

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

Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband’s heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Second reading

1 Thes 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about ‘times and seasons’, since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, ‘How quiet and peaceful it is’ that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel

Mt 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability.

Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir”, he said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Next the man with the two talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

Reflection: Bring forth the Kingdom.

Like the original audience of Matthew’s gospel, we can sometimes rely too much on God to bring about the Kingdom in our world. Like the lazy servant in the gospel, we can fall into the trap of handing the

world back to God in exactly the same condition that we received it. We have to make a difference in the world! We are called to change the world and bring it closer to the realisation of the Kingdom. The only way that we can do that it is to live our lives as if the Kingdom is already here.

- 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:

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).

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 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 1st and 3rd 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>

We welcome this week as our Celebrants: Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil) Fr Pat Mullins (10am)

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

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 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. The last date for collection will be Sunday, Nov 29.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

This Christmas let us unite in demonstrating God's unconditional love and keep families together. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare's Project Elizabeth to support vulnerable families to build strong, loving relationships. You can help give people the emotional and practical support they need to live their lives in love and joy. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas

Appeal: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

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



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 or Deacon George Bryan on 0408 440 769 or George.Bryan@parracatholic.org

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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