

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 66:10-14

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who

mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading

Gal 6:14-18

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers and sisters. Amen.

Gospel

Lk 10:1-12. 17-20

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, ‘The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, “Peace to this house!” And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the

same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, “The kingdom of God is very near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, “We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near.” I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.’ The seventy-two came back rejoicing. ‘Lord,’ they said, ‘even the devils submit to us when we use your name.’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.’

Living the Gospel – Discipleship

Today’s gospel passage immediately follows the passage used last week that spelt out the difficulties of discipleship. Having explained how hard it is to be a disciple, Jesus sends his followers out to ‘have a go’ at being a disciple. When they come back successful, he tells them not to be boastful or proud at their achievements but rather to be happy that their ‘names are written in heaven’. In other words, anything they accomplished was because they were ‘known’ by God and that God was working through them. Disciples make themselves ‘known’ to God and God works through them to accomplish great things!

Blessing and Curse

The 72 who are sent out are given very clear instructions about how to respond when their message is welcomed and when it is rejected. But in both cases, they are to tell the town, ‘The kingdom of God is very near.’ In the case of a welcoming town, these words serve as a blessing, but for an unwelcoming town the same words are a threat or curse. For those who welcome the kingdom it will be a blessing but for others it will be a curse: changing boundaries and

redistributing power; bringing down the mighty and lifting up the lowly.

- Greg Sunter

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 (Vigil)
Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)



Thank You for Supporting our Holy Spirit Seminarians
Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation, and our Holy Spirit seminarians

thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support for our future good shepherds and priests.

For anyone who hasn’t yet had a chance to donate, scan the above QR code or go to yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Please continue to pray for the Diocesan ministries supported by Parramatta Catholic Foundation, including our Holy Spirit Seminarians and all those who contribute to their education, formation, and care.



If you have prayer needs, please visit our website:

<https://stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au/>
We have a team of prayer warriors ready to pray for your requests.

ATTENTION VIGIL MASS ATTENDEES:



Our 5.30pm Vigil Mass has now moved to the white demountable

buildings, which are at the other end of the carpark to the Marketplace. (On the left after entering Gate 2 from Frontier Ave!). This will continue until the end of Winter.

Positions Vacant:

*Youth Minister/Coordinator (part-time) – St Bernadette’s Parish, Castle Hill

*Administrative Support (Pastoral Formation) – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta

*Chaplaincy Coordinator – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains

Applications close 10pm Sunday 10 July

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Springwood Parish is hiring!

Parish Office Administration Assistant

St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood, is seeking a parish office administration assistant to work 12 hours a week on a Thursday and Friday. Duties include answering all enquiries at the door and on the phone, maintaining parish databases and records and creating the parish bulletin. Applications by Monday 4 July to springwood@parracatholic.org

Plenary Council Second Assembly: 3 – 9 July

The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia takes place from July 3-9. Masses and sessions will be live-streamed each day and people are invited to send messages of prayer, hope and support to the Members gathering in Sydney. The Diocese of Parramatta has a website where you will find useful links to the livestream and other documents at parracatholic.org/plenary.

Aboriginal Catholic Services NAIDOC Week Celebration: 4 July

Catholic Care’s Aboriginal Catholic Services is hosting a community celebration to commemorate NAIDOC Week on Monday 4 July from 10am to 2pm at the Holy Family site in Emerton. Everyone is welcome to celebrate the many who have driven and led change in our communities over generations with a variety of entertainment, music, rides, stalls and more. Show your solidarity and have some family fun with members of our local Aboriginal community.

Stella Maris Australia Sea Sunday: 10 July

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris,

Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information about its work, visit www.stellamarisaustralia.org

The FaithFeed Conversations: 15 July

Looking for an event to engage those in their mid 20s-40s in life and faith conversation? On the evening of Friday 15 July, The FaithFeed is a diocese-wide networking opportunity, offering an organic initial connection for this age group to your parish community. We invite those in their mid 20s-40s to register and find out more by signing up via: <https://fb.me/e/1PAVFKal7> or emailing met@parracatholic.org

SAVE THE DATE 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. The reflection evening will be held on Wednesday 20 July from 6pm to 9pm – more details will follow in June.

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare.

Visit 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 or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

Catholic Outlook Ordinary Time/Winter 2022 edition out now!

Catholic Outlook Ordinary Time/Winter 2022 edition is out now and free to all parishioners. We feature a range of articles on the World Meeting of Families, our Diocesan outreach to Refugees and People Seeking Asylum and nurturing the God-seed within all of us. Pick up your free copy after Mass.

Plenary Council Walking in the Spirit

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer campaign. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more

at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthepirit/

View the Diocesan synthesis for the Synod of Bishops

All are invited to VIEW the online version of the 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 with your reflections. The Diocese of Parramatta is a ‘listening Church’ we invite continued dialogue through both the website and direct email address.



Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom:

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

2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES AT ST LUKE’S

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).

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am

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

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