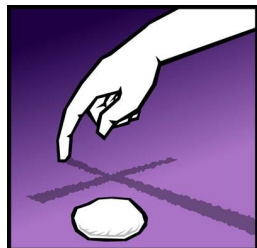


**OUR VISION:**

**"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**

Is 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots

and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

**Second Reading**

Phil 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers and sisters, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel**

Jn 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

**Living the Gospel – Forgiven, not forgotten**

The words Jesus speaks to the accused woman could as easily be addressed to each of us. We all feel at times that we've done the wrong thing – something we don't deserve to be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I know you've done the wrong thing, and you are already forgiven, but you need to make a commitment to change and not repeat the error. It is Jesus' promise not to give up on us – not to forget about us – that we can draw strength from as we try to respond to his challenge to change.

- Greg Sunter

**We welcome this week as our Celebrants:**

**Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)**

**Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)**

**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

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**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](mailto: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



**EMERGENCY  
Ukraine Appeal**

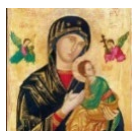
Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to people in Ukraine.

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## Positions Vacant:

Pastoral Formation Facilitator – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Sunday 10 April**  
More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)



### Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom:

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



### Project Compassion

Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was

determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities For All

Future Generations. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

### 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](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan the QR code.

### Mentoring Couples to be Married: 9 April

Following the success of the Masterclass on Mentoring Engaged couples for Marriage, we are offering an additional Zoom for those who missed out on recent face-to-face training. Are you a married couple looking to accompany Engaged couples preparing for Marriage using the SmartLoving Online program? This time limited commitment of 4-9 weeks can be undertaken in your own home. To learn more and register for the Zoom Session on Saturday 9 April at 10am, please call Marisa on (02) 8838 3460 or email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org).

## Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

### CYP Good Friday Night Walk: 15 April

Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from Blacktown to the Cathedral. For more information and to register visit <https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>

### 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](mailto:ccassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com)

### 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](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/find-a-school).

### Light to the Nations 2022: 14 – 17 April

LTTN is an Easter Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with up to 1,000+ as we celebrate the Easter Triduum. Held in the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville from 14 – 17 April 2022. Visit [www.lttan.org.au](http://www.lttan.org.au) for more information and register today. Contact [rego@littan.org.au](mailto:rego@littan.org.au) or ring Therese on 0432 228 250.

### Easter Mass times at St Luke's

Holy Thursday – 7PM  
Good Friday Stations of the Cross – 10AM  
Good Friday Passion of our Lord – 3PM  
Easter Vigil – 6PM  
Easter Sunday – 10AM

### Reconciliation at Nearby Parishes

Good Shepherd Plumpton:  
Saturdays 11am-12pm  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Rite Tues 5 April 7.30pm**

St John XXIII Stanhope Gardens:  
Saturdays 9.30-10am & 5.15-5.45pm

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> April from 7.00pm-9.00pm in the Marketplace at St Luke's.

For more information email: [saintlukesyg@gmail.com](mailto:saintlukesyg@gmail.com)

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm  
Sunday 10.00am

### RECONCILIATION

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month after the Vigil Mass

Baptisms available every second Sundays after Mass. Apply via email.

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