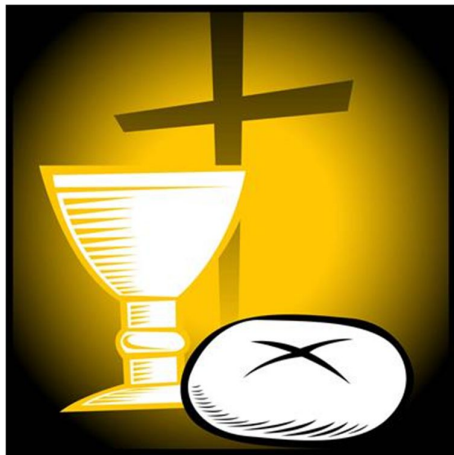


OUR VISION:

"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

Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Second reading

1 Cor 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel

Jn 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Reflection:

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as *Corpus Christi*, celebrates and commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Although the liturgy on Holy Thursday remembers the celebration of the Last Supper, its focus tends to be more aligned with the events of the Passion rather than on the institution of the Eucharist. In the 13th Century, Pope Urban IV established the feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) and it was St Thomas Aquinas who composed the official prayers of the Church for the feast day. In 1970 the feast was changed to the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. In some countries it is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday and in others on the following Sunday. The gospel passage comes from the 6th chapter of the gospel of John in which the gospel writer has Jesus deliver an extended discourse on the image of himself as the Bread of Life. This passage comes from the end of that discourse and, in this relatively short passage, Jesus repeatedly demands that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. It is through these actions that his followers will share in eternal life.

Jesus says that whoever does this will live in him and he will live in them. That is one of the fundamental beliefs about the Eucharist. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist we become what we receive – we become Christ's body in the world. When Jesus called his disciples, he called them to be like himself. He issues that call to be like him every time we receive his body and blood in Eucharist.

- Greg Sunter

Dear St Luke's Catholic Faith Community members:

Despite easing of restrictions, 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. 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.

Saturday **Communion Services** will be at 10am and 11am at the office, with **Eucharistic Adoration** available in between. 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.

PLEASE NOTE 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.

God's blessings on you and your family.

Deacon Tony Hoban

Pastoral Director

St Luke's Catholic Faith Community

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

**We welcome this week as our
Celebrant: Fr Florito Apalias**

Positions Vacant:

Human Resources Adviser – Diocese of Parramatta. More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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.

Project Compassion update

Due to COVID-19, Project Compassion has been extended and parishioners can bring their boxes or envelopes to parishes, or if they are unable, can contact 1800 024 413 or go to lent.caritas.org.au. A video message from Caritas Australia on how they are helping around the world can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk7AvhdLOIM>. For any further support, please contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org

Institute for Mission – Formation opportunity for adults

The Institute for Mission’s Reflective Ministry Program (Word and Mission) is going ahead starting from 18 August. In keeping with COVID-19 restrictions, the IFM will operate under the relevant health authority guidelines. Part Two is being

offered for free as a response to COVID-19 with limited spots available. For details and registration, visit

<https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or contact Sr Grace on grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au.

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.

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlsdOypqDgrHN2vSOOsoJinf7UG30zsSFCM>

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

SRE learning from home

During the school shutdown, CCD designed some faith resources for families to access for their children as they learned from home. These lessons, which are fun and prepared specifically for each age group 5-13, are a good way to encourage children to converse about topics of faith at home. These lessons which affirm that they we are loved by God can be found

at <https://www.ccross.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>. For more information contact

cecilia.zammit@parracatholic.org

Out of School Hours Care accepting enrolments

If you are adjusting to a new work routine and your normal care arrangements have been interrupted by COVID-19, the Diocese’s network of 27 Catholic Out of School Hours Care services are all open and accepting enrolments for children in Years K-6. With the Federal Government’s childcare relief package, the service is free for all families until 28 June 2020. For more information and bookings, please contact eyec@parra.catholic.edu.au

Catholic Youth Parramatta engaging young people in new ways

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesdays, to launching new home-grown resources on Fridays. Check out CYP’s Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

Share your Good News Stories!

Our Pastoral Planning Office welcomes your good news stories of hope and encouragement during COVID-19 to share with parishes and communities across our Diocese. If you have a good news story to offer, please visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/goodnewsstory>

Youth Corner (Saintlukesyg@gmail.com)



The next ‘Saints in Training’ gathering will be via zoom on Friday 19th June at 7pm. For details please email:

saintlukesyg@gmail.com

Alpha Online Prayer Ministry

Be part of prayer ministry for the team and participants of Alpha Online beginning 1 June. Alpha invites participants to explore the Christian faith in a friendly and comfortable environment. Alpha Prayer Ministers are invited to pray daily individually or as part of a weekly online prayer group. Call Lisa on 04480652720 or visit <https://www.parracatholic.org/alphaoonline/> to register or find out more.



Corpus Christi

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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