

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

Jos 24:1-2. 15-18
Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges

and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading

Eph 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body –

and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel

Jn 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Reflection: Peter's faith

Having laid out a fairly difficult teaching to the crowd, Jesus is faced with the fact that many of those who were following him couldn't cope with what he was saying and they walked away from him. Jesus turns on the Twelve and demands of them, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' One can almost hear the frustration and weariness in his voice. Peter's response must have been a great relief to Jesus. Peter declares that Jesus has the message of eternal life and is the Holy One of God. He still hasn't quite got the full picture but it's something Jesus can continue to work with!

- Greg Sunter

WANT TO GIVE TO ST LUKE'S?

The details for giving electronically to our regular collections are:

1st Collection

(the living costs of clergy in our Diocese):
BSB: 067 950

Account: 000 04265

Account Name: Diocese of Parramatta BOM
Reference: 'Marsden Park' and your name

2nd Collection

(the costs of running St Luke's Community)
BSB: 067 950

Account: 0004026

Account Name: St Luke's Marsden Park
Reference: Your name

OR:



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 Chris de Souza (10am)

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

zoom

Use this link for Zoom Mass:

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



Bishop's Father's Day Appeal

Owing to the COVID lockdown, the Clergy Support Foundation is postponing the Annual Bishop's Father's Day Appeal collection to a later date, when Churches will once again be open. However, the Parramatta Catholic Foundation is assisting the CSF with a mail out/email campaign which will still take place around the beginning of September. Any assistance you wish to give to the retired priests before the Parish Collections take place, can be made at <https://parracatholic.org/csf> where more information can be found. Thank you, CSF Committee

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

"The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life." *John 6:60-69*
Through appropriate faith formation, God can shape us into deepening our spirituality within the life of the Church, engaging with scripture, encountering God in worship and prayerfully developing our living relationship with Jesus Christ. (Prayerful and Eucharistic – Discernment Paper p. 5) www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/



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

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

Divine Retreat Centre Daily Silent Adoration Livestream

From 1 August, the Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW, is livestreaming daily silent adoration from 8.45am to 8.45pm on their 'Divine Healing & Retreat Centre Sydney Australia' YouTube Channel. You are free to send prayer requests at any time during the adoration. To tune in, visit <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuFdwfRHPRD95UYnOIFa-IQ>

Natural Fertility Awareness Week: 23-29 August

Billings LIFE is pleased to launch Natural Fertility Awareness Week with a free Webinar presentation on this year's theme *Tracking Fertility: Tracking Health*. An information session about the Billings Ovulation Method® will be held on Monday 23rd August @ 7.30pm - 8.30pm AEST. To register please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-webinar-tracking-fertility-tracking-health-tickets-163000285241>

Further information about natural fertility awareness can be found at the Billings LIFE website: <https://billings.life/en/>



Major earthquake hits Haiti

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Haiti who have been devastated by a 7.2 magnitude earthquake.

Over 1,400 people have died, and thousands more left injured. Homes, churches and schools have been damaged in the quake, and more than 30,000 families have been left homeless.

The country also continues to grapple with COVID-19, poverty, and ongoing political instability and violence.

There is immediate and urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid on the ground.

To provide support, you can donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal.

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.

Pastoral Formation Reflective Ministry Program: Begins 24 August

The Reflective Ministry Program is an online self-paced leadership development program to renew or encourage people in ministry. Produced by the Pastoral Formation team, the program covers biblical spirituality, ministry skilling and pastoral theology. Kick off for the program is 24 August 2021. Express your interest today via <https://tinyurl.com/RMIFM>

Mission: One Heart Many Voices Virtual Conference: 1 – 3 September

The fifth biennial Mission: one heart many voices conference will be held online from 1 to 3 September, with an additional day with young people on 4 September. The conference, convened by Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia, directly identify and explore the challenges of living the Gospel and Leading Mission Now in Australia and globally. To view the program and to register, visit www.mohmv.com.au.

Vinnies Support Centres are still available to those in need

St Vincent de Paul Support Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centres in Blacktown on (02) 8861 9777, Harris Park on (02) 8861 9757 and Penrith on (02) 8861 9770. To find out more about what support is available, visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

Reasons why Safeguarding Training is important...

The Diocese of Parramatta's Safeguarding Training has been designed in response to the Children's Guardian Act (2019). Safeguarding Training will help staff

and volunteers understand their role and responsibility in ensuring that the dignity and safety of all people is upheld. Safeguarding Training is the practical demonstration of our Diocese's support of us in our ministries. It offers each one of us support and skills to ensure that the dignity and safety of all those we meet in ministry is held as a paramount principle within our parish community.

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!



For access to our weekly Children's Liturgy class via zoom (9.30-9.50am) please email us at

marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

All primary school aged children are welcome to join us.

YOUTH CORNER

The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be on Friday 3rd September 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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