

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

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Second Reading

2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel

Mk 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus

went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him. Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kumi!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

Reflection: A lesson in faith

Although Jairus obviously believed that Jesus might be able to do something to help heal his daughter, once news came that she had died he needed a strong reminder from Jesus to not be afraid and to have faith. Was it the example of the woman's faith in Jesus that gave Jairus the strength to continue to believe? When they arrive at the house the mourners laugh at Jesus and are consequently excluded from witnessing the miraculous raising. Since they don't have faith, they are not given the opportunity to witness faith in action.

- 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: 0004307

Account Name: St Luke's Marsden Park

Reference: Your name

Please consider making these recurring payments (weekly).

We welcome this week as our Celebrant:

Fr John Hogan (10am)

IN LOCKDOWN – AGAIN!

With great regret, we have had to cancel Masses this weekend and next because of the COVID lockdown by the NSW Government.

While we acknowledge the reasons for the lockdown being important for public health outcomes, we still grieve the loss of ability for our faith community members to gather physically.

However, we will continue to offer our 10am Zoom Mass/Liturgy each week so that we can still be united virtually.



Use this link for Zoom:

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

If you have prayer needs, please visit our website

<https://stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au/>

and scroll down to the heading; 'Submit your own prayer intention or prayer of thanks.' We have a team of prayer warriors ready to pray for your requests.

If you would like to speak personally, please call me on 8840 8521 or email tony.hoban@parracatholic.org

Blessings to you and your family at this difficult time.

- Deacon Tony

Note: events listed on this page may be impacted by the lockdown. Please check with organisers.

ST LUKE'S 2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

This year's schedule is:

First Reconciliation

Preparation sessions: Wednesdays at 6pm: July 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

Positions Vacant:

Formation for Mission Officers – Mission Engagement Team (MET), Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close

Wednesday 10pm 30 June

Head of Finance & Business Operations – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services

Limited (CDPSL) – Applications close 5pm
Monday 5 July

Non-Executive Director (2 positions) – Holy Family Services – Applications close
Thursday 1 July

For a copy of the information pack, please contact Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055 or anthony@reachhr.com.au or Sr Grace Roclawka on 0420 754 733 or grace@csfn.org.au

Fan the Flame – Towards Plenary Assembly One (October 2021)

“Do not be afraid; only have faith.” Mark 5:21-24,35-43

While being conscious of the work to be done, we also have much to be thankful for. There are many signs of hope in that members of the faithful persevere with the practice of the faith... and are living their commitment to love of neighbour in myriad ways. (*Instrumentum Laboris #65*)
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/



Weekly Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help:
Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom:

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

Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB Public Lecture: 28 June 'CANCELLED'

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening: 30 June

You are invited to attend a social justice reflection evening jointly hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Diocese of Broken Bay and the Diocese of Parramatta at the Pennant Hills Bowling Club on Wednesday 30 June from 6pm. The reflection evening will discuss the ACBC's 2020-21 Social Justice Statement 'To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today'. RSVP by 16 June to this free event by visiting <https://form.jotform.com/211228078037048>

CYP LIFTED Retreat "Stay with Us": 2 – 4 July

Young adults of our diocese are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta at this year's annual retreat. Take some time away from the busyness of everyday life. Get ready for a weekend of new friendships, great food, solid talks and times of quiet and prayer. For 18-35 year-olds, \$100 per person. Register at parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat

Annulment Information Webinar: 21 July
The Diocese of Parramatta's Tribunal Office, together with CatholicCare Solo Parent Services, are presenting an Information Webinar to help people understand the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church. The event will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 21 July from 7pm to 9pm. Registration is essential. For further details and to register, please call the Tribunal Office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org

Reflective Ministry 2021 - Diocesan Formation Opportunity

Limited face-to-face seating for the Reflective Ministry formation program due to commence in August 2021. Explore Scripture and fundamental themes within Pastoral Theology through this locally developed diocesan leadership program. Expressions of interest close 3 August via tinyurl.com/RMIFM. For further enquiries, contact Donnie Velasco on 0432 042 140 or donnie.velasco@parracatholic.org

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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