

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

1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21

The Lord said to Elijah:

'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of

Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Second Reading

Gal 5:1. 13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers and sisters, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community. Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel

Lk 9:51-62

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the

road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Have you thought? – No looking back

'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' This seemingly uncompromising position by Jesus is a call to set our eyes clearly on the establishment of the Kingdom. If we look back – if we have doubts and want to return to the world of comfort and injustice – then we are not yet ready for the difficulties of bringing about the Kingdom of God. It reminds us that although God invites us all to enter into the Kingdom, we have to make ourselves ready in our own hearts and minds to want to be part of the Kingdom.

- Greg Sunter

ATTENTION VIGIL MASS ATTENDEES:



Due to the decreasing temperature of an evening in Marsden Park, our Pastoral Council has decided to relocate the 5.30pm Vigil Mass 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. Our Sunday 10am Mass will continue to be held in the Marketplace to accommodate the larger number of people who attend this Mass.

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 John Frauenfelder (Vigil)

Fr Chris DeSouza (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.

The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal raised valuable \$'s which will help our Holy Spirit Seminary to support the faithful men who have answered God's call to become priests and beacons of Christ's light.

For anyone who hasn't yet had a chance to donate please visit yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or



scan this QR code. 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.

ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER...

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.

Positions Vacant:

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

Regional Coordinator – Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Diocese of Parramatta

Applications close 10pm Sunday 26 June

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

Applications close 10pm Sunday 10 July

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

All Are Welcome Workshop – 29 June

Passionate about inviting and welcoming people to our church communities? On Wednesday 29 June, Pastoral Formation, Diocese of Parramatta, will be running two parish welcome workshops. Sign up now: <https://fb.me/e/2vSTxIOJo> or by emailing Donnie on met@parracatholic.org

LIFTED Retreat 2022: 1-3 July

You are invited to Catholic Youth Parramatta’s annual young adults’ retreat. Take some time away from the busyness of everyday life and spend a weekend away full of prayer, talks, and community. For 18-35 yr-olds. \$100 per person. Register at parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat.

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.

Free lecture - The Outsider Pope: Where is Francis leading our Church: 5 July

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

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/1PAVFKaI7> 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.

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/walkinginthespirit/

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>



2 July 2022

Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle ‘Church Building’ fundraiser for this year will be on 2nd July, from 8am-

4pm, at Bunnings Marsden Park. We will need many volunteers to help make this day a real success. If you would like to assist with cooking/selling please email us at: marsdenpark@parracatholic.org for a link to the roster.

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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