

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

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds; until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second reading

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Lk 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you,

God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Reflection: The Journey is not over

Congratulations to our Confirmation 'class' of 2019.

We were pleased to be able to have a Reflection day with most of the members of this class on Wednesday. We explored many things – from who Jesus is for us, looking at God's words of love for us in the Bible, to prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and many games. One thing that many found inspiring was hearing the story of a 14-year-old martyr, José de Jesús Sánchez del Río. Despite being just a boy, José joined the Cristeros, a movement trying to defend religious liberty in his country of Mexico. He was captured by federal troops. The soldiers tortured him by cutting the bottoms of his feet with a knife and forcing him to walk barefoot to his last resting place, the cemetery of Sahuayo. He was told he would be released if he disowned his faith but, instead he shouted: "Vivo Cristo Rey!" (Long live Christ the King!). He was stabbed by the soldiers but continued to declare his faith in Christ until he was shot twice in the head. He died on February 10, 1928.



Pope Francis canonized the 14-year-old martyr on Oct 16 2016 in Rome. St Jose shows us that age is not a barrier to holiness. Hopefully, none of our 2019 Confirmation Class will be called to be martyrs, but they are all called to be Saints – people who do the will of God. Their Confirmation Journey continues beyond today. They are called to live as mature disciples of Christ in our world, empowered by the Holy Spirit which is given them today in this Sacrament. I pray that their journey of faith will be continual and fruitful.

- Deacon Tony Hoban
Pastoral Director

We welcome this week as our Celebrant: Fr Daddo

3rd November

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers:

Juanita

Acolyte:

Dom Gleeson

Servers:

Denver, Ava, Andrei

Readers:

Maree (1), Genesis (2), Corrie (1)

Eucharistic Min:

Ana

Hospitality:

Volunteer req'd

Children's Liturgy

Sinta, Cristina, Nina, 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

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

*CatholicCare Mamre Creche volunteers

*Manager of Family Relationship Services, CatholicCare

More details parracatholic.org/employment

Diocesan Forum Resources

You are invited to view the resources from the recent Diocesan Forum at 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

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

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.

Plenary Council 2020 Diocesan Session 3: 31 October

You are invited to the third of the six sessions in the Diocese of Parramatta to gather and discern the Plenary Council 2020 National Themes for Discernment. This session on 'Prayerful and Eucharistic' will be held on 31 October from 6.30pm to 9pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP contact the Pastoral Planning Office on 8838 3441 or email tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org

OLQP Greystanes Old Testament Sessions: 3 – 31 October

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes is hosting a series of five talks on 'The Old Testament?' every Thursday through October from 7.30pm to 9pm at the St George Preca Centre in the parish. The talks will be presented by assistant priest Fr Joseph Lam. Please register your details with the parish office on 02 9631 8135 or parishoffice@olqp.org.au.

Listening and Discernment Plenary 2020 Opportunities provided by the Central Deanery Pastoral Council

The Central Deanery Pastoral Council has offered three opportunities for members of our Parishes to be involved in this very important activity of our Australian Church. The following two opportunities are still available at:

- Mary Queen of the Family Parish (St Patricks Church) 2nd November commencing 6:30pm for 7:00pm
- Plumpton The Good Shepherd Parish 16th November commencing at 7:00pm for 7:30pm.

All are welcome to attend these sessions. Contact Bill Ryan 96363120/0408613281 or Danielle Gardner 0414607180 for more detail

A Profoundly Rewarding Mission

Working in Education, Health and Trades? Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! There are five places left on Palms Australia's January 4th – 12th Orientation Course. You must apply now for a position beginning any time in 2020. Call or text 0422 4PALMS (M-F). palms.org.au

St Luke's Local News

To view a video of last weekend's Confirmation celebration go to our Facebook page at:

Deacon Tony and Annette will participate this week in a Kairos prison ministry program. You can support them by committing to a prayer roster which can be found at:

Alpha continues every Saturday evening at 6pm until 8th November. All welcome!

We are in the early planning stages for our annual Carols evening. Please talk to us after Mass or via email if you would like to be involved in any way.

Youth Corner



The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be on Friday 8th November 7pm at 2 Springdale St. For any enquiries send us an email saintlukesyg@gmail.com and to keep up with everything follow us on Instagram: saintlukesyg

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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