

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 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Second reading

Phil 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel

Mt 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Listen to another parable. There was a man, a



landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants

and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.” So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord’s doing and it is wonderful to see? ‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’

Reflection: SEASON OF CREATION

Jesus uses rich ecological imagery in today’s parable, revealing humanity’s ongoing role in God’s great act of creation. We are all charged to tend what God has planted and built. In the end it is for His purpose, not ours. But this story also presages a dark turn, where selfishness brings about disaster. It is hard to read this without thinking of our rapidly warming climate, our polluted seas, and our poisoned rivers. Moreover, while this story concerns a bunch of tenants who violently resist fulfilling their obligations, it is also a very pointed tale when read in the context in which it was told, because Jesus specifically told this one to the leaders of the people. As we hear this Gospel passage during the Season of Creation, we might wonder whether our leaders are doing the will of God regarding the vineyard of the earth. Is respect for creation high on their agenda, or is their priority the harvest? Are the vineyard’s resources distributed fairly, or selfishly hoarded and consumed by a few? And do they listen to the will of the Creator,

or silence His messengers with hateful words and actions?

- Nick Brodie

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 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)

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.



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

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. St Mary of the Cross Mackillop said, "Never see a need without doing something about it". The need has been identified. Let us do something small to make a huge change in the lives of those in need. 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. 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

Online Discernment and Prayer Afternoon: 10 October

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Schoenstatt Sisters and the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters warmly invite women aged 18-35 for an enjoyable afternoon of sharing and prayer on Saturday 10 October from 4pm. Each congregation will share who they are and impart wisdom on how to

discern and pray. For more information and to register, contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or vocationscsfn@gmail.com

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

Catholic Theological College Engaging Your Catholic Faith Sessions: 14 September – 31 October

The Catholic Theological College in Melbourne is presenting a series of sessions on Engaging Your Catholic Faith from 14 September to 31 October. The lectures, exploring topics such as meditation and prayer, women in the early church and interfaith relations, will be delivered online via Zoom and are \$20 per session. Enrol now by visiting www.ctc.edu.au/

Youth Corner (Saintlukesyg@gmail.com)

The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be via zoom on Friday 9 October at 7pm. For details please email: saintlukesyg@gmail.com

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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