

**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**

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man

who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

**Second Reading**

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

**Gospel**

Lk 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

**Living the Gospel: Do not worry**

This parable and teaching about the love of wealth is followed up by Jesus telling his disciples not to worry about what they will eat and what they will wear. He invites them to look to the birds of the air and flowers of the fields. God provides them with all that they need. Jesus tells his disciples to seek the kingdom, and all the other necessities of life will be given to them as well. Rather than focusing on accumulating wealth as the rich man in today's parable, Jesus reassures his disciples that if they focus their lives on the kingdom, they will have all that they need.

- Greg Sunter



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.

**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 Joseph Nguyen (Vigil)

Fr Robert William (10am)

**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.



**Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help:**

Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom:

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

**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.

## Positions Vacant

ICT Service Desk Analyst (full-time, 6-12 initial contract) – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Sunday 14 August.**  
Credo Youth Groups Coordinator – St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta – **Applications close Friday 19 August at 5pm.**  
More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## Personal Assistant

Sisters of Mercy Parramatta  
Full-time, 12-month position based at Parramatta. Contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources for further information on 0402 210 055.

## JRS is hiring a Schools Engagement Officer

JRS Australia requires a Schools Engagement Officer with a passion for engaging and educating school communities on issues facing people seeking asylum and refugees. In this dynamic role, the officer will be creating and delivering workshops, supporting young people in their advocacy and action, coordinating school engagement events and developing educational resources for a range of audiences. To read the job description and apply for the role, please visit <https://www.ethicaljobs.com.au/members/JRS/schools-engagement-officer>

## 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.



## Palms Australia

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Pastoral Formation Scripture Short Course: Starts 11 August

Are you passionate about the Bible? Looking for a face-to-face introductory program on Scripture? Join Dr Laurie Woods for 4 Thursday nights: 11, 18 and 25 August and 1 September. Each night hosted from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown). LIMITED SEATS. Register by August 3 via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

## 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](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org)

## 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](mailto:anne.stanton@parracatholic.org).

## WYD23 Launch Event

Following the announcement of the Diocese of Parramatta's official pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, in August 2023, potential pilgrims, including clergy, aspiring group leaders and those interested in World Youth Day are invited to attend the launch event on Thursday 18 August from 7pm at St John XXIII Catholic College, Stanhope Gardens. Join Bishop Vincent and musical priest Fr Rob Galea and his ministry band as we showcase all the amazing places we will be visiting on pilgrimage. To find out more information and to register for the launch event, go to [www.parrawyd.org](http://www.parrawyd.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](http://parracatholic.org/plenary)



## #Active4Vocations

Are you up for fun, fitness, and fellowship? Get #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf, Sunday 14 August.



Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons,

priests and community.

Scan this QR code to register or donate or visit [tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations](http://tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations). Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become Priests. Thank you for getting #Active4Vocations.

## 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://pfparra.org.au/soulfood/>

## 2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES

### First Reconciliation

Sacrament received:  
Wednesday August 10 & 17, 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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