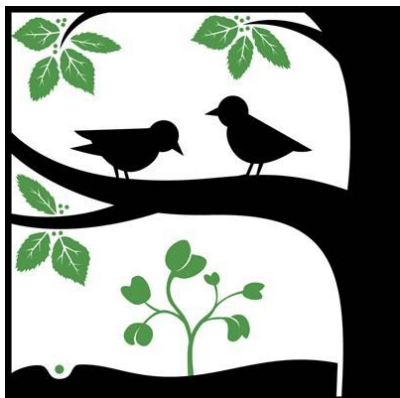


**OUR VISION:**

**“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**

Wis 12:13.16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

*Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

**Second reading**

Rom 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

**Gospel**

Mt 13:24-30

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has done this” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.””

**Reflection:**

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness. There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be ‘merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity’, and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

- Dianne Bergant CSA

**WANT TO GIVE TO ST LUKE’S WITHOUT TOUCHING ANY CURRENCY?**

We are aware that many people are not wanting to touch currency at present for hygiene reasons.

So, we are providing this information to our community members to support their giving via their bank accounts direct to the Church.

The details for giving to our regular collections, which were normally taken up during Mass (pre COVID times), are:

1<sup>st</sup> Collection (living costs of clergy in our Diocese):

BSB: 067 950

Account: 000 04265

Account Name: Diocese of Parramatta BOM (Board of Management)

Reference: ‘Marsden Park’ and your name (it’s important that you include this reference).

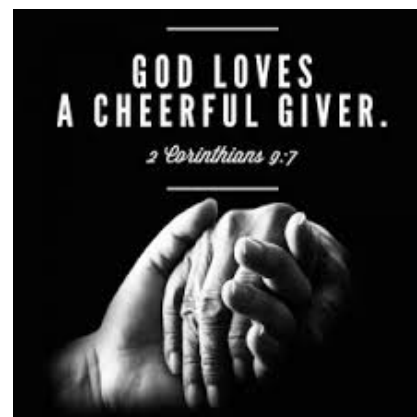
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (cost of running St Luke’s Catholic Faith Community)

BSB: 067 950

Account: 000 04307

Account Name: St Luke’s Marsden Park Reference: Your name

**Please consider making these recurring payments (weekly).**



**We welcome this week as our Celebrants: Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil) and Fr Xavier Olin SJ (Sunday 10am)**

**PLEASE NOTE: 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.**

### IMPORTANT ST LUKE'S ANNOUNCEMENT

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions from July 1, we are able to have 100 people at each Mass:

- Vigil 5.30 pm Saturday

- Sunday morning 10 am.

Bookings are required. We have set up online ticketing with Eventbrite.



The 'ticket' booking links are:

Saturday Vigil (5.30pm) Mass

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/110582713874>

Sunday morning (10am) Mass

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/110583072948>



Sunday 10am Mass via zoom:

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

### 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

### Positions vacant:

\*Human Resources Adviser – Diocese of Parramatta

\*HR Project Officer – Payroll and Talent (Permanent position) - Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited – **Applications close Monday 20 July**

\*Head of People and Culture – CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains – **Applications close Tuesday 28 July**

More details at:

[parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### Our Pastoral Council Executive

At the second meeting of our Pastoral Council last weekend, the Executive of the Council were elected.

I am pleased to advise the following office-bearers:

Chair – Gari de Guzman.

Deputy Chair – Nars Lumba.

Secretary – Aleta Dela Cruz.

Please pray for these Executive members and all of the Pastoral Council members, that they discern how God is leading them to support this faith community to be all that God is calling us to be.

- Deacon Tony Hoban

Pastoral Director

### 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 the '4m2' rule applying. Please contact Deacon Tony for further information at [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION

Preparation sessions for the Sacrament of Holy Communion will take place on Wednesday, July 22, July 29, August 5, August 12. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Sunday August 16 (time TBC). (Due to the constant updating of COVID restrictions, we will advise asap of any changes to this date.)

First Reconciliation preparation sessions will be: Wednesday, Sept 2, 9, and 16.

Children will receive the Sacrament on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> (6pm – 8pm). All preparation sessions (both Sacraments) will be from 6 pm to 7 pm in the Hub at St Luke's Catholic College. Attendance is mandatory for all children and at least one parent/guardian. All enquiries to: [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

### Office for Worship Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

The Office for Worship's Liturgical Ministry Formation course will recommence in August at both the Institute for Mission, Blacktown and St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith. Two workshops on Liturgical Ministry will also be provided in October at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. Note: due to restrictions there are limited places available. For more information, contact the Office for Worship on [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org)

### Plenary Council Discernment Papers released

You are encouraged to take the discernment papers from the six national Plenary Council writing groups for your own discernment about how to bring to life a Christ-centred community in your area. These papers can be found at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>.

### Institute for Mission – Reflective Ministry Program available online

The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program is going ahead from 18 August. Register to participate online at: <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or contact Sr Grace on [grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au](mailto:grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au).

### Palms Australia

Here's a great opportunity to assist in the following part-time volunteer roles.

**The Connector-** help promote Palms placements and programs, **Events Support-** collate stories and images from Palms' history, **Donor Support-** work with our Fundraising Co-ordinator to organise support for overseas placements.

**To find out more call Palms on 9560 5333.**

### Youth Corner (Saintlukesyg@gmail.com)

The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be via zoom on Friday 31 July at 7pm. For details please email: [saintlukesyg@gmail.com](mailto:saintlukesyg@gmail.com)

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am

### RECONCILIATION

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month  
4.30pm - 5.10pm

St Luke's Catholic College (Enter via Frontier Ave Marsden Park)

Baptisms available most Sundays after Mass. Apply via email.

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