

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 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men

chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, ‘Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord’s anointed and be without guilt?’ David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul’s head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, ‘Here is the king’s spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord’s anointed.’

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel

Lk 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do

good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ‘Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.’

Reflection: Compassion

The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasised and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God’s compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today’s gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God’s compassion we are also called to show it to others.

- Greg Sunter

WANT TO GIVE TO ST LUKE’S?



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).

We welcome this week as our Celebrants:

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Gregory Jacobs (10am)

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

Aid to the Church in Need

This weekend we welcome to our parish, Kylie Cullen who will speak to us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need. Aid to the Church in Need exists to support suffering, oppressed and persecuted Christians. In fact, they are the only International Catholic Charity dedicated to this mission. At the end of WWII, a Dutch priest, Fr Werenfried Van Staatan, appealed to the Catholic people of Belgium and the Netherlands, to move past their hatred of the Germans, and to see in the suffering of these innocent German families, the suffering Christ. His pleas unleashed so much generosity he became known as the ‘Bacon Priest’ because they brought tonnes



of bacon to starving German families, along with assisting so many Christians in need. His initiative spread and we now reach thousands of persecuted Christians all around the world. Fr Werenfried led ACN until his death in 2003. In 2011, Pope Benedict XIV raised the charity to the level of a Pontifical Foundation. Kylie will speak during Mass and share more about their work and the testimonies of those have been helped.

Donate to Caritas Australia Emergency Appeal for Tonga

Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater. Tonga needs your prayer and support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response. Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call 1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.

Positions Vacant:

- *Project Officer* – Parramatta Young Christian Workers
- *Graduate Accountant* – Diocesan Development Fund, Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment



Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom:

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

ACU database offers easily accessible Church teaching on ethics questions

Explore www.ethicsfinder.com. Wish you could easily find Church teaching and the best articles, books and videos on bioethics, business ethics, cancel culture, human rights, marriage, family, subsidiarity, and 100+ other topics? Try ACU's free, digital tool www.ethicsfinder.com.

God's Word 2022 daily reflections booklet available at St Pat's Gift Shop!

God's Word 2022, a book of daily reflections, offers a great service for all who wish to unite their prayer with the Sacred Liturgy and be spiritually nourished by the Word of God. Copies are now available from St Patrick's Gift Shop, located in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta for \$19.95. Visit the website www.stpatricksgiftshop.com or grab in store on Tuesdays to Fridays 10am-3pm and Sundays 9am-1pm.

Synod 2023: Learning to Journey Together

We all need to be open to change and ongoing learning. How open are we to change and ongoing learning and how are we formed? Are our leaders open to change & ongoing learning? How can we do better? Have a prayerful conversation with your family, friends or colleagues, and tell Bishop Vincent and Pope Francis what you find! Online submissions close 26 February. Find out more at bit.ly/synod2023. Call Wendy on 0427 863 149 or email MET@parracatholic.org if you need assistance

Pastoral Formation courses in 2022

In 2022 deepen your community connections and grow in faith! The Pastoral Formation (Parramatta Diocese) team are offering two programs to support you:
 1) Ministry Leadership Program: Perfect for current and aspiring ministry leaders. 10 or 20 sessions (\$10/session).
 2) Themes of Faith Program: Ideal for people interested in asking life & faith questions in discussion groups. 10 sessions (\$5/session). See website parracatholic.org or email met@parracatholic.org for more details.

Caritas Project Compassion 2022 starts next Sunday

Caritas Australia's Lenten *Project Compassion* campaign will start on Project Compassion Sunday (27 February) and lead us all the way to Easter. This year's theme *For All Future Generations* comes from the biblical story of the great flood (Genesis 9:12-15). It reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Find out more at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or contact Sebastian.Salaske-Lentern@parracatholic.org or 0409 399 50



26 February 2022

Our first Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 'Church Building' fundraiser for this year will be on 26th February, from 8am-4pm, at Bunnings Marsden Park. We will need many volunteers to help make this day a real success. If you would like to assist with cooking/selling please email us at: marsdenpark@parracatholic.org for a link to the roster.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Catholic Christian family - the Body of Christ - these children who have recently been Baptised....



**Olivia Searle
 Marcus Imperial**

Please uphold them and their families in prayer.

2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES AT ST LUKE'S

First Holy Communion

Preparation dates (6pm – 7pm):
 Wednesday May 25,
 Wednesday, June 1
 Wednesday, June 15
 Sacrament received: Sunday, June 19

First Reconciliation

Preparation Dates (6pm – 7pm):
 Wednesday, July 20
 Wednesday, July 27
 Wednesday, August 3
 Sacrament received: Wednesday, August 10 or 17 (TBC)

Confirmation

Preparation Dates:
 Wednesday, October 12, 6-7pm
 Wednesday, October 19, 6-7pm
 Friday, October 21, 7-8.45pm*
 Friday, October 26, 6-7pm
 Sacrament received: Sunday, October 30, 10am Mass
 * As part of St Luke's Youth Group (Saints in Training).



'Saints-in-Training'

youth group will meet again on Friday 4th March from 7pm-8.30pm in the Marketplace at St

Luke's. For more information email: saintlukesvg@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.

CONTACT US

Pastoral Director:
 Deacon Tony Hoban
Phone:
 (02) 8840 8521
Email:
marsdenpark@parracatholic.org
Website:
stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au
Facebook:
www.facebook.com/stlukesmarsdenpark
Address:
 2 Springdale St, Marsden Park
Postal Address:
 PO Box 4045, Elara Village, MARSDEN PARK NSW 2765