

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

Is 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Second reading

Phil 4:12-14. 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel



Mt 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave

a feast for his son’s wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. “Tell those who have been invited” he said “that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.” But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He

dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.” So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, “How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?” And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Reflection: As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none. One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or

make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

- Dianne Bergant

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.

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

1st 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).

2nd Collection

(cost of running St Luke’s 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 Chris de Souza (Vigil) Fr Florito Appalias (10am)

PLEASE NOTE: The dispensation from attending Mass for all Catholics in our Diocese remains in place. If you have cold or flu symptoms or an allergy, please stay at home.

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."

Reconciliation will now be offered on the 1st and 3rd 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.

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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

Help make a difference:

During COVID-19, we find fear, anxiety and insecurity engulfing people in many parts of the world. Refugees and asylum seekers have also been facing homelessness, hunger and poverty. The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is reaching out to hundreds of people everyday, through their food bank and with financial support.

At St Luke's Catholic College, as part of their Human Dignity Religious Education Project, Stage 4 students will be organising a Food Drive to collect non-perishable food items and toiletries as donations to refugees through JRS.

Here lies an opportunity for members of St Luke's Faith Community to reach out to refugees by collaborating with the School Community. You may pack your donations in a shopping bag and drop it in the foyer before the Vigil Mass on Saturdays or 10am Mass on Sundays. **You can also drop them to our office at 2 Springdale St Marsden Park between 10am-3pm next Saturday.**

The drive will be active until 25th Oct 2020. The items listed below are desperately needed *now*.

Food items: Basmati rice, cooking oil, long life milk, tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas, fruits, biscuits, muesli bars, oats and cereal.

Toiletries: Nappies (large sizes), toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, sanitary pads, napkins, razors, shaving foam, deodorant (male and female) and soap.

Thank you for your support.

Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – *The Well*. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

ACU Online Public Lecture with Sr Prof Julia Upton: 12 October

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is hosting Sr Prof Julia Upton rsm from St John's University in New York in a free online public lecture. Titled "Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics," it will be broadcast live from New York on Monday 12 October from 10am AEST via Zoom. Registration is essential by 7 October 2020. Register by visiting www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW Rosalie Rendu Forum: 15 October

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW will be hosting their annual Rosalie Rendu Forum online on Thursday 15 October from 6pm. This year's forum features a line-up of inspirational female leaders who will reflect on the theme 'Reimagining the future: can we create more equitable communities post pandemic?'. To register for the event by 12 October, visit <https://rosalie-rendu-2020.eventbrite.com.au>. For more information, call 4032 3545 or email social.justice@vinnies.org.au

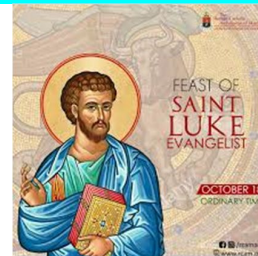
Congratulations:

Congratulations to Charles & Varuni Emerson who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary this week. Congratulations also to Lisa Hoban & Andy Garcia who were married last Saturday.

Youth Corner (Saintlukesyg@gmail.com)

The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be via zoom on Friday 23 October at 7pm. For details please email: saintlukesyg@gmail.com

The Feast of St Luke: 18 October



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

1st & 3rd 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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