

**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**

Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

**Second reading**

1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

**Gospel**

Mk 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the

leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

**Reflection: Who is your leper?**

Verse 41 of this week's reading begins, 'Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand.' This translation is from the Jerusalem Bible but if we were to consider other translations of the Bible we would find other phrases used such as: moved with pity; filled with pity; moved with compassion; filled with compassion; or even, filled with anger. By comparison, 'Feeling sorry for him' seems a weak translation. Jesus' reaction is a fully human one of indignation at what this man is forced to endure. It is a gut-wrenching response from the very core of Jesus' humanity.

There is a story of Francis of Assisi in which he encountered a horribly disfigured leper. Initially, Francis was repulsed by the man but remembered that this man too was a child of God and made in the image and likeness of God. Overcoming his fears, Francis ran forward and embraced the man. Rather than seeing the disease, Francis saw the person. We can ask the question, Who is your leper? Who is the person in your life that you need to embrace rather than reject? Who would benefit from you viewing them with different eyes? Soft eyes! Eyes of compassion!

- Greg Sunter

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Joseph Nguyen (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](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

**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.

As from 12 February we are able to have 200 people at each Mass. Bookings are still required. We have set up online ticketing with Eventbrite.

**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

## Positions Vacant:

Natural Family Planning Educator (Casual) – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 19 February 2021

Social Justice Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 5pm 22 February 2021

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## Project Compassion – Virtual Immersions

Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishes via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff. Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour across Australia. You can register for a Virtual Immersion by going to [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au).

## Dealing with division in the Church: 20 February

Dr Ralph Martin will present this topic via Zoom on Saturday 20 February at 11am. All are invited and welcome!  
Zoom ID: 889 9626 3350.  
This event is hosted by The Risen Lord Community, Australia

## ST LUKE'S 2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

St Luke's Catholic Faith Community, supported by St Luke's Catholic College, will again offer a Sacramental Program for children this year.

First Reconciliation is for children who have been Baptised and are 8 years of age or older.

First Holy Communion is for children who are Baptised, have made their First Reconciliation and are 9 years of age or older.

Confirmation will be offered to students in Year 6 and who are 11 years of age or older, and who have received the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

### This year's schedule is:

#### First Holy Communion

Preparation sessions on Wednesdays at 6pm: May 5, 12, 19, 26.

Sacrament received on Corpus Christi – Saturday, June 4 at 5.30m Mass and Sunday June 6 at 10am Mass.

#### First Reconciliation

Preparation sessions: Wednesdays at 6pm: July 7, 21, 28

Sacrament received on Wednesday, August 11 from 6 – 7.30pm.

#### Confirmation

Preparation sessions: Wednesdays at 6pm: October 6, 13, 20, 27.

Sacrament on Sunday, Oct 31 with Bishop Vincent.

All preparation sessions will take place at St Luke's Catholic College at 6pm. Parents will need to attend formation sessions with their children. 'Sacraments of Initiation – Enrolment Form', available at our Welcome Table. Return to Deacon Tony or email to [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

## ST LUKE'S LENT REFLECTIONS

"Lent is meant to be a time of repentance and renewal. These 40 days are set aside to reflect on the life of Jesus and to pray more often. In order to support our Faith Community members in their Faith Enrichment Journey, we will be offering Stations of the Cross and Lent reflections on Friday evenings. This will be done via this Zoom link at 7pm. May we prepare for Easter by travelling together in this special season." Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88178228487>



## Weekly Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/624180454>

## Youth Corner

The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be held in the Hub at St Luke's College on Friday 19 February at 7pm. All high school aged children are welcome.

For details please email: [saintlukesyg@gmail.com](mailto:saintlukesyg@gmail.com)



17<sup>th</sup> February **Ash Wednesday**  
*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return*  
18<sup>th</sup> February  
*Pray for the poor*  
19<sup>th</sup> February  
*Fast from meat*  
20<sup>th</sup> February  
*Pray for those that are alone*

## 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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