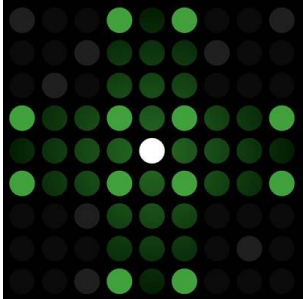




OUR VISION:

"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
Wis 2:12, 17-20
The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and

opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6
The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading

Jas 3:16 – 4:3
Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.
Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel
Mk 9:30-37
After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.
They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Reflection: Last of all?
Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. Putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.

- Greg Sunter



We welcome this week as our Celebrant:
Fr Pat Mullins (10am)

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).

IN NEED OF PRAYER...

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>

Season of Creation



Join Pope Francis and Christians around the globe in praying and taking action for our common home during the Season of Creation (1 Sept – 4 Oct). For more information, resources, and activities in the Diocese of Parramatta, visit parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation

Young people of the Diocese – we are with you

“I am with you always” – Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

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

‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me’ *Mark 9:30-37*

Our parishes in particular are challenged to renew the formation of children, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have an ‘instinct for the faith’ which prompts them to seek the sacraments or engage in part with of the Church’s life. (*Instrumentum Laboris #133*)
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 or www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan or call 1800 024 413 toll-free to provide much needed support.

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth Online Discernment Retreat: 25 September

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are inviting single women aged 18-35 to an online discernment retreat on Saturday 25 September from 4pm. The retreat will include a reflection and talk, a Q&A session and Evening Prayer. For more information, please contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or vocationscsf@gmail.com

Migrant & Refugee Sunday: 26 September

On 26 September, the Catholic Church around the world celebrates the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis invites us to work *Towards an ever wider “we”* and embrace the resilience and contribution of Migrants and Refugees to the church and society. You are invited to a Virtual Diocesan Conversation with Refugees on 26 September from 3pm to 4.15pm. RSVP via www.bit.do/diocesan-refugee. Find more information and resources at migrants-refugees.va and acmro.catholic.org.au.

Campion College Virtual Open Day: 28 September

Campion College, the Australian liberal arts college based in Toongabbie are holding a virtual open day on Tuesday 28 September from 10am to 5pm. This is the perfect opportunity for prospective students to find out more about the College and their liberal arts degree. For more information, and to register, please visit <https://www.campion.edu.au/virtual-open-day/>

Diocese of Parramatta launches Plenary Council resource website

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. The first assembly starts in October, so visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.

Thank you for caring for our retired clergy

Thanks to your kind support, the Clergy Support Foundation (CFC) can continue to ensure that our priests’ physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing is nurtured. And also support our ageing priests’ daily living, health care and medical expenses. The CFC is very grateful for your generous donations which have raised just on \$60,000 - about a third of the way to our target. Hopefully we will soon be able to hold the appeal in our parishes. Donations can still be made at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal.

Sign the petition to welcome 20,000 refugees fleeing Afghanistan

In a sign of unity, major Australian church denominations have come together to urge the Prime Minister to provide a special intake of an additional 20,000 refugees fleeing Afghanistan and support the ongoing wellbeing of all Afghan refugees and their families. For more information and to sign the petition go to: www.unitedforafghanistan.com/?partner=dioceseparramatta

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 at 7pm. The course is ‘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 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 1st October 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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