

**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**

2 Kgs 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

*The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

**Second reading**

2 Tm 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

**Gospel**

Lk 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away

they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

**Reflection: Spreading the News about St Luke's**



Annette and I attended the bi-annual National Deacons' Conference in Freemantle, near Perth in Western Australia last weekend. Bishop Vincent

Long also attended. Bishop Vincent gave a keynote address on his vision for the Diaconate (the vocation and ministry of Deacons) while I also gave a keynote on my lived experience of Diaconate. Annette also gave a talk to the other wives of deacons who attended. All three of us were able to talk about the great things that are happening here at St Luke's: of this diverse community where we are utilising a different model of leadership, and of this welcoming community which prides itself on its hospitality. The next national deacons' conference will be held in two years and Bishop Vincent has given his in-principle approval to the Diocese of Parramatta hosting this event.

Annette and I are so grateful to the many people who stepped in and helped out last Sunday to enable us to have our first full weekend away since we started having Mass 18 months ago. We particularly thank Tessie and James who coordinated things in our absence.

- Deacon Tony Hoban, Pastoral Director



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

20<sup>th</sup> October

**MINISTRY ROSTER**

Welcomers:

Juanita Cruikshank

Acolyte:

James Irudayaraj

Servers:

Denver, Ava, Andre

Readers:

Aileen, Meli, Luanshya Naidoo

Eucharistic Min:

Ana

Hospitality:

International Food Day

Children's Liturgy

Sinta, Cristina, Annette

**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

\*Mission Coordinator (Part-time), Sisters of Mercy Parramatta. For more details contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055.

\*Parish Coordinator of Ministries (part-time), Parish of Richmond

\*CatholicCare Mamre Creche volunteers  
More details [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## Diocesan Forum Resources

You are invited to view the resources from the recent Diocesan Forum at [www.parracatholic.org/forum2019](http://www.parracatholic.org/forum2019). Read the address from Bishop Vincent Long, materials prepared for the forum, data collated from the forum and images from the day.

## Chime in for the Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral

The Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral Appeal offers a rare opportunity to create history and donate a bell that commemorates a loved one, or honours your family name, organisation or community group. As a Benefactor, you'll also have the privilege of naming your bell in honour of a revered Catholic Saint and helping make the dream of a peal of bells for St Patrick's Cathedral become a reality. For further information, [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal)

## Parramatta Catholic Foundation Gifts in Wills Campaign

What will be your legacy of Faith, Hope and Charity? During 'Include a Charity Week', we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider leaving a Gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in Parramatta Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will: [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills)

## CatholicCare Blacktown Neighbourhood Aid Volunteers Needed

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you can help contact Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email [deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au).

## Plenary Council 2020 Diocesan Session 1: 17 October

You are invited to the first of the six sessions in the Diocese of Parramatta to gather and discern the Plenary Council 2020 National Themes for Discernment. This session on 'Missionary and Evangelising' will be held on 17 October from 6.30pm to 9pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown.

RSVP [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org) or the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.

## Spirit of Jesus Community Healing Mass: 17 October

The Light of Jesus Family Sydney, part of the Jesus Light of the World Communities, are hosting a Healing Mass on 17 October from 7.30pm at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. For more information, please contact Jaime on 0410 292 047 or Hydie on 0430 671 918, email [jlowcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:jlowcommunity@gmail.com) or visit [www.jlowcom.org](http://www.jlowcom.org)

## Divine Retreat Centre One Day Malayalam Retreat: 19 October

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is holding a Malayalam retreat day on Saturday 19 October from 10am to 2.30pm. Fr. Mathew Naikampampil VC and Sr Teresa FCC will lead the day. For more information, please contact 0468 486 782, email [drcsydney@gmail.com](mailto:drcsydney@gmail.com) or visit [www.divineretreatcentre.org.au](http://www.divineretreatcentre.org.au)

## Plenary Council 2020 Diocesan Session 2: 23 October

You are invited to the second of the six sessions in the Diocese of Parramatta to gather and discern the Plenary Council 2020 National Themes for Discernment. This session on 'Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal' will be held on 23 October from 6.30pm to 9pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org) or contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441.

## Healing after Abortion: 25 – 27 Oct

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Rachel's Vineyard offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555 or email [info@rachelsvineyard.org.au](mailto:info@rachelsvineyard.org.au). The retreats for 2019 will be held at Varroville, NSW on Oct 25-27. Brochures are in the church or see the website: [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au)

## Blacktown Legion of Mary Rosary Procession: 26 October

The Legion of Mary Blacktown Comitium is celebrating the Month of the Holy Rosary with a Rosary Procession on 26 October. The procession will start at Alpha Park, Blacktown at 12.30pm and will process from 1pm to St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. Benediction will close the event at 2.30pm. For more information, please contact Grace Boncales on 9626 7968, 0414 510 434 or [graceb54@hotmail.com](mailto:graceb54@hotmail.com).

## Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 27 October

All married couples and their families are warmly invited to the Diocese of Parramatta's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass and Lunch on Sunday 27 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. A light lunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow. Please register your names and numbers of years married, and the numbers attending the lunch by contacting the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 02 8838 3460 or email [lmf@parracatholic.org](mailto:lmf@parracatholic.org).

## Youth Corner



The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 7pm at 2 Springdale St. For any enquiries send us an email [saintlukesyg@gmail.com](mailto:saintlukesyg@gmail.com) and to keep up with everything follow us on Instagram: saintlukesyg

## CYP LIFTED Live in the Forecourt: 26 October

Join Catholic Youth Parramatta, Bishop Vincent and over 1000 other youth and young adults as they celebrate the feast of St John Paul II during LIFTED Live in Forecourt at the St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct on Saturday 26 October from 7-10pm. There will be live music, food stalls, rides and entertainment. \$5 entry on arrival. For more information, visit <https://parracatholic.org/liftedlive/>

## WEEKEND MASS

Sunday 10.00am

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

Baptisms available most Sundays after Mass. Apply via email.

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