

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

Am 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, ‘Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.’ ‘I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.’ Amos replied to Amaziah, ‘I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”’

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading

Eph 1:3-10

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end:

that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

Gospel Acclamation

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Gospel

Mk 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

Reflection: Sent in pairs

It is interesting that the disciples were sent out in pairs. It is indicative of the fact that such ministry is difficult to accomplish alone. When we are engaged in ministry it is important that we seek and provide mutual support. Whether it is a hospitality ministry at Sunday Mass, visiting the sick, or a street ministry to the homeless, we will feel more confident and willing to reach out to others if we know that we are sharing that ministry and are supported by others. It is important to invite others to join in our ministry but it is also important to make sure that we support them as they enter into it.

- 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 Joseph Nguyen (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

(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:

Youth & Networking Coordinator - 12 Month Contract – Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations – **Applications close 11.59pm Sunday 1 August**
<https://catholicoutlook.org/the-columban-centre-for-christian-muslim-relations-is-hiring/>

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

'So they set off to preach repentance' *Mark 6:7-13*

Australian Catholics are deeply aware of their own limitations and failings in witnessing to the kingdom of Christ in the world... In many ways, the Church itself is deeply wounded and in need of the healing love of its Lord. (*Instrumentum Laboris #64*)
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>

Sea Sunday National Appeal: 11 July

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church which supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to bit.ly/secsunday2021

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

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholar-shipfor-lay-ministry.html>. Applications close 30 July 2021.

National Catholic Men's Gathering: 31 July

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31 July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The gathering aims to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. Register for free at www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

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](https://www.expressionsofinterest.com.au) close 3 August via tinyurl.com/RMIFM. For further enquiries, contact Donnie Velasco on 0432 042 140 or donnie.velasco@parracatholic.org

Finding God in Australia Retreat: 6 – 8 August

Fr John Hill CSsR will be presenting a retreat on "Finding God in Australia" at the St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong, NSW, from 6 to 8 August. This retreat will provide an opportunity to reflect on life here in Australia and the foundations of faith for the future. Ensuite rooms are \$350, with shared facilities \$300. To register contact (02) 6380 5222 or email info@stclement.com.au

Save our Graves

You are encouraged to sign a petition from the Archdiocese of Sydney to reverse the NSW govt's decision to exclude faith and charitable groups from cemetery management. Sign the petition at saveourgraves.com.au

Get vaccinated for the common good

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing. Some vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

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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