

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 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

*Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.*

Second reading

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Reflection:

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-



resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation. For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action, they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

- Greg Sunter

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

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

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

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 as of 1st June we are able to have 50 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-9O5tlvL-RFan4fakg_qd5jS-u63kbK_1n493YA/viewform (If you have any trouble using the Google form please advise us by email at: marsdenpark@parracatholic.org.)

We will advise all attendees for each Sunday's Mass.

The Saturday **Communion Services** and **Eucharistic Adoration** times will be every hour on the hour from 10am – 2pm. 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 small 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.

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

ATTENTION READERS

Please access the link below and advise us of your availability to be part of our reading ministry in the coming weeks:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vHPBdpU7ewsDI5pCKPmWJu4j9ttBqWFTj3QzFNkx-iU/edit>

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>



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.

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.

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/tJlsdOypqDgrHN2vSO0soJinf7UG30zsSFCM>

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

Youth Corner (Saintlukesyg@gmail.com)



The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be via zoom on Friday 5th June 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.

Explore Alpha Online

You are invited to come together in an online community to explore life, faith and meaning. Alpha offers a video each week followed by small group discussion to explore the Christian faith in a friendly and comfortable environment. It begins on Monday, 1st June 2020 at 7.30pm.

To register for Alpha visit <https://www.parracatholic.org/alphaonline/> or call Lisa on 0448 652 720.

Alpha Online is being hosted by the Pastoral Planning Office of the Diocese of Parramatta.



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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