

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 18:20-32

The Lord said, ‘How great an outcry there is

against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.’ The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, ‘Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?’ The Lord replied, ‘If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.’

Abraham replied, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?’ ‘No’, he replied ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.’ Again Abraham said to him, ‘Perhaps there will only be forty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the forty.’ Abraham said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘if I find thirty there.’ He said, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the twenty.’ He said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied, ‘for the sake of the ten.’

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading

Col 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised

him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel

Lk 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘Say this when you pray: “Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test.”’ He also said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, “My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him”; and the man answers from inside the house, “Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.” I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship’s sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. ‘So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

Living the Gospel – Ask, Search, Knock

Jesus says in the gospel, ‘Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.’ The actions of asking, searching and knocking are means by which we initiate

the encounter with God. If we don’t ask, search and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.

- Greg Sunter

OFFERING TO ST LUKE’S



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PARK – St Luke’s Catholic Faith Community’

St Luke’s Building fund

(for a future Church building)

BSB: 067 950

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Account Name: St Luke’s Marsden Park

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We welcome this week as our Celebrants:

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Chris Desouza (10am)



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

*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.



Information Webinar: 1 August

Can you undertake an overseas Mission? Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. Palms Australia, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

You can also Register for a Webinar on Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

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

Soul Food Podcast

Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others? Pastoral Formation's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: <https://pfparr.org.au/soulfood/>



Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom:

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

Pray for our St Luke's Pastoral Council Members

Please continue to keep in your prayers our new Pastoral Council team: Jerome Semau-Roache, Juanita Cruikshank, Ramon Gunasekara and Malinda Fernandes. 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. We give thanks for their willingness to serve Jesus, his Church, and this Faith Community.

2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES

First Reconciliation

Sacrament received: Wednesday August 10, 6-8pm

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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