

**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**

Gen 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So

from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

**Reflection: Discipleship**

This section of Mark's Gospel explores what it means to be a disciple. While this particular passage may seem to be a bit out of place, Jesus seems to be stressing to the disciples that there are some bottom lines – some non-negotiables – when it comes to being a disciple. Unlike the Pharisees who are preoccupied with the letter of the Law, Jesus encourages his disciples to get beyond that and understand the spirit of the Law – God's dream for humankind. The shift in the passage to the focus on children seems a little disconnected but the whole passage is about living in the kingdom with the right attitude.

- 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

**Second Reading**

Heb 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers and sisters.

**Gospel**

Mk 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses



**We welcome this week as our Celebrant:**  
**Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)**



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

### Positions Vacant:

**Human Resources Partner** – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited  
**Human Resources Manager** – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited,  
**Digital Content Creator** – Diocese of Parramatta

Applications close 10pm Monday 4 October  
More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://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](http://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](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.

### 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](http://catholicoutlook.org) and fill out the form under 'Book Giveaway'.

### 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>

### 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](http://www.cagliero.org.au)

### 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=diocese-parramatta](http://www.unitedforafghanistan.com/?partner=diocese-parramatta)

### 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 15<sup>th</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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