

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**

Wis 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they

had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

**Second Reading**

Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Be watchful and ready:*

*You know not when the Son of Man is coming.*

**Gospel**

Lk 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

**Have you thought? – Stewardship**

Jesus responds to Peter's questioning the gospel in a roundabout way by speaking about a steward acting either faithfully and with wisdom or alternatively irresponsibly and recklessly. A steward is one who stands in the place of the master during the master's absence – taking on the duties, responsibilities and authority of the master. That's exactly what Christian people are called to do: become stewards who act in the place of Jesus as we await his return. As the prayer of St Teresa of Avila says, Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

- 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 Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Joseph Nguyen (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.

## 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

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)

### 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.

### 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](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)

### Kellyville Parish 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Assumption Walk: 15 August

Join Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville's 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au) or call (02) 9629 2595 for catering purposes at the stops along the way.

### 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/10MLh9IHl>

### 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. We must act now and Make Hunger History. 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](http://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](http://www.parrawyd.org) and register for the upcoming Launch Event featuring Fr Rob Galea on August 18. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – [james.camden@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.camden@parracatholic.org)



### #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.



### 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



### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am

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

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