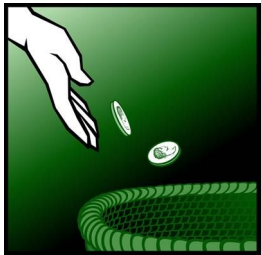




OUR VISION:

“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**

1 Kgs 17:10-16  
Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering

sticks; addressing her he said, ‘Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.’ She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. ‘Please’ he said, ‘bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.’ ‘As the Lord your God lives’, she replied, ‘I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.’ But Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

“Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.”

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Praise the Lord, my soul!*

**Second Reading**

Heb 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the

faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

**Gospel**

Mk 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, ‘Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.’ He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.’

**Living the Gospel – Hypocrisy**

Throughout the gospels, what Jesus appears to abhor more than anything else is hypocrisy. His harshest condemnation of the scribes and the Pharisees is that they are hypocrites. In this passage, whilst Jesus hates the scribes’ parading around and claiming honour that is not their due, what really sees him condemn them is their mistreatment of widows ‘while making a show of lengthy prayers’. We cannot praise God in prayer while at the same time mistreating our neighbour. That is hypocrisy! Our actions are an extension of our prayer. We cannot celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and fail to live it the rest of the week!

- Greg Sunter

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

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)

**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>

## Positions Vacant:

Digital Content Creator – Diocese of Parramatta

Human Resources Partner – Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited

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 to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at: <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

## Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



**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)

## 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.

## CYP HSC Livestream: 7 November

Year 12 students, their families and supporters across the Diocese are invited to share in a LIFTED experience on Sunday 7 November at 8pm with Bishop Vincent. It will include a blessing, music and numerous messages of support from other students, parish priests and Catholic Youth Parramatta. Tune in at <https://www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparra>

## Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 13 – 14 November 2021

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 13 – 14 November. If COVID restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, it will be held via Zoom. For further information, visit [www.engagedencounter.org.au/](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au/)

## 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).

## 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)



The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November (postponed from the 29<sup>th</sup>). 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.

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