

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

Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Second Reading

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses

littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel

Lk 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

Living the Gospel (Greg Sunter)

Today's gospel taps into the vexing question: 'Why do bad things happen to good people?' The question implies that God is punishing good people. Surprisingly, this attitude continues, and one only has to watch news coverage of a tragedy to hear someone ask, 'How could God let this happen?' The very question suggests a belief in a God who interferes in our lives and manipulates events. Jesus suggests that tragic events are not punishment from God, but the accidental, deliberate or natural event does provide a reminder to turn our lives around and live lives that matter.

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 Pat Mullins (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>



Project Compassion Caritas Australia's

Lenten Project Compassion campaign has begun and will lead us all the way towards Easter. This year's theme For All Future Generations comes from the biblical story of the great flood. 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.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal raising funds for Catholic Care's Community Drop-



In Centres

Catholic Care is working hard to reach our neighbours in need and to reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout our community. Will you be a Good Samaritan and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan the QR code.

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 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.

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.

Dr Laurie Woods Gospel Study Series: Starting 29 April

All are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) for catechesis on the Gospel of St Luke with Dr Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays starting 29 April. The sessions will be held from 10am to 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact ccassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com

THE CALL OF A CATECHIST

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) 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)

Catholic schools across the Diocese are enrolling now!

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta are enrolling now for 2023. To learn more please contact your local Catholic school or visit our website www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school.

BAPTISMS

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



**Luna McComasky,
Giorgio Murgolo,
Yuna Villa-Real**

Please uphold them and their families in prayer.



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 1st April from 7.30pm-9.00pm 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 every second Sundays after Mass. Apply via email.

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