



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

Gen 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was

sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. ‘My lord,’ he said, ‘I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant’s direction.’ They replied, ‘Do as you say.’ Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. ‘Hurry,’ he said, ‘knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.’ Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. ‘Where is your wife Sarah?’ they asked him. ‘She is in the tent,’ he replied. Then his guest said, ‘I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.’

Responsorial Psalm

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading

Col 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God’s message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God’s purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel

Lk 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord’s feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.’ But the Lord answered: ‘Martha, Martha,’ he said, ‘you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.’

Reflection:

Taken at a literal level, this week’s gospel passage can be a problematic one. Jesus is dining at the house of Martha, and she busies herself trying to be a good host and serving her guest, while her sister, Mary, simply sits and enjoys the company of Jesus. Martha complains about her sister’s apparent laziness and finds herself chastised by Jesus.

On the surface, Martha is doing the right thing: providing hospitality for her guest. Yet Mary is the one whose actions are affirmed. Like in the parable of the Good Samaritan last week, the gospel writer reminds us that being preoccupied with one’s duty – even in service of God – is not what God desires. Martha has forgotten that the guest is also a gift! Having welcomed and shown appropriate hospitality to her guest, Martha should have then accepted the gift of the guest, that is, the company and presence of the welcome guest. Instead, she continues to busy herself with serving while her sister shows true welcome: accepting the gift of the guest’s company.

When we welcome a guest into our house, we can be too worried about impressing the guest with lavish hospitality and our best serving ware, rather than relaxing and enjoying the company of the guest. Like Martha, we can overlook the fact that God is present when we welcome a guest.

- 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

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We welcome this week as our Celebrants:

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Gregory Jacobs (10am)



Thank You for Supporting our Holy Spirit Seminars

For anyone who hasn’t yet had a chance to donate, scan the above QR code or go to yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.



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.

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER

O God, you show us in St Luke, our patron, a person of faith who desired all people to come to know and love you in the community of your Church.

Teach us to embrace what St Luke pioneered: discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Trusting in your love and grace and nourished by Word and Sacrament may we grow in our relationship with you and together make our Catholic Faith Community a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Luke, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

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

*Credo Youth Group Coordinator – St Patrick’s Cathedral Parish, Parramatta – Applications close Friday 22 July at 5pm. More details at: parracatholic.org/employment
*Garden Crew Supervisor – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.
*Support Worker – Domestic Assistance – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. More details at: <https://www.seek.com.au/jobs?advertiserid=39387017> or by emailing careers@ccss.org.au

Legion of Mary 33 Days Preparation for Total Consecration to Mary: Begins 12 July

The Legion of Mary, Senatus of Sydney, invites you to participate in 33 Days Preparation for Total Consecration To Jesus Through Mary, commencing on 12 July through to 13 August at 8.30pm via Zoom. The consecration day will be held on Sunday 14 August. All are welcome. Zoom ID: 828 9012 6930 Passcode: 784626.

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening: 20 July

You are invited to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers, including Bishop Vincent Long. This Tri-Diocesan event is hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay: Wednesday 20 July, 6–9pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Seven Hills. For more information and to register, visit parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan by 17 July.

2022 Faith in Marriage Seminar: 12 August

Guest speaker Robert Haddad will discuss “Living marriage, living faith, ideas to inspire your children” at the Faith in Marriage Seminar hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta’s MET - Marriage team. The seminar will be held on Friday 12 August at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 7.30pm. The event is free, but booking is required. Please register your attendance to (02) 8838 3460 or marriage@parracatholic.org

Natural Fertility Awareness Week: August 22 -28.

Natural Fertility Awareness Week is dedicated to helping women understand their fertility and manage it without the need for drugs, devices or invasive techniques. Once learned, fertility

awareness can be used throughout a woman’s reproductive life, even when her cycles are not regular. The theme for Natural Fertility Awareness Week 2022 is “Fertility Literacy – Get the Know How” Monitoring your fertility health is easy when you know how to do it accurately. Visit www.billings.life for more information on events in your area

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 (formerly known as the 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 the Confirmation. If you would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org.

Fifth Plenary Council

Following the conclusion of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia on Saturday 9 July, a range of articles and resources on the continuing journey can be found on the ‘Plenary Council’ heading on *Catholic Outlook* and via parracatholic.org/plenary

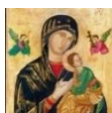
Building Safe Parishes Together in 2022: An Update from the Office for Safeguarding

Take a look at our newly upgraded Mandatory Safeguarding Training Platform...

If you haven’t had a chance yet, you can access the LearnWorlds platform at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> The three mandatory modules [Compliance Training – tagged gold] are:

1. Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards
2. Legal Compliance and Safeguarding: Risk of Significant Harm and Reportable Conduct
3. Working with Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries

We are very grateful for your continuing support of this training and for all you do in ministry for your parish community. If you have any further questions please contact Maria Kervin, Community Education and Education Officer at maria.kervin@parracatholic.edu.au



Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom:

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

Thank you to our new, continuing and outgoing St Luke’s Pastoral Council Members

Please keep in your prayers the new members who are joining our Pastoral Council: Jerome Semau-Roache, Juanita Cruikshank, Ramon Gunasekara and Malinda Fernandes.

And also, those who will continue on for a new term: Gari deGuzman, Nars Lumba, Aleta Delacruz, Arvin Joya, Charles Emerson, James Irudayaraj, Joe Sonkee - as well as ex-officio members Tessie James, Annette Hoban, Kelly Bauer and Jerome D’Rozario.

A special thank you to our outgoing council members Julia Hoban and Genesis & Marie Raymundo for their dedicated service to our community over the past two years. Julia will continue as Youth Leader and as part of our music ministry team; Genesis and Maree with liturgical ministry and Special Religious Education.

Thank you all for your willingness to serve Jesus, his Church and this Faith Community.

2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES

First Reconciliation

Preparation Dates (6pm – 7pm):
Wednesday, July 20
Wednesday, July 27
Wednesday, August 3
Sacrament received: Wednesday, August 10

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

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

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

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