



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 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus

had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. ‘It is,’ he had said, ‘what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’ Now having met together, they asked him, ‘Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.’

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, ‘Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.’

Responsorial Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading

Heb 9:24-28. 10:19-23

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary

year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

Gospel

Lk 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

‘And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.’ Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Gospel Reflection

The Ascension stories are not primarily interested in how or when Jesus got back to heaven. The one thing, on which all the New Testament writers agree, is where in heaven Jesus went and where he is presently – at God’s right hand.

Even to this day, being on someone’s right is a place of honour. In telling us, then, that Jesus is now at God’s right hand, the Gospels use a formal phrase to announce that God affirms everything Jesus said and did on earth and that he is the way for us to follow.

That can be all well and good, but Jesus goes one step further and that’s why this feast is so important. Jesus taught us that where he is, so shall we be, that he was going to prepare a place for us and that, in and through him, we will have life and have it to the full.

The feast of the Ascension is the day, each year, where we remember and we celebrate that, just as Jesus was welcomed to God’s right hand, so, too, shall we be welcomed to the right hand of Jesus. This is his promise, this is our faith, and this is the hope we are called to proclaim to the world. And let’s be clear about the invitation. There is nothing we have ever done, are doing, or will do, that will get our name removed from the invitation list to the feast of Christ’s kingdom. The challenge is accepting that we have a standing invitation and living lives worthy of the love that places our name on the list. The feast of the Ascension announces that Jesus will faithfully accompany us no matter how far we lose our way and that by our fidelity to Christ we accept or reject the standing offer.

- Richard Leonard SJ

EASTER OFFERING TO ST LUKE’S



Scan the QR code and choose Option 2: ‘For your parish’s ministry and maintenance’ and select from parish list

‘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

We welcome this week as our Celebrants:

Fr Andrew Hennes – assisted by Deacon

Roderick Pirotta (Vigil)

Bishop Vincent Long (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
Deacon Tony

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians in Harris Park



Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is carrying out its mission to prepare men who have been called by God to be good shepherds

and beacons of Christ's light. Will you be their extended formation community and support seminarians on their important spiritual journey to be formed as priests after the heart of Christ? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their journeys.

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.

Pentecost Scripture Evening: 1 June

You are invited for a night of prayer, scripture and reflection on the theme of Pentecost! The evening will be held on Wednesday 1 June at 6.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown, and led by Dr Michele Connolly rsj. To RSVP, please email Tanya at met@parracatholic.org

Mass for Neophytes: 2 June

The annual Mass for Neophytes will be celebrated on 2 June 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 7.30pm. This Mass will be for the RCIA teams and parishes, and the newly Baptised Catholics and those who have been received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church marking the celebration as an occasion of the Church universal. All are welcome. Please RSVP for this Mass for seating and catering purposes on 30 May to anne.stanton@parracatholic.org.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PENTECOST SUNDAY: 5 June

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday on 5th June 2022 at OLQP Church Greystanes. The theme is "We are one in the Spirit", with Prayer & Praise at 1.30pm followed by Mass celebrated by Fr. Brian Steele MGL and then Prayer Ministry concluding at 4.30pm. Enquiries email email@ccrnsw.org.au or 0411404090 or 0431778476.

Interfaith Dialogue Workshop: 24 June

Join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine as Fr Patrick McInerney from the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations presents a workshop on Interfaith Dialogue on Friday June 24 from 10am to 12 midday. All are welcome, but please register by contacting Maree on (02) 8838 3486 or email maree.collis@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

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.

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 10th June from 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Marketplace at St Luke's. For more information email: saintlukesyg@gmail.com



Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/624180454>



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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