

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

Dt 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Second reading

Col 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel

Lk 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

Reflection: The Good Samaritan

Few stories in the New Testament are better known than the Good Samaritan parable. Even people of little or no faith know the story. In our state of NSW, there is even a Good Samaritan law that protects well-meaning people who step in to provide assistance in an



emergency from being sued for things that may go wrong – as long as they acted in good faith. The parable is also one of the most challenging stories for us as followers of Christ. It calls on us to focus on the spirit of the law of God rather than on the fine print. To not get caught up in the minute details but rather to look at key principles. And Jesus rightly gives us these key principles of loving God wholeheartedly and loving our neighbours. But, remember, Jesus doesn't just say love our neighbours. He says love them as we love ourselves. So, we need to remember that we are important to God. We are his beloved sons and daughters. And we need to respect ourselves in this light. Not to be self-obsessed, but to be self-respecting. And self-respecting Christian people want to live in a way that aligns to the ways of the one they follow. Our question every day, and in every situation we face, should be: What would Jesus have me do?

- Deacon Tony Hoban
Pastoral Director

21st July – 16th Sunday in Ord Time

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Juanita Cruikshank

Hospitality: International Food Day

Acolyte: James Irudarayaj

Servers: Jessica, Andrei, Denver

Readers: Corrie Merdegia (1)
Volunteer (2) Maree Raymundo (1)

Eucharistic Min: Ana Conol

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

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

*Casual Workers/Volunteers

Catholic Care Mamre Creche

*Cleaner

James Dixon House, Harris Park

For more details visit:

parracatholic.org/employment

Plenary Council Discernment and Working Groups – Applications Open

The Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council is seeking people, for volunteer positions, who are willing to be key partners and leaders in the process of discernment as the Church in Australia continues preparing for the Plenary Council in October 2020. For role descriptions and application information visit www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au or contact Richard McMahon at the Pastoral Planning Office on 02 8838 3497.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

EXTRA MASS

We will be trialling an extra Mass here at St Luke's during August - a Vigil Mass on Saturday nights at 6pm.

Depending on the response to this trial, it may be continued. This extra Mass means that we will need extra people to fill rostered positions as welcomers, readers, Acolytes, Ministers of Communion and wardens (taking around the plate).

Please consider if you can assist. Rosters for August (for both the 10am Sunday Mass and the new 6pm Vigil Mas) will be available to be filled in from next Sunday.

Light Up St Pat's 2019: 6 – 21 July

In conjunction with Parramatta Council's *Winterlight Festival*. St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta are once again hosting the Light Up St Pat's projections!

This year's theme: Hope. The opening night will be after the 6pm Mass July 6 at 7.15pm. If you would like to volunteer as part of the Evangelization Team please contact Mindy at credo@stpatscathedral.com.au or call the parish office 8839 8411. A mandatory induction night will be held in the St Patrick's Cathedral Hall on June 25th 7pm.

ACBC Sea Sunday: 14 July

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea.

Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church which supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For more information about its work and to donate, visit www.aos-australia.org

Youth Group: 19 July

High school students Yr 7-12 are invited to join us for our next St Luke's Youth Group gathering on Friday 19 July from 7pm- 9pm in the Church office at 2 Springdale St for a night of Food, Fun, Friendship and Faith! The upcoming dates are Friday 2nd August and Friday 16th August. Any questions please contact the office on 8840 8521 or stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: 22 July

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown is running Jeff Cavin's Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible Study Program from 22 July to 9 September. The sessions will be held every Monday from 7pm to 8.30pm at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. Visit <https://mqofblacktown.org.au/> to register and to find out more information, or contact the Parish Office on 02 9622 1125 or admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Music Ministry Masterclass: 3 August

CYP are hosting a Music Ministry Masterclass at Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill from 9.50am to 5pm. This is an invitation for musicians, worship leaders, youth and aspiring composers to gather and be formed in music ministry especially for the involvement and evangelisation of young people. Register now at <https://parracatholic.org/masterclass/>

Serving at the Altar: 3 August

The Office for Worship is organising a formation day for Adult Servers and Acolytes. The formation day will be held on Saturday 3 August at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown, from 9.30am until 2.30pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. To RSVP, please contact the Office for Worship team on 02 8838 3456 or ingrid.vergano@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 or Bringing Communion to the Sick and Dying. The course will be at the Institute for Mission (Downstairs Hall).

NOTE: Introduction Session on 12 August is compulsory. Enrolments close on 5 August 2019. Please contact 02 8838 3456 or ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

IFM Reflective Ministry Program: 20 August

The IFM Reflective Ministry Program Component 2 starts on Tuesday 20 August. This is a great opportunity to enrich and enthuse those involved in the ministries of Catholic communities. Go to ifm.org.au for more information and registration, or contact the IFM team on 02 9296 6369.

'Faith in Marriage' Seminar: 30 August

Guest Speaker is Catholic American Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. He will speak on the topic of 'Building Strong Marriages'. All are welcome. Venue: St Paul's Catholic College Hall – 198 Old Prospect Rd Greystanes 7.30pm. Free entry, light supper served. For more information call 8838 3460 or RSVP to lmf@parracatholic.org

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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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