

**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**

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today,

and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

**Second Reading**

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

**Gospel**

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow

the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

**Reflection: The things within**

We live in a culture that is very quick to lay blame on external factors; some people are very reluctant to accept responsibility for their own actions and look for opportunities to distance themselves from feelings of guilt or even regret. Jesus makes it very clear that evil intentions – the things that make a person 'unclean' – actually come from within. He presents a confronting list of the things that come from within and we may be able to add others relevant to our own time. In our culture of no personal responsibility, Jesus challenges us to rethink just where the buck does stop.

- Greg Sunter

**WANT TO GIVE TO ST LUKE'S?**

The details for giving electronically to our regular collections are:

1<sup>st</sup> 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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:**  
**Bishop Vincent Long (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](mailto: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

*Caring for the health and wellbeing of our retired priests.* The Bishop's Father's Day Appeal, traditionally held on Father's Day, raises much needed funds for the Clergy Support Foundation to continue its work supporting retired clergy and those in ill health. Due to the current lockdown, the Appeal will be held via mail and online. Your thoughtful donation will mean so much to those who have put the care of others before themselves. Please give generously via the Father's Day Appeal at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or call (02) 8838 3482.

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

"This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me."  
*Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23*

Unless we train ministers capable of warming people's hearts, of walking with them in the night, of dialoguing with their hopes and disappointments, of mending their brokenness, what hope can we have for our present and future journey? (*Pope Francis, Meeting with the Bishops of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, 28 July 2013*)

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheffame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheffame/)



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

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

## Caritas Australia responds to humanitarian crises in Afghanistan and Lebanon

In Afghanistan, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection. In Lebanon, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Please donate to Caritas Australia respond to crises like these by visiting [caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://caritas.org.au/lebanon) or [www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan](http://www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan) or call 1800 024 413 toll-free to provide much needed support.

## World Day of Prayer for Creation & Season of Creation: 1 September

Pope Francis has designated September 1 as the *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*. Join Pope Francis and Christians around the globe in praying for and taking action for our common home on 1 September and during the Season of Creation (1 Sept – 4 Oct). For more information, resources, and activities in the Diocese of Parramatta, visit [parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation](http://parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation)

## 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](http://www.mohmv.com.au).

## Australian Cardijn Institute Webinar – 'Remembering Pierre Haubtmann, Redactor of Gaudium et Spes': 6 September

The Australian Cardijn Institute is presenting a webinar on 'Remembering Pierre Haubtmann, Redactor of *Gaudium et Spes*', honouring his memory on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. The webinar will be held on Monday 6 September from 7pm AEST via Zoom. For more information, and to register, visit <https://australiancardijninstitute.org/remembering-pierre-haubtmann-redactor-of-gaudium-et-spes/>

## HOME Ground Fertility Awareness Zoom Sessions: 7 and 14 September

Are you looking for a new method of family planning that will empower you to understand how your body works? Join a private Zoom event at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 September as part of our HOME Ground initiative. This session, which will be repeated on 14 September, will cover The Sympto-Thermal Method, and hear from couples that are using it. To register, please contact Catherine on [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or call 0400 427 605.

## 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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.

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