



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**

Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*I will rise and go to my father.*

**Second Reading**

1 Tm 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel**

Lk 15:1-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your

paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

**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)

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**We welcome this week as our Celebrant:**  
Fr Robert William (Vigil & 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.



**Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help:**  
Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom:

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

**Positions Vacant**

Business Operations Manager  
The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton  
– **Applications close 10pm Monday 19 September.** More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

**Safeguarding Sunday: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Theme: 'Safe and Supported'  
*Let's work together to ensure the children and adults at risk in our Parish feel safe and supported.*

On this Safeguarding Sunday let us make a commitment as volunteers in ministry to show we are keeping our Parish community safe for all children and adults who may be at risk.

**Let's complete our Mandatory Safeguarding Training this year!**

If you would like to complete the training independently on our online training platform you can start these modules at any time and complete them at your own pace. Sign up onto the platform by clicking on this link: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>  
If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org).

**Glenbrook Parish "The Mind of Pope Francis" Formation Night: 13 September**

According to the Papal biographer Austin Ivereigh, Pope Francis is a "Great Reformer" who radically addresses not just Church's issues, but also is very vocal on social and environmental topics. Parish priest Fr Joseph Lam will uncover the background of Pope Francis' cultural and intellectual context. The talk will be held on Tuesday 13 September from 7pm to 8.30pm in the parish hall of St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. Please register via [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au)

**Diocesan Season of Creation Mass: 18 September**

The Diocese of Parramatta's Laudato Si' Action Team and Holy Family Parish Mt Druitt invite you to a Diocesan Season of Creation Mass on Sunday 18 September at 10.30am at Holy Family Parish, Mt Druitt-

Emerton (252-254 Luxford Rd, Emerton), followed by morning tea. To RSVP and for any inquiries, please email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

**Glenmore Park St Padre Pio Parish Feast Day Celebrations**

Everyone is invited to join Glenmore Park Parish for their parochial feast of St. Padre Pio. The parish will be holding a Triduum Novena and Mass to St Padre Pio from 22 – 24 September. On 25 September at 10am, there will be a Solemn Procession with the Relic of St Padre Pio, followed by the Solemn Feast Mass, Blessing by the Relic of St Padre Pio and other festivities. For enquiries, please call the parish office on (02) 4789 2232 or email [glenmorepark@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenmorepark@parracatholic.org).

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees - "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees": 25 September**

The Diocese of Parramatta's "Diocesan Journey... Walking with Refugees" Team invites you to a family friendly event on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Sunday 25 September in Blacktown. Mass will be celebrated at 2pm by Bishop Vincent Long at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown, followed by an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship at the All Saints of Africa Centre, 63 Allawah St, Blacktown. Please register at [www.shorturl.at/ahxyZ](http://www.shorturl.at/ahxyZ) or call 0476873519.

 **Caritas Australia 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. More than one third of the country has been completely submerged by the heaviest recorded monsoon rains in a decade. There are fears that the death toll will continue to rise. Caritas Australia's partners are responding to support flood-affected communities who need immediate assistance. Your generous support can help provide emergency support to help families recover and rebuild from disaster. Donate now by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pakistan-floods>



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

During *Include A Charity Week*, 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 on remembering the Church in your Will: [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinWills](http://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 and their families are encouraged to learn more at [www.parrawyd.org](http://www.parrawyd.org). For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement [james.camden@parracatholic.org](mailto: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



**17 September 2022**

Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 'Church Building' fundraiser for this year will be on 17<sup>th</sup> September, from 8am-4pm, at Bunnings Marsden Park. We will need many volunteers to help make this day a real success. If you would like to assist with cooking/selling, please email us at: [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org) for a link to the roster.

**Welcome morning tea: 11 September**



Join us for morning tea today to welcome Fr Robert William to our Faith Community.

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday 5.30pm  
Sunday 10.00am

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

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