

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

Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

The king’s leading men spoke to the king.

‘Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is

unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.’ ‘He is in your hands as you know,’

King Zedekiah answered ‘for the king is powerless against you.’ So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. ‘My lord king,’ he said, ‘these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.’ At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: ‘Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.’

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading

Heb 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God’s throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Gospel

Lk 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

‘Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

Living the Gospel – Speaking a hard message

Today’s gospel reminds us that the message of Christianity is not always a popular one. Sometimes we are called upon to speak a hard message; a challenging message; a confronting message. The message of the gospel frequently confronts our popular culture and accepted social practice. It often contradicts the expedient decisions of our political leaders. There is a responsibility on us to speak the hard message of the gospel even at the risk of unpopularity and even in the face of threat. The Christian heroes of our time are those who call leaders to measure up to the demands of the gospel.

- Greg Sunter

SAUSAGE SIZZLE NEXT SUNDAY



Couples for Christ Australia will be providing us with a free sausage sizzle next Sunday morning 21st August, after our 10am Mass. Please stay and join in this joyful community event.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Mass will be held at St Luke’s on Monday evening 15th August at 7pm in the demountable building (currently being used for the Vigil Mass) in honour of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 Robert William (Vigil)

Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)

Fr Robert William (Assumption)



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.



Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom:

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

Positions Vacant

Credo Youth Groups Coordinator – St Patrick’s Cathedral Parish, Parramatta – **Applications close Friday 19 August at 5pm.**
Accounts Officer – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Sunday 21 August 2022.**

Chaplaincy Coordinator – CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains – **Applications close 10pm Sunday 28 August**
More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Position Vacant – Personal Assistant, Sisters of Mercy Parramatta

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

Pastoral Formation Scripture Short Course: Starts 11 August

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

Kellyville Parish 10th Annual Assumption Walk: 15 August

Join Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville’s 10th Annual Assumption Walk from the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville, to St Patrick’s Cathedral, Parramatta on Monday 15 August. There will be Holy Mass at the Shrine at 11.30am and the walk begins at 1pm sharp. You may join the walk at any point. Banners and statues are welcome. Register your interest at admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au or call (02) 9629 2595 for catering purposes at the stops along the way.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 19 – 21 August

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter team are hosting a Virtual Marriage Enrichment Weekend from 19 August at 7pm to 21 August at around 4pm via Zoom. Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Mercy and James Bvirakare on 0409 183 676 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Billings LIFE Webinar: August 22

A free webinar entitled "Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps" on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm AEST. Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps. See the Billings LIFE website or Facebook page for details and registration. website: <https://www.billings.life/en/> Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/10MLh9IHI>

Pastoral Formation Mission and Evangelisation Short Course: Starts 8 September

Looking for confidence to share your faith? Want to evangelise through life-giving faith conversations? On 3 Thursday nights (Sept 8, 15, 22) journey with Maddy Forde, face-to-face, from 6.30-8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown). Register by August 21 via met@parracatholic.org OR via <https://pfparra.org.au/signup/>

2022-23 Social Justice Statement “Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse”

The Australian Catholic Bishops’ Social Justice Statement for 2022-23 has been released. It is entitled “Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse” and calls for faith communities to support and believe those going through domestic and family violence and abuse, to hold perpetrators to account and work towards individual and social transformation. You can download the statement and additional resources at bit.ly/SJS22-23

Africa Food Crisis

Drought and conflict in the Horn of Africa have left over 18 million people facing severe hunger. Four consecutive failed rainy seasons have devastated the crops of millions across the region. Your generous donation means our partners in countries like Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Eritrea can respond quickly to support vulnerable communities during this crisis. Visit www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

The Diocese of Parramatta is heading to WYD23 in Lisbon

Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21 – August 11, 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at www.parrawyd.org and register for the upcoming Launch Event featuring Fr Rob Galea on August 18. Contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – james.camden@parracatholic.org



Get #Active4Vocations and spur our City2Surf team and Holy Spirit Seminarians on.

Becoming a priest requires an incredible leap of faith. We have a team of Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community members taking their own leap of faith in the 14km City2Surf this weekend, getting #Active4Vocations.



Show your support and spur them on with a donation. Your generosity will go the distance in helping our seminarians to become priests. Scan this QR code to donate to our #Active4Vocations team members or visit tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations.

2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES

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

Luminescent Rosary Beads



Ana & Jorge Pasaquian have generously donated 500 Rosaries that will be available for sale from this weekend. All proceeds will go towards the Church building Fund. These will be available for a donation.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am

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

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