

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

Sir 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good person draws what is good from the store of goodness in their heart; a bad person draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a person's words flow out of what fills their heart.'

Reflection: Good from Good

'The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good.' What makes a person good? Is it that they have had good things happen in their life? There are plenty of people who have had good things in their life but they remain cynical and spiteful people. Similarly there are plenty who have had the hardest of circumstances yet goodness constantly flows from them. It's not the external influences but what we do with them that determines whether we are nurturing 'good treasure' or harbouring 'evil treasure'. This is not just sugary sweetness but a deliberate decision to be a person of hope.

Living the Gospel – You hypocrite

It is often argued that it is hypocrisy to attend Mass on Sundays and be 'holy' in that circumstance but to then be less than perfect during the rest of the week. This is often rolled out as a convenient excuse for not attending Mass at all: everyone who goes to Mass is a hypocrite. Of course, attending Mass does not imply perfection. It is in fact a recognition of imperfection and the need to come together as a community and to seek God's help to have another go at trying to get it a bit more right in the coming week.

- Greg Sunter



**MASS AT ST LUKE'S
7PM**

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).

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

Donate to Caritas Australia Emergency Appeal for Tonga

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.

The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel

Lk 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind person guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to their teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like their teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.'



We welcome this week as our Celebrants:

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr John Hogan (10am)

Positions Vacant:

- Peace, Justice and Ecology Facilitator – Mission Enhancement Team (**Applications close Monday 7 March**)

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>



Project Compassion Sunday: 26 & 27 February

Please support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. You can donate by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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Synod of Bishops Local Submissions extended!

The local consultation period for the global Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until Sunday 13 March. Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? Find out more and share your contribution at bit.ly/synod2023

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 pfparra.org.au or email met@parracatholic.org for more details.

Masterclass for Mentor Married

Couples: 18 March

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 18 March at 7.30pm at the Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, on Mentoring engaged couples in your Parish using the SmartLoving Engaged Online program. To book your attendance or to ask further questions, please email met@parracatholic.org or phone Marisa 0412 280 017.

MET Natural Fertility Online Information Session: 22 March

MET Natural Fertility's online information session on Tuesday 22 March at 7.30pm will focus on and how couples observe their naturally occurring symptoms of fertility to space their children. Come along to learn about The Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning. To register and receive your Zoom link, contact Catherine on catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.

World Meeting of Families: 22 – 26 June 2022

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally in Parishes and/or Deaneries and explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness". Stay tuned for exciting opportunities to participate with the Diocese of Parramatta in 2022.

Glenbrook Parish Lenten Ecumenical Gatherings

This Lent, three Glenbrook Christian Churches, including St Finbar's Catholic Parish, are sharing a bowl of soup in ecumenical friendship and to help those in need in the local community. For more information, contact the St Finbar's parish office at glenbrook@parracatholic.org or on (02) 4742 6958.



'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: saintlukesyg@gmail.com

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).
Sacramental enrolment forms available at the Welcome Table.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Catholic Christian family - the Body of Christ - this child who has recently been Baptised....



Isla Laroche-Coralie

Please uphold her and her family in prayer.

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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