

#### 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 Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52 Glory and praise for ever!

#### Second reading

2 Cor 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### Gospel

Jn 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

#### **Reflection:**

The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, today reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit. God loved the world into being and loved the people so much that God made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. God loved the world and the people so much that God became physically present through Jesus as yet another attempt to draw all people into an awareness of the loving relationship God desired for them. When Jesus could no longer remain a physical presence in the world, God's Spirit became more evident to continue the work of drawing people into that loving relationship with God. Rather than focusing on the mystery of the Trinitarian God, today is a n opportunity to marvel at the single-mindedness of God who is so determined to reveal the length and breadth of God's love to us. That revelation has been made manifest in different ways throughout time but remains constant and unchanging.

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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/1FAIpQ LSc6snpKflX-9O5tlvL-RFan4fakg qd5jSu63kbK 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.

A Saturday Communion Service and Eucharistic Adoration will continue at 10am and 11am. 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, 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.

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 Luis Herrera

#### 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 <u>marsdenpark@parracatholic.org</u> for further information.

## MESSAGE FROM DEACON TONY

We will continue to update our Facebook page as things develop. (<u>www.facebook.com/stlukesmarsdenpark</u>) '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/tJIsdOyp gDgrHN2vSOOsoJinf7UG30zsSFCM For further information contact Lisa at lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

## Reopening of church buildings

Parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are opening their doors for private prayer, Reconciliation and for the celebration of Mass and sacraments such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. Please contact your local parish to check the arrangements put in place.

Livestreamed Masses from across the Diocese of Parramatta are still available on the Diocesan

website: <u>https://www.parracatholic.org/co</u> vid19/#online.

## **Catholic Outlook Magazine June Edition**

The June edition of our quarterly print magazine, *Catholic Outlook*, has been suspended due to COVID-19. You are still able to read and access the digital version of *Catholic Outlook* via <u>catholicoutlook.org</u> and

https://www.catholicoutlook.org/subscribe /. Once Government restrictions have been fully lifted, the print production of *Catholic Outlook* will resume, with the next edition scheduled for September 2020.

### 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 <u>https://www.ccress.org.au/learningfrom-home-sre-lessons/</u>. 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

<u>https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/</u> to download and share the resources.

## Share your Good News Stories!

Thank you for all that you continue to do to share the love and peace of God. 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/goodne wsstory

## Youth Corner (Saintlukesyg@gmail.com)

The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be via zoom on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. For details please email: <u>saintlukesyg@gmail.com</u>

### **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 <u>https://www.parracatholic.org/alphaonline/</u> or call Lisa on 0448 652 720. Alpha Online is being hosted by the Pastoral Planning Office of the Diocese of



## 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.

Visit <u>https://www.parracatholic.org/alphao</u> <u>nline/</u> or call Lisa on 0448 652 720 to register or find out more.

#### 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.

## CONTACT US

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