

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 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Second reading

Phil 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark



Reflection: This man was a son of God

By the time we have stood and listened to this lengthy Passion narrative, the listener may have started to wilt by the time we get to the death of Jesus. Yet the gospel writer keeps one of the most important messages for this moment. As Jesus dies, a centurion standing by utters the inspired words, 'In truth, this man was a son of God.' Famously played by John Wayne in the movie, *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, the centurion is the voice of the gentile – the non-Jew – representing all those throughout the world who will recognise the truth of Jesus' life and purpose.

- 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 Bill Goldman (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

The wearing of a mask is strongly recommended in indoor venues where adequate distancing cannot be maintained, including at church and religious services.

BAPTISMS

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

ST LUKE'S 2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

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 5 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.

Preparation sessions at the College at 6pm. Parents will need to attend formation sessions with their children. Enrolment Forms available at our Welcome Table.

Return to Deacon Tony or email to 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 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>

zoom

Sunday 10am Mass via zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/93918900500>

FROM NEXT WEEK, THERE WILL BE JUST ONE COLLECTION AT ST LUKE'S

St Luke's currently has two collections at each weekend Mass. Due to COVID, this has meant two boxes being placed on a table, for contributions to be made after Mass.

The **First Collection** is for the living costs of Clergy. These funds are pooled from across the Diocese so they can be equitably distributed. This fund provides for clergy's:

- monthly stipend
- private health insurance
- superannuation contribution

This fund also helps to provide for retired and sick priests.

The **Second Collection** is for our St Luke's community. The many costs of running a parish/faith community are deducted from this account. Some of the expenses covered include:

- Parish operating costs such as insurance, utilities, telecommunications, general maintenance and upkeep of church property
 - Parish pastoral programs
 - Car expenses for the clergy
 - Items used for Mass/liturgies, including Communion hosts, altar wine, sanitising products, music licencing fees.
- Several societal changes are converging to change the way collections are conducted:
- with greater reliance on credit cards and smart-phone-based payments systems, fewer people carry cash on them today
 - the arrival of the COVID pandemic has had a further dramatic effect on the reticence of people to handle cash for hygiene reasons.
- As a result, electronic giving via tap devices or via direct debit are increasingly popular in churches.

This also makes it easier to combine the two collections. There is an established average percentage split between the first and second collections (30% and 70% respectively) across many parishes, applying to funds collected.

Already several parishes across Australia and in our own Diocese (including the Cathedral Parish) have moved to one collection, with a 30/70 split.

So, our Pastoral Council has decided that as of next weekend, St Luke's will move to have just one collection, with funds split 30/70 to the previous first and second collections respectively. So, all contributions made at Mass, via either cash or tap device, will be split in this way.

Pontifical Holy Land Good Friday Collection: 2 April

The annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection will be held on Friday 2 April around Australia. The collection will continue to support the works of the Holy Land Custody through the generosity of the Australian Church. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus in the face of great odds.



Weekly Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom:

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

ST LUKE'S HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross: 10am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3pm

Easter Vigil: 7pm

Easter Sunday: 10am (Zoom)

Youth Corner

The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be a Bowling and Laser Tag night!

Join us for some Holiday fun on

Friday 16th April.

Who: All high school aged students

Where: Zone Bowling Rooty Hill

When: 6:30pm- 8:30pm (approximately)

How much: \$29.90 (includes: 1 x game Bowling and 1 x game Laser Tag, 20 Minutes Time Play (Red & Yellow card readers), 250 Powertickets, \$10 Café Voucher, \$10 Return Voucher)

RSVP: Please fill in a permission slip and return it by Sunday 28th March, either by email (saintlukesyg@gmail.com) or by dropping it in the box at the welcome table. Any questions please contact: Julia Hoban (Ph: 0401 181 128)



SAVE THE DATE: 11 April



St Luke's 3rd Birthday!

Join in the celebration, beginning with Mass at 10am. Followed by music, cultural performances, face painting, jumping castles, sausage sizzle and more.



28th March – Palm Sunday

Apologize to someone you have hurt and make amends

29th March

Pay attention to someone you are tempted to brush aside

30th March

Pray for the person who brought you into your faith

31st March

Pray for the staff of your congregation

1st April – Maundy Thursday

Pray for the choir and those who serve in your parish service

2nd April

Fast!

3rd April

Think of Mary after Jesus' death

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month after the Vigil Mass

Baptisms available most Sundays after Mass. Apply via email.

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