

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

Dt 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it

before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading

Rom 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Gospel

Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

Have you thought? – The Devil

The personification of 'the devil' is sometimes difficult to contemplate. The one who tempts Jesus in the wilderness is referred to in this passage as 'the devil'. Devil is the English translation of a Greek word, *diabolos*. As the gospel of Luke was originally written in Greek, we can assume that *diabolos* was the word used. *Diabolos* has several meanings: *the accuser; the slanderer; the one who separates*. It is the purpose of the temptations to 'separate' Jesus from God and from his intended approach to his ministry. The temptations we face are often those that 'separate' us from what we know to be right.

- 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:

- 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>



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.

MET Lenten Scripture Evening: 8 March

Join us in coming together in prayer and preparation for Lent with a Lenten Scripture Evening on Tuesday 8 March. Dr Laurie Woods will be speaking on 'The God of Second Chances (Forgiveness and Peace)' from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact met@parracatholic.org

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.

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



BAPTISMS

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



**Aaliyah Talisayon,
Hudson Treharne,**

Grace Setefano, Ezren Albeos

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*

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.

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