

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

Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.’

Responsorial Psalm

I will sing of your salvation.

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.
If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.
Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people’s sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.
Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and

knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.
In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel

Lk 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’ And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.
They said, ‘This is Joseph’s son, surely?’ But he replied, ‘No doubt you will quote me the saying, “Physician, heal yourself” and tell me, “We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.”’ And he went on, ‘I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.
‘There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah’s day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha’s time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.’
When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.
Reflection: A summary
The Nazareth event, described in last week’s and this week’s gospels, provides a ‘snapshot’ or a summary of the whole of Luke’s gospel. In an apparently simple

episode, the gospel writer has captured the elements of the remainder of the gospel and laid them out as a foretaste of all that is to come. Jesus is clearly positioned as the one who fulfils the Messianic expectation of scripture. His message of release and acceptance of the poor, afflicted and oppressed is put right up front and the hope of salvation is offered to all people – Jews as well as gentiles.

- 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)
Bishop Vincent Long (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

Prayer for Tonga and the Pacific

*Loving God,
We hold before you in our hearts the people of Tonga in this time of need. We know that the communities of the Pacific often experience fragility. Now, with a volcanic explosion leading to both a Tsunami and degradation of land and water through ash, we ask that your people find strength and feel closer to you than ever. They are communities of great faith. May they turn to you for peace and reassurance. May they turn to each other for comfort and community. And may they turn to us for support and solidarity. We all share this mysterious world which you have entrusted to our care, as one family. May your Holy Spirit give us wisdom and courage and fill us with the gift of Hope. Amen.*

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
- *Pastoral Formation Facilitator* – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Diocese of Parramatta COVID-19 update

Livestreamed Masses from across the Diocese of Parramatta are still available on the Diocesan website <https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#online>. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website at www.parracatholic.org/covid19



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

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

St Josephine Bakhita Feast Day Mass: 8 February

Join us for the livestream as Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv celebrates Mass on the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan and of the Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking on Tuesday 8 February 2022 at

7pm via the Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Facebook page or the Diocese of Parramatta YouTube channel.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2022

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will begin early next year in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456

or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

Annual Legal Red Mass: 3 February 2022

The Annual Red Mass, which gives thanks for the work of those who serve the law, will be held on Thursday 3 February at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm, followed by a light supper. It is also an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance by emailing mili@stpatricks cathedral.com.au or by phone to (02) 8839 8400.



CANCELLED: World Day of the Sick Mass 2022

Dear friends, please be aware that due to the coronavirus, the World Day of the Sick Mass that was scheduled for 11 February 2022 at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown has now been cancelled. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact comms@parracatholic.org or (02) 8838 3400.



Our first 'Saints-in-Training' youth group meeting for 2022 will be on Friday 4th February from 7pm-8.30pm in the Marketplace at St Luke's. For more information email: saintlukesyg@gmail.com



26 February 2022

Save the Date!

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 - this child who has recently been Baptised....



Sebastian Burt

Please uphold him and his family 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).

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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