

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 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading

Heb 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel

Mk 10:17-27

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, ‘Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not

steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.’ And he said to him, ‘Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.’ Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, ‘There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!’ The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, ‘My children,’ he said to them, ‘how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were more astonished than ever. ‘In that case’ they said to one another, ‘who can be saved?’ Jesus gazed at them. ‘For men’ he said, ‘it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.’

Reflection: Sacrifice

Sacrifice is a term that gets used quite a lot in religion and yet it’s a term with which modern society is very uncomfortable. We’re not really ‘into’ sacrifice. We’re much more into feeling good about ourselves and comfortable in our existence. Jesus called on the rich man to make a sacrifice – to let go of what he really loved and valued. What Jesus really called the man to do was to place his trust in Jesus and not in material wealth – that was the sacrifice he was called to make. Ultimately, the man couldn’t do that! He couldn’t let go of certainty and security and entrust his life and soul to Jesus.

- 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).

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
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 Joseph Nguyen (10am)

Positions Vacant:

Human Resources Partner – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited
Human Resources Manager – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited,
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Tune in daily to the sessions of the Plenary Council

As the First Assembly of the Plenary Council gets underway on 3 October, you can tune in from home as the almost 300 Members of the Plenary Council discern the future of the Australian Church. The Plenary Council is providing livestreamed Daily Masses from 9.30am AEDT and access to the Plenary session livestreams from 11am AEDT. To find out more and to tune in to the daily sessions, visit plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1

A Prayer for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia



Come Holy Spirit, who moved the people of this land in ages past, open our hearts to hear you and

our minds to the message you send. Breathe your vigour into us and launch us into the deep. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and companion on the road, Amen.



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.

Catholic Outlook book giveaway

You have a chance to win one of three copies of "Opening Doors: A Seeker's Reflections on the Rooms of Christian Living" by Kevin Treston. 'Opening Doors' has been described 'an easy read that asks hard questions', designed to help us create a better life and a better world. Entries are now open until Monday 11 October. Enter today via catholicoutlook.org and fill out the form under 'Book Giveaway'.

'The Well' offers spiritual nourishment during lockdown

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Re-watch our recent podcast with Bishop Richard Umbers about the Catholic perspective on the COVID-19 vaccine. Check it out on www.thewell.org.au

2021 Abraham Conference – Women Leaders in the Abrahamic Traditions: 10 October

The Abraham Conference plays an important role in bringing Jews, Christians and Muslims together to discuss contemporary issues of concern for the members of the three religions and for the wider society. This year's conference, which will discuss 'Women Leaders in the Abrahamic Traditions: Role Models for Our Time', will be livestreamed for free via Zoom on Sunday 10 October from 2.30pm to 4pm. To register, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/2021-abraham-conference>

The Global Foundation Road to Assisi Roundtable: 21 October

You are invited to The Global Foundation's upcoming 'Road to Assisi' Roundtable, which will be held online on Thursday 21 October from 5pm to 7pm AEST. Hosted by Fr Frank Brennan SJ, the roundtable will speak on climate change and will focus on practical actions which may be undertaken by those taking part. For more information, and to register by 11 October, please contact sg@globalfoundation.org.au

Volunteer in Australia and Overseas - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au

Sign the petition to welcome 20,000 refugees fleeing Afghanistan

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

Office for Safeguarding offering online training to keep our parishes safe

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

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

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.



The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be on Friday 15th 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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