

**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**

Ez 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

**Second reading**

Rom 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

**Gospel**

Mt 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. ‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. ‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

**Reflection: SEASON OF CREATION**

How should we deal with people who obstinately refuse to admit their own culpability? Jesus says that, when all else fails, Christians should respond as a group. By communal witness, consensus, and intercession, the Church can change hearts and minds and even the world. Now, during the Season of Creation, the Church asks us to reflect and act together for earthly justice. In the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that the Church has long been concerned to protect the environment from destructive exploitation, especially when it most directly and disproportionately afflicts poor countries and vulnerable people. At a time when oceans are poisoned, forests destroyed, and even our climate is changing, Christians must bear witness, build consensus, and intercede for the common good of our common home. Although he does not cite it directly, Pope Francis seems to draw on this Gospel’s message of collective action. In *Laudato Si'*, in fact, he uses the word ‘we’ three hundred and sixty-six times, neatly underlining that the best answer to the rapacious individualism that plagues our times – is us.

- Nick Brodie

**IMPORTANT ST LUKE’S ANNOUNCEMENT**

**“On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during, and from Mass and other services. We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern. We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.”**

**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.**

**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 Faith Community)  
BSB: 067 950

Account: 0004026

Account Name: St Luke’s Marsden Park

Reference: Your name

OR:



Scan the QR Code using your phone camera and click the link

Choose ‘**MARSDEN PARK – St Luke’s Catholic Faith Community**’

St Luke’s Building fund

(for a future Church building)

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)  
Fr Luis Herrera (10am)**

Reconciliation will now be offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, **after** the 5.30pm Vigil Mass.

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions from July 1, we are able to have 100 people at each Mass. Bookings are required. We have set up online ticketing with Eventbrite.

**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>

**zoom**

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

### 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 '100-person-limit' applying. Contact Deacon Tony for further information at [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation preparation sessions will be on: Wednesday, Sept 2, 9, and 16. Children will receive the Sacrament on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> (6pm – 8pm). Preparation sessions will be from 6pm to

7pm in the Hub at St Luke's Catholic College. Attendance is mandatory for all children and at least one parent/guardian. Enquiries: [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED PRIESTS - FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2020

Owing to COVID19 the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta will not be holding its Annual Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests, i.e. the Father's Day appeal, this September. The CSF will use its own resources to support the retired priests in this financial year. Donations will always be accepted, however, via our BPOINT portal at [www.parracatholic.org/csf](http://www.parracatholic.org/csf) or EFT to BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Account Name CSF No 1 with Reference your name. IF you would like a tax deductible receipt for your donation, please send email to [csf@parracatholic.org](mailto:csf@parracatholic.org) with your name and address details.

### Open Day for new ACU Blacktown Campus

Australian Catholic University is taking enrolments for its new Blacktown Campus for next year. The Campus is conveniently located next to Blacktown railway station. The Open Day for future students will be held on Saturday 12 September from 9am to 3pm. For more information go to: [www.acu.edu.au/locations/blacktown](http://www.acu.edu.au/locations/blacktown)

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks **Child Protection Sunday**, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Find out more at:

[www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday) and [www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding](http://www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding)

### CEDP Safeguarding eSafety Commissioner Webinar: 7 September

Catholic Education and the Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards are partnering with the eSafety Commissioner for a series of free webinars for parents and carers. The second session, 'Tech, teens and time online' (for secondary students) will be held on Monday 7 September from 7pm to 8pm. To register, please visit [bit.ly/39EteXJ](https://bit.ly/39EteXJ). For more information, please contact [safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au) or visit <https://safeguarding.org.au/preventio-n-education-and-training/>

### Pastoral Planning Celebrating and Sharing Our Gifts: 9 – 23 September

The Pastoral Planning Office are offering an opportunity for prayerful discernment about the spiritual gifts God has given us to bring to life God's mission. Join us for 3 Wednesday evenings of prayer, input and discussions beginning on 9 September from 7.30pm to 9pm. You can register these for evenings at [www.tinyurl.com/celebrate-and-discern](http://www.tinyurl.com/celebrate-and-discern).

### ACBC Social Justice Statement 2020-21

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement [http://bit.ly/SocialJustice\\_2020](http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020)

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

The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be via zoom on Friday 11 September 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 after the Vigil Mass

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

Baptisms available most Sundays after Mass. Apply via email.

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