

OUR VISION:

“WE ARE CONTINUALLY ATTRACTING PEOPLE TO ST LUKE’S AND EVERYONE WHO COMMITS TO BEING A MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY IS TRANSFORMED IN EVERY AREA OF THEIR LIFE BY HAVING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.”

First Reading

Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, ‘Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.’ This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: ‘The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second reading

Rv 22:12-14. 16-17. 20

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: ‘Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come

through the gates into the city.’ I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David’s line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning. The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come.’ Let everyone who listens answer, ‘Come.’ Then let all who are thirsty come; all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free. The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

Gospel

Jn 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.’

Reflection: Welcome Deacon Petelo and Kalameli

We welcome into our community this week Deacon Petelo (Peter) Savea and his wife, Kalameli (Meli). Peter was Ordained as a Permanent Deacon in Samoa in 2017 after several years in formation. Peter and Meli and their 9 children had previously lived in our Diocese, worshipping at Harris Park parish. They have been involved over a numbers of years with the Samoan community in our Diocese, with strong involvement in music ministry. Before living in Harris Park they were both catechists in Samoa, training for 4 years and then ministering for 11 years in



various villages. Deacon Peter is doing some further training to enable him to be able to minister as a deacon in the Diocese of Parramatta and I am happy to be supporting him as he is oriented to the way the diaconate functions in this diocese. In the meantime, he will be supporting us, fulfilling the role of acolyte and supporting us in other ways at St Luke’s in the coming months. We will seek to provide an opportunity for them to share some of their story with us in coming weeks. Please make Peter and Meli most welcome.

- Deacon Tony Hoban,
Pastoral Director

2nd June – Ascension of the Lord

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Conol family

Hospitality: Volunteers needed

Acolyte: Volunteer needed

Servers: Feba, Rohit, Denver

Readers: Volunteers required

Eucharistic Min: Ana Conol

Children’s Liturgy: Sinta, Lavanya, Annette

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.

Positions Vacant

Liturgy Administrative Support Assistant
(Office for Worship)

Fundraising Campaigns Executive
(The Catholic Foundation)

More details at:

parracatholic.org/employment

New Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards Website:

The Diocese of Parramatta's Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards (OSPS) has launched a new website, strengthening their ability to deliver advice and support to parishes, agencies and ministries to ensure the Diocese is safe for all people. Visit the website at www.safeguarding.org.au

Join St Patrick's Cathedral Choir

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta is recruiting singers! For further information visit stpatscathedral.com.au/music or contact the Music Director, Bernard Kirkpatrick on 0430 431 884

Volunteers Urgently Needed for Visiting Residents of Aged Care Facility

Are you interested in visiting an elderly person in a nursing home who has no or very few visitors? You would visit on average once every two weeks, with CatholicCare providing training and other support. For more information, contact Deb Woolacott 0418 114 055 or deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

National Fair Trade Conference: 31 May – 1 June

The conference will examine how the Christian Gospel relates to the way we do our shopping. Keynote speaker: John Bell from the Iona Community, Scotland. 31 May and 1 June at Springwood Uniting Church. 0408 115 210 or fairtradefairconference.com.au

Bishop's Good Shepherd's Appeal: 1+2 June

When God calls, will you help them answer? The Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is training 15 young men to be true shepherds of Christ's flock and future priests for the Diocese of Parramatta. Your gift to Parramatta Catholic Foundation will support our seminarians to prepare for the priesthood and a life of community service. Please give generously online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

MGL Retreat Weekend: 1 – 2 June

The Missionaries of God's Love sisters help people know they are loved by God. If you are a young woman who feels even vaguely interested in that mission, consider coming to their weekend to ask questions, pray with the sisters and hear discernment stories. June 1-2 at the MGL Sisters home in Quakers Hill. For more info and to RSVP: 9626 8382 or mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

Holy Hour for Vocations: 6 June

Youth aged 18 to 35 are invited to join The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth for the Holy Hour for Vocations at the St Joseph Convent, Quakers Hill, on Thursday 6 June at 7pm. Dinner will be served afterwards. RSVP to Sr Paula – vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

A Pentecost retreat day: 8th June

Rest and Inspiration for the journey. Presented by 'Walking with Refugees and People Seeking protection. Join Bishop Vincent as we reflect and share. Mount Schoenstatt Fairlight Rd Mulgoa 9:00am - 4.00pm. Registration essential. Call 8838 3460 or email lmckeogh@parracatholic.org

Pentecost Retreat Day: June 8

Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection present a Pentecost Retreat Day on Saturday 8 June from 9am to 4pm at Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. Join Bishop Vincent as we reflect and share. Registrations are essential by 4 June with indicated dietary needs. Register at <https://register.eventarc.net/e/42849>, call Sr Louise McKeogh 8838 3460 or lmckeogh@parracatholic.org

The Jewish Jesus in the Eucharist: June 12

The Northern Deanery Pastoral Council is hosting a presentation from the Institute for Mission on The Jewish Jesus in the Eucharist on Wednesday June 12, at St Michael's School Hall, Baulkham Hills from 7pm to 9pm. A light supper will be provided. To RSVP for catering purposes, contact Wendy on 0427 863 149 or deanerypc@parishofbaulkhamills.org.au

Women in Leadership: 4-7 July

The Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo invites women of any age and any experience in formal leadership positions, and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes to the Women in Leadership workshop. The aim is to support women to explore their unique gifts 02 4236 0533 for more information or cottageretreats@jamberoobbey.org.au

First Reconciliation program for 2019

St Luke's will offer a First Reconciliation program soon for children who have been Baptised and are in Year 2/aged 7 or older. Please note the following dates:
Preparation session 1 – Wed 3 July 6-7pm
Preparation session 2 – Wed 24 July 6-7pm
Preparation session 3 – Wed 31 July 6-7pm
Preparation session 4 – Wed 7 Aug 6-7pm
The children and at least one parent are required to attend all preparation sessions. Sacrament evening – **Wed 14 Aug 6 - 8pm** (4 children for every 15 minute time slot)
All preparation sessions and the Sacrament evening will be held in the Hub at St Luke's Catholic College. Please complete a 'Sacraments of Initiation' form (available on the Welcome Table) and return ASAP to Deacon Tony or via marsdenpark@parracatholic.org.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT PHOTOS OF YOURSELF OR YOUR CHILDREN TAKEN OR PUBLISHED PLEASE FORWARD AN EMAIL TO marsdenpark@parracatholic.org ADVISING US OF THIS!

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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

Baptisms available most Sundays after Mass. Apply via email.

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