

**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**

Nm 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some

of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

**Second Reading**

Jas 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

**Gospel**

Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said,

'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

**Reflection: Cut it out!**

The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye seems a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behaviour that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to 'cut it out'. We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behaviour even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behaviour and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.

- 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).**

**ARE YOU 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](mailto:tony.hoban@parracatholic.org) Blessings to you and your family at this difficult time.  
- Deacon Tony



Use this link for Zoom Mass:

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

**We welcome this week as our Celebrant:**  
**Fr Chris DeSouza (10am)**

## 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](http://parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation)

### Positions Vacant:

Human Resources Partner – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited

Human Resources Manager – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited,

Accountant (General)/Analyst – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 10pm Sunday 26 September

Digital Content Creator – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close 10pm Monday 4 October

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### 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](http://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)

‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’ *Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48*  
The healing hands and support offered by a humble and merciful community are at the heart of a response to trauma and woundedness. Many need and yearn for full integration into the life of a loving community, where one is known and belongs. (*Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper p. 12*)  
[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/](http://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>

### 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.

### 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](http://www.bit.do/diocesan-refugee). Find more information and resources at [migrants-refugees.va](http://migrants-refugees.va) and [acmro.catholic.org.au](http://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/](http://parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/) to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.

### 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](http://www.unitedforafghanistan.com/?partner=dioceseparramatta)

### Confirmation at St Luke's

The Sacrament of Confirmation at St Luke's will be deferred until 2022 due to Covid and lockdown restrictions.

Please email us for further information: [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

### 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](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 1<sup>st</sup> October 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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