

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

Gen 15:5-12. 17-18
Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.

Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading

Phil 3:17 – 4:1

My brothers and sisters, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Gospel

Lk 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Living the Gospel – 'Listen to him!'

God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation.

- 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 Joseph Ngyuen (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 Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord Amen

Positions Vacant:

Governance, Risk & Compliance Admin
Support Coordinator – Diocese of
Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm**
Wednesday 23 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>



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes, to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. You can also donate by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Toongabbie Parish Position Vacant

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie are seeking a permanent part time role (18hrs/week). The successful applicant will Co-ordinate the Sacramental Program, the Special Religious Education Program (SRE) and provide administrative assistance to the Parish priest and Parish Secretary. Please forward applications to (secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au) by 16 March 2022.

Palms Australia International Mission Information Session: 17 March

Palms Australia has 60 years of experience preparing and assisting Australians to learn and pass on their skills in another culture. Is one of their assignments your opportunity to Reach Beyond? Join their online forum on Thursday 17 March at 5.30pm via Zoom and hear and engage with a panel of their most experienced program participants. To find out more and to register for the forum, visit palms.org.au/ or phone 0422 742 567.

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. further questions, please email met@parracatholic.org or phone Marisa 0412 280 017.

Mt Schoenstatt 24 Hours for the Lord: 25 – 26 March

Come and spend time in 24 hours of Adoration before Our Lord and His Mother at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine and Retreat Centre, Mulgoa. It begins Friday 25 March at 6pm with Holy Mass and a BBQ meal, concluding Saturday 26 March at 5pm with Mass. Reconciliation will be available on Friday from 7.15pm to 10pm and Saturday 4pm to 4.45pm. For more information, contact (02) 4773 8338 or visit the [Mt Schoenstatt Shrine & Retreat Centre, Mulgoa Facebook page](#).

THE CALL OF A CATECHIST

“While parents as the primary faith educators of their children should be the first to heed these words of Pope Francis, his words also form a powerful challenge and invitation for our Diocese to be more intentional about the faith experiences we offer, especially at a time when many of our children attend schools that are outside of Catholic Education settings.

It is because of a growing network of catechists operating in state schools all across our Diocese that thousands of children and their families have been able to encounter the Good News of Jesus Christ and have been nurtured in faith within our Church. Put simply, catechists are integral to our vision of raising up a new generation who feel they can belong to the Church, encounter and believe in Jesus Christ, and become all that God made them to be! That is their right, and it is therefore our duty.” (The Most Reverend Christopher Prowse DD STD)

So, what is a catechist (SRE)?

SREs are parish volunteers who:

- Teach and share their faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
- Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
- Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
- Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

In our parish the Special Religious Educators (SREs) - previously known as Catechists - will primarily serve at Northbourne Public School. New volunteer SREs will be given support, training and teaching materials. To register your interest or make further enquiries please call one of the St Luke's SRE Coordinators:

Maree Raymundo (0408668338), Cheryl Ella (0425812159), Catherine/Noel Talam (0406783805), SRE Regional Coordinator: Carol Vella (0422 429 043)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In the Marketplace at St Luke's every Friday evening during Lent from 7-7.30pm



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*
Wednesday, 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 18th March from 7.30pm-9.00pm in the Marketplace at St Luke's. For more information email: saintlukesyg@gmail.com

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month after the Vigil Mass

Baptisms available every second 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