

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

Gen 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second reading

Col 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's

purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel

Lk 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

Reflection: St Martha is a model Christian

With few exceptions, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus were Jesus' closest friends. In addition to today's Gospel, Martha also appears in John's Gospel in the days after her brother Lazarus had died. This is one where Martha shines. When Jesus visits the scene of mourning, Martha tells him that Lazarus would not have died if Jesus had been present. Jesus told her that he was the resurrection and the life and that whoever believes in Him, even if they die, will live, and anyone who lives and believes in Him will never die. He then asked Martha: Do you believe this?" Martha does not understand the immediate implications of Jesus' statement but she believes him. She calls him Lord, the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world. She is a saint because she puts her trust in Jesus. She has faith



that is seeking understanding. However, sanctity does not mean that a person has no faults, commits no sins, has no need of redemption, or basically has it all together. Far from it. And Martha is no exception. In the Gospel for today, she has lost her focus on Jesus and gotten all wrapped up in a hundred details. Martha truly wants to serve Jesus but she loses sight of what is really important, namely, listening to him. Martha is not perfect. But she loves Jesus, trusts him, and strives to serve him. So she is a great model for us; to remind us to put Jesus at the centre of everything we do, every day.

- Deacon Tony Hoban
Pastoral Director

28th July – 17th Sunday in Ord Time

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Volunteer req'd

Hospitality: Volunteers req'd

Acolyte: Volunteer req'd

Servers: Ava, Andrei, Denver

Readers: Geraldine Santos (1)
Luanshya Naidoo (2) Meli S. (1)

Eucharistic Min: Ana Conol

Children's Liturgy: Sinta, Cristina,
Sindhu, Annette

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

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.

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

Exploring the Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3 August

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are inviting all parishioners to join them for a day of reflection and prayer, including a lecture by Dr Mariusz Biliniewicz (from Uni of Notre Dame). The day will begin with morning tea at 10am and conclude with Mass and lunch at 12.30pm. Venue: Queen of Poland Convent, 116-132 Quakers Rd Marayong. All welcome. For more information call Sr Alicja on 9626 7847 or 0410 638 804 or email salicjad@msn.com

Natural Fertility Services: 4 August

Are you looking for a healthy, natural and effective method to manage your fertility? No drugs, devices or side effects. All are welcome to attend a talk presented by Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta, at St Monica's Parish Hall, North Parramatta. Sunday 4 August from 2pm to 3.30pm. For more information, please contact Catherine on 02 8838 3460 or 0400 427 605, nfpstmonica@gmail.com or catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org

National Vocations Awareness: 4 August

National Vocations Awareness Week runs nationally from 4 to 11 August. The concept of 'vocation' applies to every person's life, for if we listen well, we discover that God calls each of us to play a part in his mission here on the earth. For more information about Vocations in the Diocese of Parramatta, please visit www.parracatholic.org/vocations/

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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