

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-6

Islands, listen to me, pay attention,
remotest peoples.
The Lord called me before I was born,
from my mother's womb he pronounced
my name.
He made my mouth a sharp sword,
and hid me in the shadow of his hand.
He made me into a sharpened arrow,
and concealed me in his quiver.
He said to me, 'You are my servant (Israel)
in whom I shall be glorified';
while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain,
I have exhausted myself for nothing';
and all the while my cause was with the
Lord,
my reward with my God.
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his
servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back
the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends
of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138(139):1-3,13-15

I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.

Second reading

Acts 13:22-26

Paul said: 'God deposed Saul and made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.'

Gospel

Luke 1:57-66,80

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name' and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.

Meanwhile the child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

Reflection: BE INVOLVED

One of the hallmarks of St Luke's we'd like to create is that of a community of people who are committed to their faith. Not just a 'tick the box' type of faith where people arrive late and leave early. But one where faith in Jesus Christ and membership of His Church is something that is central to who they are – a core part of their identity.

My observation is that people are more committed to any organisation when they play an active role in it. Their active involvement increases their sense of ownership. And ownership of St Luke's by the community is what we hope to achieve. One of the ways to become more involved is by engaging in one of our ministries. There are many opportunities to be involved in ministries at St Luke's. This week and next week you will hear about two of them during Mass: Hospitality/food and Welcoming. These are two things that are very important to building community.



Welcoming ministry ensures people are greeted with a smiling face when they arrive at Mass and are made to feel welcome. Hospitality/food is about providing a forum after Mass for people to connect with each other and build the sense of community. So, please consider becoming a regular contributor to one of these ministries to help make St Luke's a great place to grow in faith and deepen the bonds of community within our Body of Christ.

Deacon Tony Hoban,
Pastoral Director

1 July – 13th Sunday in Ord Time

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Volunteers needed

Acolyte: Volunteer needed

Servers: Jessica Thompson, Feba Abby,
Tissa Thomas

Readers: Joshua Emerson, Oana Joya

AV operator: Volunteer needed

Eucharistic Min: Varuni Emerson

Hospitality: Volunteer needed

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

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS ON REQUEST –
PLEASE SEE ACOLYTE BEFORE MASS**

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

Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence Collection is traditionally taken up throughout Catholic parishes around the world either on 29 June, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, or on the Sunday closest to this Solemnity. This collection helps provide the Holy Father with funds for emergency assistance to those in need. The proceeds enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in

emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Thank you in advance for considering this appeal. God bless,
Deacon Tony Hoban

ACYMC 2018

Early-bird registration for the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops is now open at www.acymc.org.au. The event will host up to 500 adult delegates who are engaged in ministry with young people in parishes, schools, agencies and ministries of the Catholic Church. Rooty Hill RSL, September 21-23. Contact James Camden, Director, Catholic Youth Parramatta for more information (02) 8838 3428 or james.camden@parracatholic.org

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses

The Office for Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. To be held at the Institute for Mission at 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Enrolments close 9 August. NOTE: Introduction Session on 16 August is compulsory. Please see your Parish office for a form or for more information contact ivergano@parra.catholic.org.au or 02 8838 3456 or parracatholic.org/office-for-worship/

At the Well: 29 June

Young women are invited to an informal and intimate gathering to encourage dialogue on topics such faith, love, career and life. Guests include Sr Rosie Drum, Malia Lolesio and Joy Adan. Friday 29 June from 7pm at 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. \$5 entry. Tickets are limited and registrations required at parracatholic.org/the-well. Contact Qwayne, Local Engagement Leader, Catholic Youth Parramatta for more information on 02 8838 3481 or qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

LIFTED RETREAT 2018: 6-8 July

Young adults of our diocese are invited to join us in this Year of Youth open new horizons in our hearts for spreading joy. Take some time away from the busyness of everyday life to be with the Source of all joy: Jesus! Get ready for a weekend of new friendships, great food, solid talks and times of quiet and prayer. For 18-35 year-olds. \$95 per person. Register at parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 8 July

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 11.30am at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

CatholicCare Sydney

Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home? Our home care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence. Call CatholicCare Careline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

Elara Community Rosary Group

Will be held this month on Saturday 30th June at 7.30pm. A few families of St Luke's CFC have been meeting once a month (last Saturday of every month) to pray Rosary together. Address for this month: 213 Elara Blvd Marsden Park. For more details contact 0423470703.

We welcome our Celebrant this week:
Fr. Marcelo (Bong) of the Camillians.



Sunday, June 24, 2018

The Birthday of St John the
Baptist

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

St Luke's Catholic College (Enter via
Frontier Ave Marsden Park)

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