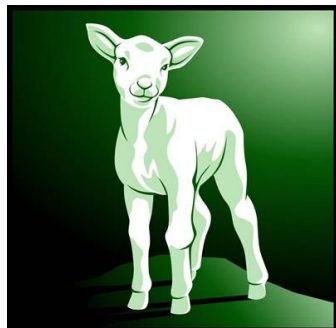


OUR VISION:

"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

1 Sm 3:3-10.19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

Here am I, Lord;

I come to do your will.

Second reading

1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one

spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel

Jn 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

Reflection:

These days, the word 'vocation' seems to be applied to whatever job someone happens to find themselves in. More traditionally, the word carries with it a sense of undertaking work that has a deliberate purpose about it and that is outwardly focused. Usually, there is a sense that there is 'importance' to the work and that it is linked to God's dream for the world. The Church has tended to use vocation in reference to religious life. The word comes from the Latin, *vocare*, meaning call or name. Realising to what it is we are called can be one of the great challenges of life.

Why did Jesus call a group of people to follow him closely and share in his ministry? Certainly, it was not uncommon at the time that a charismatic leader might attract a group of followers and 'hangers-on' but

Jesus appears to have deliberately called some people to travel with him and share in what he was about. So much of what Jesus spoke about was living in right relationships: with God; and with one another. Rather than simply being a 'back-up group' for Jesus, the disciples provided a lived example of trying to live in right relationships. They didn't always get it right, but they were on the way.

- Greg Sunter

WANT TO GIVE TO ST LUKE'S WITHOUT TOUCHING ANY CURRENCY?

The details for giving electronically to our regular collections 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 to include this reference).

2nd Collection

(costs 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 Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Gregory Jacobs (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.

Wearing a mask

Wearing a mask, especially in indoor venues like churches and religious services, is now **compulsory**. Masks can also be seen as an act of charity towards others and can help to stop the spread of viruses and other infectious diseases.

BAPTISMS

For inquiries about the Sacrament of Initiation (Baptism) contact Deacon Tony at marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

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

As from 3 January 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.

St Joseph, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us



Ignatian Spirituality in a time of Engagement Conference: 25 – 27 January

Jesuit College of Spirituality and Newman College invite you to the 'Ignatian Spirituality in a time of Engagement' three-day online conference from 25 to 27 January. The full conference pass is \$200, with a single day pass at \$75 per day. Registrations are now open, so visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BMYUO>. For enquiries, contact enquiries@jcs.edu.au or phone (03) 9448 8276.

Holy Habits: 10 New Year's Resolutions

1. *Give a return on your gifts.* When using a gift, say a prayer for the giver. For instance, when using clothing or jewellery someone gave to you, say a pray for the giver.
2. *Commit random acts of prayer.* Pick someone to pray for throughout your day. It could be a politician you hear promoting abortion, or someone in a passing car, or a shopper in the grocery line. If someone cuts you off in traffic, pray for them, and your anger will subside — and you will both be blessed.
3. *See Jesus more often.* Make a weekly appointment to visit Jesus in the tabernacle or in his Word. The more time you spend with Jesus, the more he can give to you.
4. *Bounce-back.* As kids we used to say: "I'm rubber, and you're glue; whatever you say bounces off of me and sticks to you." Think of God telling us: "I'm God, and I made you; whatever you do for others comes back to you." Jesus told us: "The measure with which you measure will be measured back to you" (Matthew 7:10).
5. *Become invisible.* Look for invisible ways to do good. Skip over a parking spot near the door and pray for the one who will park there instead of you. Put away a shopping cart and pray for the one who left it and the next shopper to use it. "Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you" (Matthew 6:6).
6. *Read the Word.* Put a Bible somewhere convenient, and open it up once a day.
7. *Call the manager and praise an employee.* When you've been given good service, call the manager and report it. It will make that employee's day.
8. *Ask God to arrange your seating and conversations.* Asking God to direct who we sit next to at events or on planes and to direct our conversations (even when socially distanced).
9. *Fast daily.* Jesus fasted for 40 days before beginning his ministry. To integrate fasting into a daily sacrifice, take something out at meals. Skip the fries or ketchup, or don't put butter on your bread. I'm not suggesting omitting a more serious fast, but why not tap into the power daily?
10. *Enjoy the wait.* What do you do while waiting for the microwave or while waiting

for someone to answer their phone? Turn inconsequential moments into prayers of consequence.

From the Deacon's Desk

While it is still early in the new year, our faith community is anything but in holiday mode.

Our Finance Advisory Committee and Pastoral Council are both meeting this weekend to look ahead to great things we have planned for our community this year. We look forward to sharing some of this news with you very soon.

Of course, our weekly liturgical life continues and this could not occur without the wonderful support of many, including those in music ministry, our readers, our COVID check-in officers, our collection counters, those who help set up for Mass and our friendly welcomers.

Pope Francis this week took steps to formally recognise the right of women to be involved as lectors (readers) and acolytes (senior servers) for Mass. We have many wonderful female readers but no female senior servers, so I invite any women interested in this ministry to contact me. Blessings for a wonderful week.

- Deacon Tony
Pastoral Director

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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