

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

Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, ‘Unless you have yourselves

circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.’ This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

‘The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.’

Responsorial Psalm

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading

Rv 22:12-14. 16-17. 20

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: ‘Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are

those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.’

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David’s line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning. The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come.’ Let everyone who listens answer, ‘Come.’ Then let all who are thirsty come; all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free. The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Gospel

Jn 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.’

Gospel Reflection

God’s home is where the heart is!

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target. This is far distant from Our Lord’s teaching in today’s Gospel.

‘If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I will make our home with that person.’ It is not in outer space, but in inner space that Divine Love will make a home.

What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. So, Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink.

When we do so, we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we ‘digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection’. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who makes his home with us.

Coming to Communion, even after a long time away, satisfies the yearning of the human heart because it is made to be the habitation of Divine Love. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the gracious fact that God chooses to dwell in our hearts. Let us respond wholeheartedly.

- Fr Michael Tate

EASTER OFFERING TO ST LUKE’S



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‘**MARSDEN PARK – St Luke’s Catholic Faith Community**’

St Luke’s Building fund

(for a future Church building)

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We welcome this week as our Celebrants:

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Paul Marshall (10am)




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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
Deacon Tony

Positions Vacant:

2 x *Project Coordinators* (part time) – Catholic Youth Parramatta, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Sunday 29 May.**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment
Senior Administrative Support Co-ordinator – The Diocese of Parramatta is seeking an experienced person for a full or part-time (4 days a week) role in our Governance, Risk, Compliance and Assurance team. For information call Nevine Piperides at REACH Human Resources, nevine@reachhr.com.au or 0418 698 327.

Fundraising Campaigns Manager – Put Your Faith into Action for the Common Good! For information, please call Dianne Wigan, Head of Fundraising, on 0408 922 478.



Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom:

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

Bishop Vincent Presents Sr Patricia Fox NDS: 27 May

Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown, 7-9pm
Ministering to the poor and marginalised in the Philippines for close to 30 years, Sr Pat Fox was arrested at her convent in northeast Manila and accused by the Filipino president of taking part in illegal political activities. Join us for her presentation, a response from Bishop Vincent Long, Q&A and light canapes and drinks. LIMITED SEATS - Bookings essential via email at met@parracatholic.org

Free lecture - The Outsider Pope: Where is Francis leading our Church?

Tuesday 5 July 7.30pm
Novotel Parramatta, 350 Church St Parramatta
Vatican correspondent from the international *The Tablet* magazine, author and speaker Christopher Lamb will present a free lecture reflecting on Pope Francis' battle to renew the Church and Pope Francis as a human being. RSVP essential by 2 July to mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening: 20 July

The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers. Let's reflect on the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", and celebrate how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021-22. Wednesday 20 July from 6pm to 9pm.

Adult Confirmation: 1 September

Adult Confirmation 2022 will be held on 1 September 2022 at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on Saturday 20 August at 9:30am at the Bede Heather Centre (IFM). Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but are yet to receive Confirmation. For more information contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org.

View the draft Diocesan synthesis for the Synod of Bishops

From April 19, all are invited to VIEW the online version of the draft synthesis from the Diocese of Parramatta Writing Committee for the Synod of Bishops 2023. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/> and email met@parracatholic.org your reflections. The Diocese of Parramatta is a 'listening Church' we invite continued dialogue through both the website and direct email address.

In the Footsteps of Mary Mackillop

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, ending at Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney, on 29 October 2022. COST Ex Sydney \$3870pp includes airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and all meals (but not drinks). For further information contact the Aust Pilgrimage Co-Ordinator on 8912 4818 or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

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.

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 27th May from 7.00pm-8.30pm 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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