

**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**

Dn 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.*

**Second Reading**

Heb 10:11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

**Gospel**

Mk 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and

the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

**Living the Gospel - People of Hope**

Whilst the community who were the intended audience of the Gospel of Mark were expecting the return of Jesus and the end times to occur during their lifetimes, nearly two thousand years later we realise that wasn't the case. Today, as in Mark's time, many people approach the future and change with fear and apprehension. As Christian people we are called to be optimistic and hopeful as we approach the future. We know that God is good, that God loves us unconditionally and that God has a dream for us. That is the simple basis of Christian hope.

- Greg Sunter



**We welcome this week as our Celebrants:**

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)



**Use this link for Zoom Mass:**

**<https://zoom.us/j/9391890050>**

**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

**Confirmation at St Luke's**

The Sacrament of Confirmation at St Luke's will be deferred until 2022 due to Covid and lockdown restrictions. Email us at [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org) for further information.

## Positions Vacant:

Digital Content Creator – Diocese of Parramatta

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

## Synod of Bishops

Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report. Find out more at: <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

## Vale Fr Renato Paras

A Mass of Christian Burial for Fr Renato Paras, Pastor Emeritus of St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill was celebrated at Mary Queen of the Family Parish (St Patrick's Church) on Thursday 4 November. Born on 12 September 1938 and ordained to the priesthood on 3 December 1967, Fr Renato was a priest for 54 years. He died on 26 October 2021, aged 84. Read more at: <https://bit.ly/frrenatoCO>



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

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

## Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal is open

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta remains open and committed to assisting anyone with enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted via telephone and Zoom. Contact us on (02) 8838 3480 or [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org).

## Support Mass for You at Home

Many people who are isolated, in prison, in hospital or don't have internet rely on Mass for You at Home. The Catholic Mass is broadcast free-to-air each Sunday morning on Channel 10 and WIN at 6am. Find out more at [www.massforyou.com.au](http://www.massforyou.com.au)

## Madonna magazine – a gift of spiritual sustenance that lasts a whole year

Madonna magazine, published by Jesuit Communications, is an ideal spiritual companion – containing daily prayers, deep reflections and faith-focused articles. We invite you to subscribe or consider taking out a gift subscription for a loved one for only \$53 a year. Find out more at: [www.madonnamagazine.com.au/article/subscriptions](http://www.madonnamagazine.com.au/article/subscriptions)

## Dear St Luke's Catholic faith Community members

While those in prison are serving their debt to society for their crimes, their family members are also impacted by imprisonment. Spouses and children, as well as parents and other family members, experience financial loss, isolation and loneliness because of the imprisonment of their loved one.

Just down the road from us at St Luke's is the Francis Greenway Correctional Centre at Berkshire Park (just south of Windsor). Brother Cyril Bosco is the Catholic Chaplain in the prison. He is asking for donations of blank Christmas cards, which he will distribute to inmates and then organise for their postage. This small gesture can help make this Christmas just a little brighter for family members who are impacted by imprisonment.

So, can we ask you to please bring your unused Christmas cards to Mass this weekend or the following weekend so they can be sent to Br Cyril.

## Invitations are open to join the Diocesan Pastoral Council

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is inviting parishioners across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to apply for membership to the Diocesan Pastoral Council. If you feel called to serve in this way or know someone in your parish that would be a wonderful candidate, apply today at: [parracatholic.org/diocesan-pastoral-council/](http://parracatholic.org/diocesan-pastoral-council/). Apply before 15/11/21.

## Fertility Awareness Online Evening: 17 November

Are you looking for answers to infertility? On Wednesday 17 November at 7.30pm, couples are invited to an online Natural Fertility session hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta. Vinetta Lobo, a certified FertilityCare Practitioner, will explain how The Creighton Model FertilityCare System can assess and evaluate your current fertility status and treat infertility. Please contact Catherine on 0400 427 605 OR [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org)

## 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. For further inquiries please email our Safeguarding office on [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org).

## ST LUKE'S CAROLS



## Save The Date – 11 December

I'm pleased to announce that St Luke's Christmas Carols is back - live! Please note in your calendars Saturday, December 11 at 6.30pm. It will be held in the Marketplace at St Luke's Catholic College. Further details in coming weeks!



The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. All high school aged students are welcome!

For details please email: [saintlukesyg@gmail.com](mailto:saintlukesyg@gmail.com)



## 28 November 2021

We have our second Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 'Church Building' fundraiser on 28<sup>th</sup> November, from 8am-

4pm, at Bunnings Marsden Park. If you would like to assist with cooking/selling please email us at: [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org) for a link to the roster.

## 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.

## CONTACT US

Pastoral Director:

Deacon Tony Hoban

Phone:

(02) 8840 8521

Email:

[marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

Website:

[stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au](http://stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au)

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/stlukesmarsdenpark](http://www.facebook.com/stlukesmarsdenpark)

Address:

2 Springdale St, Marsden Park

Postal Address:

PO Box 85, Plumpton NSW 2761

**SCHOOL ENQUIRIES:** 9854 3100

[www.stlukesmarsdenpark.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stlukesmarsdenpark.catholic.edu.au)