

**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 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

**Second reading**

1 Thes 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we

shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

**Gospel**

Mt 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

**Reflection: Living in hope.**

A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!

- Greg Sunter

**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:

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 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).**

**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.

**We welcome this week as our Celebrants: Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil) Fr Florito Apalias (10am)**

## IMPORTANT ST LUKE'S ANNOUNCEMENT

"On consideration of 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 sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe."

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, we are able to have 120 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](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

## ST LUKE'S FAITH COMMUNITY

### SPIRITUALITY DAY:

**28 November, 2020 – 10am to 3pm.**

This is a day especially created for those interested in the many and varied ministries that are vital to the life of our faith community. The aim of the day is to give you a spiritual booster before we enter the new Church year. Together, we will explore Christ-centred ways to create an evangelising faith community through contemplation, collaboration, communication and compassion.

Email [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org.au](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org.au) and you will be sent a Google form link to register.

### Vinnies Christmas Hampers

While we have recently supported refugees in need of food and other items, we are approaching the time of year when Vinnies distributes hampers to people in need of support in our community at Christmas. To allow these items to be collected, sorted and distributed in time for Christmas, we need to collect them this month.

We again call on the generosity of our St Luke's community members to provide the following items:

Christmas pudding, fruit cake, tea & coffee, long life milk, milo, sweet & savoury biscuits, pancake mix, fruit mince pies, jam/vegemite, Christmas cake, custard, breakfast cereal, Christmas decs/bon bons, candy canes/lollies, dried & tinned fruit, pasta & pasta sauce, couscous & rice, muesli bars, toiletry items. (Please ensure all items are well within the 'use by' date.) All items must be non-perishable. Small gifts for children aged from 0-12 years, both male and female are always appreciated. (Please do not wrap these in Christmas paper as they will need to be checked as being safe and appropriate). Stationary items would also be very helpful at this time of year. Please bring the items and leave at our donation table when you attend Mass. The last date for collection will be Sunday, Nov 29.

### IFM Bringing the Advent Gospels Alive: 10 November

The IFM invites you online to enjoy a pre-Advent scripture presentation by Dr Michele Connolly RSJ on 10 Nov at 7pm. Go to [www.ifm.org.au/scripturenight](http://www.ifm.org.au/scripturenight) for registration and 9296 6369 for more information, or send us an email to [connect@ifm.org.au](mailto:connect@ifm.org.au).

## Madonna magazine – a gift of spiritual sustenance that lasts a whole year

*Madonna* magazine, published by Jesuit Communications, is an ideal spiritual companion – containing daily prayers, deep reflections and faith-focused articles. We invite you to subscribe or consider taking out a gift subscription for a loved one for only \$53 a year. You can find out more about *Madonna* at: [www.madonnamagazine.com.au](http://www.madonnamagazine.com.au)

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

The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be via zoom on Friday 20 November at 7pm. For details please email: [saintlukesyg@gmail.com](mailto:saintlukesyg@gmail.com)



### Permanent Diaconate Information Session: 12 December

Couples considering a call to the Permanent Diaconate are invited to attend an information session on Saturday 12 December from 10am - 12noon at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. Couples who decide to proceed with the discernment process will be asked to meet with the Vocations Committee in 2021. To RSVP, please contact Deacon Willy Limjap on 0428 332 619 or [wlimjap@gmail.com](mailto:wlimjap@gmail.com) or Deacon George Bryan on 0408 440 769 or [George.Bryan@parracatholic.org](mailto:George.Bryan@parracatholic.org)

### 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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