

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 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Second reading

Heb 9:24-28. 10:19-23

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once,

and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

Gospel

Lk 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Reflection: JEAN VANIER (1928-2019)

"Our differences are not a threat but a treasure."

Jean Vanier, the Founder of L'Arche, who died in Paris on May 7th wrote those words, but their truth is far from self-evident. One might question whether those words are simply a nice-sounding poetics or whether they contain an actual truth. Our differences, in fact, are often a threat. Moreover, it's one thing to mouth those words; it's quite another thing to have the moral authority to speak them. Few have that authority. Jean Vanier did. His whole life and work testify to the fact that our



differences can indeed be a treasure and can, in the end, be that precise element of community that serves up for us the particular grace we need. Vanier saw differences, whether of faith, religion, culture, language, gender, ideology, or genetic endowment, as graces to enrich a community rather than as threats to its unity. And while Vanier gave witness to this in all aspects of his life, he was of course best known for how he appropriated that apposite among the differences that have, seemingly since forever, separated people with intellectual disabilities from the rest of the community, isolating them, assigning them second-class status, and depriving the rest of us of the unique grace they bring. Someone once described Vanier as initiating a new Copernican revolution in that, prior to him, we used to think of our service to the poor one-sidedly, we give to them. Now that we recognize our former arrogance and naiveté, the poor bring a great service to us.

• Fr Ron Rolheiser

9th June – Pentecost

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Dominique de Guzman

Hospitality: Couples for Christ

Acolyte: Volunteer needed

Servers: Jessica, Rohit, Denver

Readers: Dominique, Gari, & Gabriella de Guzman

Eucharistic Min: Ana Conol

Children's Liturgy: Sinta, Sindhu, Cristina, 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 Luis Herrera

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)

Parish Coordinator of Ministries (Part-Time) (Parish of Richmond)

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

Bishop's Good Shepherds 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

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.

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. Mount Schoenstatt Fairlight Rd Mulgoa 9:00am - 4.00pm. 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

Emmaus Prayer Community Pentecost Celebration: June 9

The Emmaus Prayer Community invites you to the yearly Pentecost Sunday celebration at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes on Sunday 9 June. Joyful praise will begin at 11.30am, with Fr Tony Alex MGL concelebrating Mass at 12 midday. A BBQ lunch will be provided, and Fr Tony will give a talk in the afternoon. For enquiries, contact Barbara Stenning on 0413 055 511 or mandbstenning@optusnet.com.au

Fr. Rob Galea Praise & Worship Concert: June 11– 7.30pm.

At Mary Immaculate Parish Quakers Hill – 125 Barnier Drive, Quakers Hill. \$20.00 per ticket. All funds raised will go towards the renovation project at Mary Immaculate Church. For tickets contact the parish office on 9626 3326 or Ged 0477 151 279 or our website www.maryimmac.org.au

Feast of St Anthony Triduum: June 11 – 13

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is hosting a Triduum in honour of St Anthony of Padua between June 11 and 13. There will be Mass, Novena and Fellowship from 7pm on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday, there will be Mass and all-day veneration from 9.30am and Mass, Novena and a procession with the Relic of St Anthony from 7pm. For enquiries, contact the parish office on 9631 3316.

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 or cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.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) 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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