

OUR VISION:

"WE ARE CONTINUALLY ATTRACTING PEOPLE TO ST LUKE'S AND EVERYONE WHO ENGAGES AS A MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY IS TRANSFORMED IN EVERY AREA OF THEIR LIFE BY HAVING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS."

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second reading

1 Pt 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel

Jn 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Dear St Luke's Catholic Faith Community members:

Despite some easing in social distancing restrictions, the reality is that we will need to continue with our Zoom Sunday Mass for the foreseeable future (via Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93918900500>).

However, the good news is that we are able to now have 10 people (adults and children) attend Sunday Mass at St Luke's Catholic College, in addition to ministers (the priest, deacon, readers, acolyte, musicians/choir members).

So, we are asking people who wish to attend one of our upcoming Masses to nominate their family by using this form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6snPKfIX-9O5tIvL-RFan4fakg_qd5jS-u63kbK_1n493YA/viewform

If you have any trouble in using the Google form please advise us by email at:

marsdenpark@parracatholic.org.

We will draw names randomly and advise who can attend each week, starting from Sunday, May 24.

Also, next Saturday, May 23, we will pilot a

Communion Service every hour from 9am until 5pm inclusive at St Luke's Catholic College. In between the Communion Services, **Eucharistic Adoration** will take place. At all times, we will be limited to 10 people in attendance (in addition to any ministers) and social distancing requirements must be observed. No booking is needed for these services; however, we will only admit 10 people at a time.

It may be possible to arrange for smaller groups to attend a Communion Service at other times by appointment. Please email marsdenpark@parracatholic.org if you wish to request this.



Please note, however, that the dispensation from attending Mass for all Catholics in our Diocese remains in place. So, no one is obligated to attend Mass until further notice.

If you have cold or flu symptoms or an allergy, please stay at home.

Baptisms are now able to take place, with attendees limited to 10 people (in addition to ministers). Please book for a Baptism by emailing marsdenpark@parracatholic.org or calling 8840 8521.

We give thanks for these small changes and pray for the day when we are all able to gather together again.

In the meantime, please stay safe and well.

God's blessings on you and your family.

Deacon Tony Hoban
Pastoral Director
St Luke's Catholic Faith Community.

We welcome this week as our Celebrant: Fr Gregory Jacobs

**JOIN US FOR MASS AT
10AM EVERY SUNDAY
DURING THE COVID-19
RESTRICTIONS
via Zoom:**

<https://zoom.us/j/93918900500>

ATTENTION READERS

As we continue to gather for Liturgies online, and don't have our usual arrangements for rosters after Mass, we have created an online form. Therefore, we are asking readers to click on the link below and advise us of your availability to be part of our reading ministry in coming weeks: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vHPBdpU7ewsDI5pCKPmWJu4j9ttBqwFTj30zFNkx-iU/edit>

MESSAGE FROM DEACON TONY

We will continue to update our Facebook page as things develop.
(www.facebook.com/stlukesmarsdenpark)
'Like' us now so that you get our updates.

BAPTISMS

As from 15 May 2020 the Sacrament of Initiation (Baptism) may be celebrated in the Diocese of Parramatta, with a limit of 10 attendees. Please contact Deacon Tony at marsdenpark@parracatholic.org for further information.

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.

Weekly Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/624180454>

Saturday Sessions

Create community online as we gather to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am - 12pm with 'Saturday Sessions'. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith before Saturday 11am and then join an online group discussion via Zoom between 11am – 12pm. Registration essential.
Register at
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIsdOypqDgrHN2vSOOsJinf7UG30zsSFCM>

For further information contact Lisa at
lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

THE PRAYERS OFFERED BY OUR COMMUNITY LAST WEEK.

We Pray:

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mothers of our community; may God bless you all.
For all mothers, grandmothers, guardians.
For the front-liners and for the mothers!
For the healing of Armando Joya.
For all mums!
God bless all mothers.
For the Covid pandemic to end.
For all mothers, especially those in front line duties.
For Bro Arvin's Father and Bro Oswald's mother to heal and get better; as well as all the sick and injured around the world.
For my mum, Rosanne, and grandmother, Irene, and all the mums, may God bless them today and every day.
For all mothers on this day.
For our families both here and overseas, and all mothers.
For members of our families who cannot be with us today.
For all the Mother's in the St Luke's Community; may they be blessed on this special day. Mother Mary pray for us.
For all mothers, that they be taken care of by God and be guided by him during these dark times.
For all those who are studying.
For a quick end to this pandemic.
For joy in the hearts of those depressed during the lockdown.
For my mother and all mothers around the world to Jesus through our beloved Mother Mary.
For all mums in this time of crisis. Bless our mothers who have gone before us.
For those who are without their mothers this Mother's day, and for those who have lost children.
For all mothers and grandmothers.
For support of the unemployed.
For all mothers, that they will always strive to love and care for others, and the strength to live God's words.
For those struggling during this pandemic.
May God bless all mothers; that they be surrounded with abundant love.
For Jose Olympia's soul.
For all our Gracie Barra Blacktown City students, family and friends...for the whole world, GOD heal our land!
For all the mothers; may you bless every single one of them to carry out their vocation as per God's calling in glorifying you Lord.
For the Lord to be with our dear friend during her operation and to help her speedy recovery.
For my Uncle Andrew; please help the issues he is dealing with to be resolved quickly.

For all mothers; that they have good health, love and luck.

Give us all patience and kindness at this time.

For all our families and friends and moms.
For those who are alone and experiencing loneliness.

For God's blessing on all mothers.

That families support each other.

For the soul of my nephew Aquí, who died after couple of weeks of life.

Happy Mother's Day to our dear mother Mary! We pray that all our beloved mothers imitate her humble and submissive heart.
That God blesses my mother.

For all communities to support those that are struggling in various areas of their life.

For a great class today with the Gracie Barra Oceania's Women's Class; may I be of service to them today.

Youth Corner (Saintlukesyg@gmail.com)



The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be via zoom on Friday 22nd May at 7pm. For details please email saintlukesyg@gmail.com

See our 'Saints in Training' update on the St Luke's Facebook page and on Instagram.



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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