

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

Is 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’ He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second reading

Rom 13:11-14

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. ‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

Reflection: Making Christ visible in Marsden Park

Our Christmas Carols this coming Saturday evening is a great opportunity for us to showcase St Luke’s to the broader community.

It allows us to make Christ visible to the people of our rapidly growing suburb. So, please invite friends and neighbours to join you in attending the Carols from 6pm to 8pm at St Luke’s Catholic College.

This joint event between our faith community and the St Luke’s Catholic College learning community symbolises the great collaboration that exists between these communities.

It allows us by song to declare the great mystery of God becoming present in our world in the form of a baby. This event was the visible commencement of God’s act of salvation through the life and actions of the person of Jesus Christ.



The dawn of a new age for all people of all ages and all nations. And the Christmas Carols is also a time to relax for a few hours as a family in the hustle and bustle of end of year activities.

I look forward to seeing you there and to welcoming you, your family and your guests to this event.

- Deacon Tony Hoban
Pastoral Director



We welcome this week as our Celebrant: Fr Mick O’Callaghan

8th December

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers:

Anne

Acolyte:

Volunteer welcome

Servers:

Ava, Gab

Readers:

Elvie Reyes (1), Bobs Reyes (2), Neng

Pasigna (1)

Eucharistic Min:

Ana

Hospitality:

Volunteers welcome

Children’s Liturgy

Sinta, 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
*Faith Formation Team Leader – St Agatha's, Pennant Hills (Diocese of Broken Bay) For more details, please visit <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

Help vulnerable people in crisis turn their lives around, recover and thrive. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare to connect people with support and services to build strong foundations for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

Gifts of Faith

This Christmas give a gift with faith at the centre. The Catholic charity *Aid to the Church in Need* has produced a Gift of Faith catalogue in support of suffering and persecuted Christians. Copies can be found on the Welcome Table in the foyer. Or visit www.aidtochurch.org/GiftsofFaith or phone 1800 101 201. Order by 9 December to receive your Gift of Faith cards and envelopes in time for Christmas.

ACBC National Prayer Campaign for Drought

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the

response be national. Access resources at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

Bishop Vincent PNG Visit Public Forum: 4 December

Bishop Vincent will speak on his recent visit to Papua New Guinea as part of a public forum organised by the Justice and Peace office of the Archdiocese of Sydney. Wednesday 4 December 5.30pm for a 6pm start at The Polding Centre, Level 8, 133 Liverpool St Sydney. The event is free, but registration is essential via <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/public-forum-catholic-reflection-on-port-moresby-offshore-detention-tickets-83109840771>

Handel's Messiah at St Patrick's Cathedral: 17 December

To end their inaugural year, River City Voices is proud to present an intimate performance of Handel's *Messiah* for Western Sydney audiences. The performance will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on 17 December at 7.30pm. For information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.classikon.com/concert/river-city-voices-parramatta-2019-december-17/>

Kellyville Parish Mass of the Holy Innocents: 28 December

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, is holding their annual Mass of the Holy Innocents on 28 December at 11am. Fr David Blowey OFM Conv will celebrate Mass, followed by a Rosary procession to the Shrine of the Holy Innocents. Lunch will be available and please bring a plate to share. For enquiries, please contact the parish office on (02) 9629 2595.

St Luke's Local News

Carols night: 7 December

On December 7 in the Marketplace, the Catholic Community of Marsden Park will come together in an evening of Christmas carols. This is a joint venture between the Catholic Learning Community and the Catholic Faith Community of St Luke's. The event will be from 6 - 8pm. We encourage parents to bring picnic blankets and chairs. **A reminder to all families that this is an alcohol-free event and that children are the responsibility of mums and dads.** We have invited Santa to join us at around 7:20pm.

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Will be held every Wednesday from 7.30-8.00pm at 2 Springdale St (opposite St Luke's Catholic College)

Youth Corner



Email: saintlukesyg@gmail.com

Saints-in-Training - High school Youth Group

Our final youth group meeting for 2019 will be Friday 6th December 7pm- 8:45pm in the office. This will be our Christmas themed evening with plenty of fun games and great food to enjoy! All high school aged students are welcome! For more information please contact the Youth Team.

We need You!

Meal preparation

We currently have some wonderful parent helpers who provide meals for the youth group. However, we still need further assistance. If you are able to assist next year either as a one off or be part of a roster (however regularly you are able to contribute) please contact the Youth Team.

Youth Leaders

We currently have a small team of leaders who plan, run and organise the youth group evenings twice a month. However, with the growth of the youth group, we need more volunteers to assist and become part of the team. If you have experience in youth ministry or would like to be involved in youth ministry please contact us! You must have a current working with children check but further training can be provided if needed. Please contact the youth team for further 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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