



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

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in

your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel

Lk 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful

to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.""

Reflection: Season of Creation

The dynamic between the apostles and Jesus revealed in this week's Gospel is fascinating. Tellingly, rather than asking for Jesus to increase their faith, they tell him to. There are similarities here in wanting to have the best seats at feasts, to be seen as the most devout person in the temple, and so on. This Gospel passage is part of Luke's wider narrative arc which shows Jesus upending social conventions and questioning mindsets of self-aggrandisement.

Also important is what is at stake. The apostles rather naively see faith as some measurable thing which they can possess in greater or lesser amounts. Jesus turns this view of faith on its head by telling them that even with a smidgen of faith they could do great things. Faith is not meant to be accumulated; it is meant to spark action. That Jesus then goes on to speak of servants doing their duty further underlines his point that the apostles' desire for faith needs to be redirected to action. With this in mind, we might well ask ourselves whether our faith is just about making us feel holier; or do we 'hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and do something about it?

- Nick Brodie

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 Celebrant:
Monsignor Ron McFarlane
(Vigil and 10am)

YOU'RE INVITED

Join our community celebration for the Feast of St Luke

23 October 2022

11am-12.30pm

Right here in the Marketplace after the 10am Mass

Enjoy free food & drinks as part of our International Food Feast

Be entertained by our talented community members

Lucky door prizes drawn 12pm

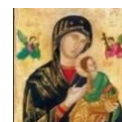
Face painting & Henna designs



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.



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

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

-Student Life and Alumni Officer, Campion College Australia. Full-time position based at Toongabbie. Contact Nevine Piperides at Reach Human Resources for further information on 0418 698 327.

Office for Safeguarding Spring Training Opportunities

The Office for Safeguarding is offering a range of opportunities to complete your Safeguarding training this spring.

- *Full-day training session on Monday 17 October from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown
- * Weekly training sessions on Monday 24 and 31 October and Monday 7 November from 10am to 11.30am at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong.
- * Full-day training session on Saturday 29 October from 10am to 3pm at St Matthew's Parish, Windsor.

To register for one of these options, please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Diocesan Ecological Spirituality Retreat

Day: 8 October

The Diocese of Parramatta's *Laudato Si'* Action Team invites you to a retreat day about ecological spirituality. Join the team and guest speaker Trish Hindmarsh to explore the deeply spiritual foundations of caring for our common home. Enjoy the hospitality of Winbourne Retreat Centre and the beautiful nature surrounding the site on Saturday 8 October from 9am-4pm. The cost is \$25. To register, visit parracatholic.org/PJERetreat

Catholic Theological College 'Engaging Your Faith' online series

'Engaging Your Faith' is a series of online short sessions, open to all, offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Theology, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Pastoral Studies, *Laudato Si'*, Christian Meditation, Future Technology, and Science and Religion. All topics are presented by lecturers of Catholic Theological College and run from 10 to 28 October. For a full description of the sessions please go to <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>

Fertility Awareness Education Session: 12 October

Are you still looking for answers for miscarriage or infertility? You are invited to a free fertility awareness education session on Wednesday 12 October from 7.30pm to

8.30pm via Zoom. Vinetta Lobo, a Certified FertilityCare Practitioner, will explain how The Creighton Model FertilityCare System can help you identify your fertility on any given day. Register today to confirm your spot by contacting vinettajoy@hotmail.com or 0430 509 890.

'Mindfulness & Meditation', via Zoom, Saturday 15 Oct 2022, 10am-2pm

When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. We invite you to bring an open mind and heart, for these few hours of prayer, to journey with others and within oneself. Led by Paola Cheng, a qualified meditation teacher, spiritual director and social worker. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$50. Tel: 98901101. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne

Glenbrook Parish Memorable Melodies Concert: 23 October

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a memorable melodies concert for voice, violin and organ on Saturday 23 October at 2pm in the parish church. The concert will feature Rebecca Daniel (violin/soprano) and Michael Taylor (organ). Entry is \$15 adults or \$10 concession. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 4742 6958 or email glenbrook@parracatholic.org

Masterclass for Sponsor Married

Couples: 28 October

The Diocese is looking to more deeply accompany couples preparing to be married. Have you been married for more than 5 years? Committed to living the sacrament of Marriage? Willing to give time limited assistance to couples preparing for marriage? Join us for a Masterclass on Friday 28 October at 7.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To book your attendance or to ask further questions email marriage@parracatholic.org or phone Marisa on (02) 8838 3460.



Join the Catholic Bushwalking Club

The Sydney-based Catholic Bushwalking Club are seeking new members to join their club.

Membership is not restricted to Catholics and is open to all who share an interest in bushwalking and the outdoors. Membership offers a choice of graded walks for a variety of fitness levels on most weekends, and some on weekdays. To learn more about the Club or become a member, visit <http://www.cbcsnw.org.au/> or call Adriana on 0478 919 427.



Pakistan Flood Crisis appeal

The devastating floods in Pakistan have left a trail of destruction across the country, claiming the lives of more than 1,100 people. The United Nations estimates that around 33 million Pakistanis have been affected by the flooding. Donate now at: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pakistan-floods>



What Will Be Your Legacy of Faith, Hope and Charity?

We invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider leaving a gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in our Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinWills

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 can learn more at www.parrayd.org. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement james.camden@parracatholic.org

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

*Saints-in-Training youth group

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am

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

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