

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 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when

suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves

as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. ‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’ After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’

Gospel Reflection

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week’s first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being ‘filled with the Spirit’. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit

Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

- Greg Sunter

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 (Vigil)

Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)

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.

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:

- Senior Administrative Support Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta.
- Youth Minister/Coordinator (part-time) – St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill.

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

- Disability Support Worker – Garden Crew
- Community Outreach Worker – Aboriginal Identified
- Family Preservation Caseworker

More details at:

<https://www.seek.com.au/jobs?advertiserid=39387017> or by emailing careers@ccss.org.au

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@ccrns.org.au or 0411404090 or 0431778476.

Young Adult Faith Formation: 5 June

Young adults aged 18 to 35 are invited to a young adults faith formation session on Sunday 5 June at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy St, Minchinbury, starting from 7pm. Join Andrew Wood for a talk and discussion on scripture and biblical typology. A donation of \$5 is suggested. Come along for fun, faith and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

National Church Life Survey Webinar: 9 June

The organisers behind the National Church Life Survey, NCLS Research, will present their latest research insights into Australian spirituality plus a reflection about the impact on communities of faith at a free webinar via Zoom on Thursday 9 June at 11am OR 7pm with a live Q&A. Register for free by visiting https://whataustralianstink_ncls.ventbrite.com.au

Natural Family Planning and Breastfeeding Session: 21 June

MET Natural Fertility is holding an information session via Zoom for couples wanting to know how breastfeeding delays the return of fertility. Hear from an experienced couple that have used Natural Family Planning before starting their family and then to space their children. The session will be held on Tuesday 21 June at 7:30pm. To register and receive your Zoom Link, please contact Catherine on catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605.

Catholic Theological College Conference: 17 June

The Catholic Theological Conference is hosting a free online conference via Zoom on Friday 17 June from 9.30am to 12.30pm on 'How do we know Christ now?' The conference will be led by CTC staff and will explore how we know the same Christ more authentically and powerfully today. To find out more and to register, please visit <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/how-do-we-know-christ-now/>

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: 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

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.

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. Walking in the Spirit begins on Easter Sunday 17 April and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday 3 July. 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/



Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom:

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

'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

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).

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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