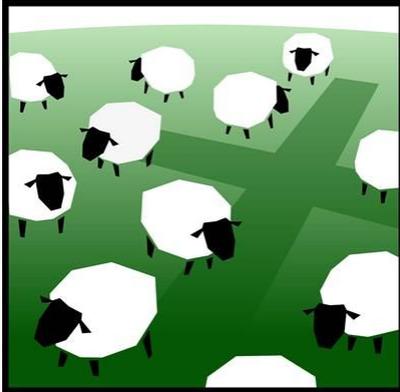




OUR VISION:

“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**

Jer 23:1-6

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! ‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

**Responsorial Psalm**

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

**Second Reading**

Eph 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create

one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.*

**Gospel**

Mk 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

**Reflection: Prayer and reflection**

Jesus demonstrated how important it is to engage in times of quiet prayer and reflection. When you expend a lot of time and energy in the service of others it is essential to reflect on those experiences, to learn from them and consider what you’d do differently next time. It is also important that any ministry that seeks to be based in the message of Jesus can only remain so if it is fuelled by prayer. Only through prayerful dialogue with God can we learn what God desires for us.

- 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: 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 Pat Mullins (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](mailto: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: Weds from 6-7pm: July 21, 28 **VIA ZOOM**

Use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88683652786?pwd=dVgra3J4cmN6b25tcmNCMzdKM0t3Zz09>

(Meeting ID: 886 8365 2786)

Passcode: 510695)

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](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

#### Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

Due to stay-at-home orders from the NSW Government, all church buildings, adoration chapels and other buildings used for prayer and religious services are closed. Public Masses have ceased. Many parishes around the Diocese are celebrating Masses online. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website [www.parracatholic.org/covid19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19)

#### 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)

"You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while" *Mark 6:30-34*

Our Aboriginal culture has taught us to be still and to wait... We wait for the rain to fill our rivers and water the thirsty earth... We wait on God, too. We don't worry. We know that in time and in the spirit of *dadirri* (that deep listening and quiet stillness) his way will be clear. (*Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr, "Dadirri: Inner Deep Listening and Quiet Still Awareness", Miriam-Roes Foundation, accessed 23 April 2021, https://www.miriamrosefoundation.org.au/about-dadirri.*) [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame/)



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

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

#### 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](mailto: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-ship-for-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 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](http://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 close 3 August via [tinyurl.com/RMIFM](http://tinyurl.com/RMIFM). Contact Donnie Velasco on 0432 042 140 or [donnie.velasco@parracatholic.org](mailto: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. Ensuite rooms are \$350, with shared facilities \$300. To register contact (02) 6380 5222 or email [info@stclement.com.au](mailto:info@stclement.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, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. Go to: <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

#### Youth Corner

The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July via **Zoom**. All high school aged students are welcome! For details please email: [saintlukesyg@gmail.com](mailto:saintlukesyg@gmail.com)

#### 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

Baptisms available most Sundays after Mass. Apply via email.

#### CONTACT US

Pastoral Director:

Deacon Tony Hoban

Phone:

(02) 8840 8521

Email:

[marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

Website:

[stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au](http://stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au)

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/stlukesmarsdenpark](https://www.facebook.com/stlukesmarsdenpark)

Address:

2 Springdale St, Marsden Park

Postal Address:

PO Box 85, Plumpton NSW 2761

**SCHOOL ENQUIRIES:** 9854 3100

[www.stlukesmarsdenpark.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stlukesmarsdenpark.catholic.edu.au)