

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

Jer 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second reading

Rom 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man,

Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel

Mt 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Reflection:

'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today's gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'.

The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being 'squeezed out' and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper

it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus. It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.

- Greg Sunter

IMPORTANT ST LUKE'S ANNOUNCEMENT

From July 1 the changes in social distancing restrictions means that we can have more people attend Mass. The 1 person per 4 square metre rule means that we can have 100 people attend Mass.

We are very pleased to announce that from Saturday, July 4 we will also be offering a Vigil Mass each Saturday. A Saturday Mass at 5.30pm will be offered from this date on. Given we are legally required to ensure we do not exceed the 1 person per 4sq m rule, we are asking everyone in our community to complete a survey to advise us when you intend to attend Mass during July – that is on Saturday night or Sunday morning, or not at all. This will give us a good indication of numbers. **So, we ask every family to complete this survey ASAP:**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAlu8m4RRS9yld3tuscdTrxVkc4GvcVzUhUT24-uw2_KF9Tg/viewform

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

marsdenpark@parracatholic.org.)

We are aware that some people may still have health reasons for not attending Mass, so we will continue with our 10am Sunday Mass being offered via Zoom for the foreseeable future (via Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93918900500>).

For next week we are still restricted to having 50 people attend Sunday Mass at St Luke's Catholic College. **Those who have nominated to come for next Sunday and whose names have been drawn out will be advised by Wednesday afternoon.**

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.

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

God's blessings on you and your family.
- Deacon Tony Hoban
Pastoral Director

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

Our Pastoral Council members

I am pleased to advise of the formation of our first St Luke's Pastoral Council. The Council members met for the first time yesterday.

As our community grows, we require a group to represent St Luke's and help guide our next steps. Collectively, the members of the Council have the responsibility to consult, inform and listen to the needs and aspirations of each member of the whole community, offering key advice and guidance to the pastoral leaders. This group helps to empower, encourage and lead in discernment, as it shares with the leadership the responsibility for the development of the community of faith and the mission of Jesus Christ within Marsden Park.

The Pastoral Council members are:

<i>Aleta dela Cruz</i>	<i>Charles Emerson</i>
<i>Gari de Guzman</i>	<i>Julia Hoban</i>
<i>James Irudayaraj</i>	<i>Arvin Joya</i>
<i>Nars Lumba</i>	<i>Genesis Raymundo</i>
<i>Marie Raymundo</i>	<i>Joe Son Kee</i>

I thank them all for their commitment and look forward to working with them to assist our still new faith community on the next stage of its journey.

The members of our Leadership Team, Kelly Bauer, Tessie James and Annette Hoban will be ex-officio members of the Council, along with myself.

- Deacon Tony Hoban
Pastoral Director

**We welcome this week as our
Celebrant: Fr Pat Mullins**

Positions Vacant:

*Human Resources Adviser

*Family Services and Administration
Manager – **Applications close 26 June**

*Service Establishment Manager –

Applications close 26 June

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

The Sacrament of Initiation (Baptism) may be celebrated in the Diocese of Parramatta, with a limit of 50 attendees. Please contact Deacon Tony for further information at marsdenpark@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.rocławska@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/join/zoom/register/tJlSdOypqDgrHN2vSOOsoJinf7UG30zsSFCM>
For further information contact Lisa at lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

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 3rd July at 7pm. For details please email: saintlukesyg@gmail.com

CYP Keeping Young People Safe Online: 23 June

Youth Leaders, parents and interested adults are invited to join a free bespoke webinar for the Diocese of Parramatta with the eSafety Commissioners Office of the Australian Government. The webinar will be held on Tuesday 23 June, 7-8:30pm. They will explore strategies to ensure safe online activity with Zoom and other social media platforms. Register at <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp-keeping-our-young-people-safe/>

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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