

First Reading

Genesis 3:9-15

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts.

You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life.

I will make you enemies of each other:

you and the woman,

your offspring and her offspring.

It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 129(130)

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Second reading

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – *I believed, and therefore I spoke* – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

Reflection:

What do you value?

At our Welcome Evening last week we checked in with members of our faith community on some suggested statements about what we want St Luke's to be all about.



Topping the list was:

- Growing in faith – we are people who are serious about our faith and want to keep growing in our discipleship – and we're prepared to have fun as we do so. We're not afraid to be 'cool.'

A close second was:

- Community growth – we are a warm, caring community with a sense of family – we love God and love each other.

A close third was:

- Family focussed – we are family focussed and family friendly.

And also well supported was:

- Reaching out – we reach out to people beyond our community in need of support.

So, what do you think? Do you agree that these are the most important things for us as a Catholic Faith Community at St Luke's? If we could strive for and achieve these aims, would we be a community that would make a difference in the world?

If you have any thoughts, please send me an email, give me a call, or see me after Mass.

We will soon move to the next stage of looking at what plans we need to put in place to help achieve these ambitions. To look at programs and initiatives which will take us in the right direction. At that stage we will need your support. This community can only achieve all it can be by everyone contributing.

I look forward to working with you to help achieve our shared vision for St Luke's.

Deacon Tony Hoban,
Pastoral Director

We welcome our Celebrant this week:
Fr. Ever Bernaldez MSP
(Assistant Priest Quakers Hill)

17 June – 10th Sunday in Ord Time

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Aileen Sebastian, Genesis Raymundo

Acolyte: James Irudayaraj

Servers: Jessica Thompson

Readers: Corrie Merdegia, Aileen Sebastian, Maree & Genesis Raymundo

AV operator: Volunteer needed

Eucharistic Min: Marietta

Hospitality: Lu Naidoo

If you are not able to fulfil your ministry role, or if you would like to volunteer for a vacant role, please email marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER

O God

You show us in St Luke, our patron, a person of faith who desired all people to come to know and love you in the community of your Church.

Teach us to embrace what St Luke pioneered: discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Trusting in your love and grace and nourished by Word and Sacrament may we grow in our relationship with you and together make our Catholic Faith Community a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Luke, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: ***"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"*** Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Pentecost Pastoral Letter

A Pentecost Pastoral Letter from Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council can be found here:

www.catholicoutlook.org/pentecost

The Pope Francis Movie:

Playing at the Sydney Film Festival on June 10 and 16 – Pope Francis: A Man of His Word. Wim Wenders' (Buena Vista Social Club) new documentary is a personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than a traditional biography. Selected for the 2018 Cannes Film Festival. Tickets at: www.sff.org.au

Relic of St Anthony of Padua

Parishioners and friends of St Anthony of Padua are invited to join the celebrations commencing with Mass and 9 days of Novena on St Anthony's Feast day, Wednesday 13 June 2018, culminating in the reception of the Holy Relic on Thursday 21 June and Masses and public veneration of the Relics on Friday 22 June. See St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie website www.stanthonyschurch.org.au or phone 02 9631 3316 for full details.

We need your support

St Luke's Catholic Faith Community will be launching its appeal for funds throughout June. The community faithful will have the opportunity over the coming weeks to commit to a regular donation to support the weekly worship at St Luke's Catholic Community, and to commence contributing to our future Church building.

Envelopes are available from the Welcome Table in the foyer. Please take one home, discuss it with your family and consider it in your prayer. Opportunities to make a gift will be collected at Sunday Mass on June 10 & 17. Thank you in advance for considering this appeal.

God bless

Deacon Tony Hoban

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS ON REQUEST – PLEASE SEE ACOLYTE BEFORE MASS

Vocation Retreat: 16 June

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are offering an individual discernment weekend retreat from 16 June 2018 at 3:00 pm for women (aged 18-35) who want to discern their vocation to religious life. This retreat is a unique one-to-one encounter. It includes prayer times, talks and accompaniment. It is a great opportunity to have a live-in experience with the sisters. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP: Sr Paula via e-mail vocationscsfn@gmail.com or mobile 0449

Bishop Vincent Long: 16 June

You are invited to hear Bishop Vincent Long, an ardent supporter of Pope Francis, speaking about "the New Dawn of the Church" at 'Winbourne', the Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa 11.00 am to 1.00 pm on Saturday 16th June 2018. Entry by donation. Registration 10.00 am. For

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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Pilgrimage from Prague to Dubrovnik in September-October School Holidays

A three-week pilgrimage - The Shrines and Cathedrals of Central Europe - from Prague to Dubrovnik in the September-October School Holidays will be led by Fr John McSweeney from St John 23rd Parish, Stanhope Gardens. For more information contact Harvest Journeys on 1800 819 156 or info@harvestjourneys.com for more information.

Refugee Week: 17-23 June

Jesuit Refugee Services are requesting parishes, community groups and individuals to join in a unique fundraising event - Cook2Connect - during the upcoming Refugee Week, to support asylum seekers and refugees living in the community. The fundraising event will enable JRS to continue and extend the help they now offer to our suffering brothers and sisters. To register, call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or email joanna.brooke@jrs.org.au or visit www.jrs.org.au.