

**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**

Wis 11:22 – 12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1

*I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

**Second reading**

2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

**Gospel**

Lk 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree

to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

**Reflection: Paid in Full**

Philip was getting ready to graduate from university. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him he wanted this car as a graduation gift from the family. His father did nothing. As his graduation day approached, Philip awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, the day after his graduation, his father called him into his study and told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and that he loved him. He handed Philip a beautifully wrapped box. Philip opened the box and found a beautiful, leather-bound Bible, with Philip's name embossed in gold. He did not even take the Bible out of the box.

Angrily, he yelled at his father and said, 'Is this it? With all your money you give me a Bible?' and stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind. Philip's family ran after him, but he jumped in his car and sped away. He refused to answer his mobile phone, even when his family kept ringing it for hours and hours. Very late that night, when he had cooled down somewhat, he drove home to discover that his father had suffered a massive heart attack and died two hours before. His father had a history of heart disease. His furious and heart-broken mother told him to go and find the Bible which was the cause of the scene that



morning. He found the Bible right where he had thrown it down on his father's desk. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. He came to a bookmark where his father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt 7:11, 'And if you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father in heaven give to those who ask Him?'

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words...PAID IN FULL. Philip broke down and sobbed.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

• Fr Richard Leonard SJ

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

10<sup>th</sup> November

**MINISTRY ROSTER**

Welcomers:

CFC

Acolyte:

Volunteer req'd

Servers:

Denver, Gab, Feba

Readers:

CFCA (1), CFCA (2), CFCA (I)

Eucharistic Min:

CFC

Hospitality:

CFC

Children's Liturgy

Sinta, CFC, Sindhu, 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

\*CatholicCare Mamre Creche volunteers

More details [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

\*Parish Renewal Team Leader (Full-

time) Archdiocese of Sydney

For more details, please visit

[catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://catholicjobsonline.com.au)

### 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)

### Catholic Outlook is back!

At the request of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Catholic Outlook will be back from Sunday 1 December 2019. The revised Catholic Outlook will be published quarterly as an A4 magazine with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta. Look out for copies in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from Sunday 1 December.

### Plenary Council 2020 Diocesan Session 4: 6 November

You are invited to the fourth of the six sessions in the Diocese of Parramatta to gather and discern the Plenary Council 2020 National Themes for Discernment. This session on 'Humble, Healing and Merciful' will be held on 6 November from 6.30pm to 9pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact the Pastoral Planning office on 8838 3441 or email [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org)

### St Philomena Mass and Devotions: 9 November

Mass and Devotions for St Philomena will be held on Saturday 9 November at St John Vianney Parish, Doonside. Mass will be held at 12Midday, with confession from 11.30am. Please bring a snack to share. For further information, contact Libby Peoples on 0423 154 463 or [eepeoples9@gmail.com](mailto:eepeoples9@gmail.com).

### Greystanes Parish Craft Market: 16 November

OLQP Parish is holding its popular Craft Market event on Saturday 16 November 8am-2pm at Camilleri Hall 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Featuring 40 stalls selling handmade goods. A great day out for the whole family with a raffle, Devonshire tea, face painting and a BBQ serving breakfast and lunch. Proceeds go to Diabetes NSW & ACT.

### 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 opportunity is still available: Plumpton The Good Shepherd Parish 16th November commencing at 7:00pm for 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend this session. Contact Bill Ryan 96363120, 0408613281 or Danielle Gardner 0414607180 for more details.

### 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](http://palms.org.au)

### St Luke's Local News

Alpha next (and final) gathering is Saturday evening 9<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. All welcome!

We are in the early planning stages for our annual Carols evening on Saturday 7 December from 6-8pm at St Luke's Catholic College. 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' Youth Group gathering will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 7pm at 2 Springdale St. For any enquiries email [saintlukesyg@gmail.com](mailto:saintlukesyg@gmail.com) and to keep up with everything follow us on Instagram: [saintlukesyg](https://www.instagram.com/saintlukesyg)

### St Luke's Youth Mass: 17 November

Are you aged 12-35? Come and join us for our youth-led Mass on Sunday November 17 at 10am. We need musicians, readers, servers, welcomers and more! Contact [saintlukesyg@gmail.com](mailto:saintlukesyg@gmail.com) for more information.

### 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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