



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 16:2-4. 12-15
The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness

and said to them, ‘Why did we not die at the Lord’s hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!’ Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day’s portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.’

‘I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, “Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.”’ And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, ‘What is that?’ not knowing what it was. ‘That’ said Moses to them ‘is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.’

Second Reading
Eph 4:17, 20-24
I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God’s way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel
Jn 6:24-35
When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered: ‘I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?’ Jesus gave them this answer, ‘This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.’ So they said, ‘What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ Jesus answered: ‘I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ ‘Sir,’ they said ‘give us that bread always.’ Jesus answered: ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.’

Reflection: The Body of Christ
Christ is present in the Eucharist in many forms: in the people gathered; in the celebrating priest; in the Word proclaimed; and in the consecrated bread and wine – the Body and Blood of Christ. In relation to receiving Christ through the reception of communion, St Augustine wrote, ‘Be what you see, and receive what you are.’ We not only receive the Body of Christ through Eucharist, we are called to be the Body of Christ because of what we have received; and we receive the Body of Christ because we are already part of the Body of Christ.
- 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 Galbert Albino (10am)

LOCKDOWN!
With regret we have had to cancel Masses again this weekend because of the COVID lockdown mandated by the NSW Government.
While we acknowledge the reasons for the lockdown being important for public health outcomes, we still grieve the loss of the 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

ST LUKE'S 2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

This year's schedule is:

First Reconciliation

Preparation sessions completed.

Sacrament to be received on a date to be confirmed – once lockdown restrictions are lifted.

Confirmation

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

Sacrament on Sunday, Oct 31 with Bishop Vincent.

Preparation sessions at the moment are via Zoom. Parents will need to attend formation sessions with their children.

Email marsdenpark@parracatholic.org for further information.

Join us on 'Home Ground' over the next four weeks

While in lockdown, you're invited to 'HOME Ground'. Online every weeknight for the next four weeks, join us for chat, music, prayer, hot topics and most of all – fun and connection. See the free line-up at parracatholic.org/homeground. The Diocese of Parramatta's Mission Enhancement Team look forward to seeing you on HOME Ground soon.

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

"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." *Matthew 28:16-20*

The ethical and missionary implications of the Eucharist for the Church's communion of faith will always be incomplete while the poor go hungry, for "we cannot properly receive the Bread of Life without sharing bread for life with those in want". (*Pedro Arrupe, "Address prior to Eucharistic Congress 1976", The Portal to Jesuit Studies, accessed 23 April 2021,*

https://jesuitportal.bc.edu/research/documents/1976_arrupeucharist/

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/



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

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

Euthanasia, Dying and the Dignity of the Human Person Talks: 2 August

The Diocese of Parramatta is co-hosting a series of talks on euthanasia with the Diocese of Broken Bay ahead of the expected introduction of a draft bill in NSW Parliament to legalise euthanasia. The series of talks will be held via Zoom over three Monday nights starting 2 August at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Information and registration can be found at parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks/

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. Expressions of interest close 3 August via tinyurl.com/RMIFM. Contact Donnie Velasco on 0432 042 140 or donnie.velasco@parracatholic.org

Launch of Social Justice Statement: 5 Aug

On Thursday 5 August (5:30-6:30pm) you are invited to join Bishop Vincent via Zoom to launch the new Social Justice Statement, entitled "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor". Registration at <https://bit.ly/SJSLaunch>. The Statement will be available online after the launch.

Feast Day of Mary Mackillop: 8 August



No Masses will be celebrated at Mary Mackillop Place on this day. The Chapel remains closed.

Prayer resources are available at:

<https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/feast-day-resources/>

2021 Faith in Marriage Seminar: 13 August

This seminar has been **cancelled** due to Covid restrictions. It will be re-scheduled to a date to be advised. All enquiries to marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org

Statement of Commitment to Safeguarding

"The Diocese is committed to being a community of safeguarding. This means we have zero tolerance of abuse in any form. We promise to do everything we can so no child or other person in our care is harmed again. As part of this, our job is to make sure everyone who works or acts for the Church understands and recognises the Standards as an integral part of their understanding of what it means to be

engaged in the life of the Church". (Most Reverend Bishop Vincent Long OFM)
In light of this commitment, all staff and volunteers in the Diocese of Parramatta who come into contact with children and adults at risk will be asked to complete Safeguarding training. All volunteers at St Luke's will be contacted in the next couple of months with an invitation to access this training online.

Join us for Bible Study via Zoom

See how God's plan in the Bible is part of the plan for your life. Join us Monday nights (starting July 26) at 7pm. The course is called 'From Genesis to Jesus'. Watch a video and then engage in discussion with other St Luke's community members.

Click on this Zoom link to join in:

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNS VIA ZOOM!



As from next Sunday 8 August we will commence a Children's Liturgy class via zoom at 9.30-9.50am - before the Zoom Mass. All

primary aged children are welcome to join us. For login details please email marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

YOUTH CORNER

The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be on Friday 6th August via Zoom. All high school aged students are welcome!

For details please email:

saintlukesyg@gmail.com

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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