to respond to the functions that they prepare for you and with you. I am looking forward to developing with you the needs of this parish so that we can identify Christ among us. Please pray for the success of our endeavours.</p> <p>Simon, Rhea and Josh are working well with Colin Lee to develop our Youth Evangelisation Program. We begin on Friday 20th August and this will continue every 3rd Friday of each month. We begin at 7.00pm with a fantastic youth mass, followed by a BBQ, games, veg out time. Then Simon, Rhea and Josh will lead an exciting, prepared session on the gospel for the following Sunday. This will include a presentation of the gospel, a faith testimony, group work and time for prayer to conclude the night at 10.00pm. It is available for anyone from Year Four up! Fr Dave.</p>	<p>SOUP SPECIAL FOR WYD FUNDRAISING</p> <p>We hope you enjoyed the cakes a few weeks ago... This weekend we will be having a soup kitchen after all masses and all funds raised will go towards subsidizing the funds for our World Youth Day trip to Spain in 2011. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Young Adults Group.</p> <p>First Holy Communion mass lists are now on the parish website.</p> <p>Children's Choir</p> <p>Age: 7 to 16 years old Practice: Friday nights 8-9pm at 40 Loriekeet Dr Glenwood Sunday Service: Only 3rd Sunday of every month, 1030am.</p> <p>Contacts:Judith 0412902744 Elmer 0419204969 Email:jud17h@yahoo.com Solisa@ali.com.au</p> <p>Anyone interested can contact us on the above details or see us after the 1030am mass on Sunday 18th of July.</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>HELP WANTED</p> <p>WE WOULD LIKE A GARDEN BENCH NEW OR SECOND HAND TO BE USED IN THE FOUNTAIN AREA.</p> <p>PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE ON 9852 0580</p> <p>Presiders for next week: 24th/25th 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>
<p>Would you like to Advertise in this space? Call the Parish Office on (02) 98520580</p>	<p> Hills Family Funerals</p> <p><i>A Tradition of Care & Concern Pre- Paid Funerals Available</i></p> <p>340 Old Northern Rd. Castle Hill 9659 0900</p> <p>www.hillsfamilyfunerals.com.au</p>	<p>Would you like to Advertise in this space? Call the Parish Office on (02) 98520580</p>