

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

Ez 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm

*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.*

Second Reading

2 Cor 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.*

Gospel

Mk 6:1-6

Jesus went to his hometown and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Reflection: Lack of faith

The final sentence of today's gospel tells us that Jesus was amazed at the lack of faith displayed by his hometown. It is a feature of the Gospel of Mark that the accomplishment of miracles is associated with the faith of those involved. The section of the gospel that surrounds this passage deals with the lack of faith and understanding displayed by the disciples. The hometown experience is a lesson to the disciples that in the absence of faith, the ministry of Jesus and those who follow him will falter. Only those who truly believe can participate in this ministry and share in the miraculous works of Jesus.

- 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:

Head of Finance & Business Operations – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited (CDPSL) – Applications close 5pm

Monday 5 July. More details

at: parracatholic.org/employment

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

"What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him?" Mark 6:1-6

Catholic Education at all levels plays a key role in enabling an encounter of worldviews and perspectives in the shared quest for truth, wisdom and the common good.

(Congregation for Catholic Education, *Educating to Intercultural Dialogue in Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony for a Civilisation of Love* (2013)

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>

Alive in the Spirit Virtual Pastoral Ministry Conference: 8 – 10 July

"Alive in the Spirit", an innovative online pastoral ministry conference, from 8 to 10 July 2021, will enliven and inspire our Catholic Church through a variety of keynotes, workshops and enriching prayer and worship experiences. To register or find out more details, please go to www.aliveinthespirit.com.au or contact Lisa Bright on 0448 652 720.

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 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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