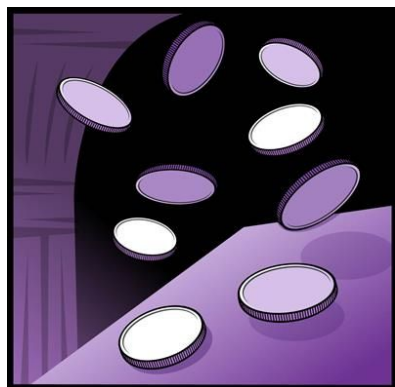


**OUR VISION:**

**"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**

Ex 20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

*Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

**Second reading**

1 Cor 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

**Gospel**

Jn 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and

pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about anyone; he could tell what a person had in them.

**Reflection: Just like Jesus**

This gospel passage must be one of the most commonly misused passages in the Bible. So often it is used as justification for someone losing their temper, or worse, an outrageous temper tantrum, or 'dummy spit'. People will declare in their defence, 'Well, Jesus lost his temper and got angry in the Temple!' They fail to appreciate the difference between their own hot-headedness and the outrage against injustice that was being expressed by Jesus. They also seem to miss the significance of the fact that this was a 'one off' for Jesus!

- 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 strongly recommended.



## 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:

St Patrick's Gift Shop Manager – St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta – **Applications close 14 March 2021**

Diocese of Parramatta Receptionist – Bethany Centre, Parramatta

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

## Project Compassion 2021: "Be More"

Support Caritas Australia this Lenten season by taking home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes.

Through your generosity, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

## 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 journey, we will be offering Stations of the Cross and Lent reflections on Friday evenings. This will be done via Zoom at 7pm. May we prepare for Easter by travelling together in this special season." Zoom link:

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

## 'The Well' offers new refreshment in 2021

'The Well' is back in 2021. The team are hoping to drip-feed new and relatable content every 72 hours that supports your ministry with family, friends, students, colleagues and strangers. Catholic Education and Catholic Youth Parramatta are 'first cabs off the rank' with content uploaded for Lent and the Year of Saint Joseph. Check it out on [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)



## 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 March at 7pm. All high school aged children are welcome. For details please email: [saintlukesyg@gmail.com](mailto:saintlukesyg@gmail.com)



7<sup>th</sup> March

*Get up early and spend 15 minutes in prayer & silence*

8<sup>th</sup> March

*Pray for those in prison*

9<sup>th</sup> March

*Pray for help and the willingness to receive it*

10<sup>th</sup> March

*Pray for the children of our congregation*

11<sup>th</sup> March

*Pray for peace among nations and unity*

12<sup>th</sup> March

*Fast from breakfast and lunch*

13<sup>th</sup> March

*Pray for forgiveness*

## 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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