

First Reading

Gen 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and
mother and joins himself to his wife, and
they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 127:5

*May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives.*

Second reading

Heb 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel

Mk 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to

divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

**Reflection: A MAJOR EVENT WE NEED
YOUR HELP WITH**

St Luke's Catholic Faith Community will be joining with St Luke's Catholic College to hold the first ever Marsden Park Community Carols on Friday, December 14 this year. There will be a major nativity scene played out on the evening, along with carols and other family activities. The event will run from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and will be located on the grassed area at the College on the corner of Northbourne Drive and Frontier Avenue. But we need your support to make this event happen. We already have volunteers to support us for music but we need help in the following areas:

- Logistics coordination
- Food preparation/coordination
- Safety/traffic warden coordination
- Merchandise sales coordination.

If you have an interest in supporting us with these roles, please see Deacon Tony or Annette Hoban or email marsdenpark@parracatholic.org.



We will be looking to coordinate an initial planning meeting with our faith community members **very soon** and I have already started planning discussions with the College. One of the first areas of support we will need will be to letter-box drop all residences in the local areas. This is a great opportunity for evangelisation and promotion of this event will assist in letting people know that we have an active Catholic community in Marsden Park. I hope you share my excitement for this event. I know that the leadership of St Luke's Catholic College are very committed to helping us make this a memorable occasion.

- Deacon Tony
- Pastoral Director

14 October – 28th Sunday in Ord Time

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Charles Emerson

Acolyte: John Missio

Servers: Yanisha Rodrigo, Feba Abby

Readers: Rohit Joseph, Kathy Bullas

Eucharistic Min: Varuni Emerson

Hospitality: Volunteers needed

Children's Liturgy: N/A

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

**We welcome this week as our
Celebrant: Fr Dado**

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.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS ON REQUEST –
PLEASE SEE A COLYTE BEFORE MASS**

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. 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

Position Vacant

Parish Secretary (part-time, maternity leave role) – Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair
More details at: holyspiritstclair.com.au

Volunteer Overseas - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Dob Bosco

We are seeking volunteers for January 2019 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Zambia & Solomon Island. Applications close October 15th. Send us an inquiry
- www.cagliero.org.au

Adult Confirmation for 2018

Adult Confirmation for 2018 will be held on Friday 12 October, 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Any adult over 16 years of age wanting to be confirmed please see your Parish Office for information. Alternatively, you can contact The Office for Worship on 02 8838 3456 or ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

Little Mother Eileen O'Connor: 13 October

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish would like to invite all women to join an evening retreat

focused on the spirituality and the life of Little Mother Eileen with renowned author and researcher of Eileen's life, Jocelyn Hedley. This is a free event and Jocelyn's books will be available for purchase for \$15 on the night. Please send RSVPs or any dietary requirements or questions to events@stpatrcathedral.com. Saturday October 13 from 7:00pm until 9.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Function Room, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

Holy Family Fair: 13 October

Holy Family Fair on Saturday 13 October, from 10am – 3pm. The event will be held at the Holy Family Carpark via 254 Luxford Rd, Emerton NSW 2770. Calling for stall-holders! Applications close on Monday 8 October. Please contact Malia for more info: (02) 9628 7272;
enquiry@hollyfamily.org.au

Our Lady of the Nativity Lawson 90th

Anniversary: 21 October

Our Lady of the Nativity Catholic Community, Lawson cordially invites you to our "Back to OLN Lawson" 90th Anniversary of the Laying of OLN Foundation Stone, 1928 on Sunday, 21 October. Mass at 8.30am presided over by Bishop Vincent followed by 90th Anniversary photograph to be taken of attending parishioners prior to a "special" morning tea. There will be a Photographic, Memorabilia, History display.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 28 October

All married couples are warmly invited to the 'Celebrating the Journey' Mass at 11am on Sunday 28 October 2018. Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate this Mass of blessing at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta and warmly invites you to join him for a photo and light lunch in the Parish Hall after Mass. Significant Wedding Anniversaries will be acknowledged with a certificate for 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and any year over 50 years. To register your attendance and number of family members attending please contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 02 8838 3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org

Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive: 11 November

Waiting for Gabriel is an information afternoon for couples hoping to conceive. You'll hear testimonies and learn about natural options which assist fertility. For more information contact Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org 0400 427 605. Sunday 11 November at the IFM 1.30pm-4.00pm.

Sacred Heart Westmead Shopping Trip: 11 November Come shopping with us on a Full Day, Fundraising Shopping Trip on Sunday 11 November 2018. Raising funds for Sacred Heart Parish Westmead. Includes: coach travel, tea & bistro lunch, lucky door & raffle prizes. Tickets: Adults \$62, Seniors/Students \$52, Children (5 – 17 years) \$22. Tour departs: 7.00am Seven Hills Train Station & Sacred Heart Parish Westmead (14 Ralph Street). For Details, Individual or Group Bookings: 9635 9262; office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au. Bookings are essential & close: 28 October 2018

YOU'RE INVITED

TO OUR COMMUNITY/WELCOME
NIGHT

ON SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST

6.30pm – 8.30pm

AT ST LUKE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE
FRONTIER AVE, MARSDEN PARK
PLEASE BRING: A PLATE OF FOOD

TO SHARE

RSVP 19TH OCTOBER: 8605 2623 OR
marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

Can you support St Luke's to grow?

St Luke's Catholic Faith Community is Australia's newest Catholic worshipping community. Please consider helping us with your time and talents by volunteering for one of our many ministries. And please support us by sharing some of your treasure through our giving program to help facilitate our weekly worship and form part of the foundation of a future church building. You can find donation envelopes

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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

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Sunday, October 7, 2018

*27th Sunday in Ordinary
time*

on the Welcome Table in the foyer Sunday.
please pass these to Dcn Tony or include
them on one of the collections during Mass.