



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

Am 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the

country, you who say, ‘When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.’ The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, ‘Never will I forget a single thing you have done.’

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading

1 Tm 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel

Lk 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, “What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.” Then the steward said to himself, “Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do?

Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.”

‘Then he called his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, “How much do you owe my master?” “One hundred measures of oil,” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.” To another he said, “And you, sir, how much do you owe?” “One hundred measures of wheat,” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond and write eighty.”

‘The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. ‘And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?’

‘No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.’

Reflection

Jesus tells his audience to use money to win friends so that when your money fails you your friends will welcome you. This sounds a bit like buying friendship. But what Jesus was saying was to share your riches with those in need and not be boastful and greedy of your wealth. He is calling his audience back to the commands of God to take care of the needy and to make sure that no one is left without enough to live. So, the friendship Jesus is encouraging the people to make through their money is a friendship with the poor and the needy.

Money seems to get a pretty bad rap in the gospel of Luke. In today’s passage, it is even described as ‘that tainted thing’

which is the lowest measure of trustworthiness. However, it is not money as such that is the concern, but rather it is the love of money and inappropriate use of money. In the Jewish tradition, the measure of society was based on how the lowest and the least were treated and looked after. When our focus is on acquiring money and possessions, it is impossible to be using our money for the good of others.

- Greg Sunter

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

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Account Name: St Luke’s Marsden Park

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We welcome this week as our Celebrant:

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Robert William (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.

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

- Business Operations Manager
The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton
 - Business Operations Manager
Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill
- Applications close 10pm Monday 19 September.** More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

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

Catholics in Coalition for Justice and Peace webinar: 22 September

Catholics in Coalition for Justice and Peace, based in the Diocese of Parramatta, are holding a Zoom webinar on 22 September from 4pm to 6pm. Guest speaker Dr Michelle Maloney, a lawyer, economist and Director of Earth Laws Australia, will be speaking on "How can Economic and Political Systems Operate to Support the Ecology of the Planet?" To RSVP and receive the Zoom link, please email ccjp@bigpond.com



Glenmore Park St Padre Pio Parish Feast Day Celebrations: 22-25 September

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.

World Day of 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 or call 0476873519.

OLQP Greystanes Festa: 25 September

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Greystanes Festa is back on after a COVID hiatus on Sunday 25 September on the parish grounds. Mass will be celebrated at 1pm, with festivities from 2.30pm and a fireworks display at 8.30pm. For more information, please contact the Festa Committee on festa@olqp.org.au

Aboriginal Catholic Services NAIDOC Week Celebration: 27 September

Catholic Care's Aboriginal Catholic Services is hosting a community celebration to commemorate NAIDOC Week on Tuesday 27 September from 10am to 2pm at the Holy Family site in Emerton. Everyone is welcome to celebrate the many who have driven and led change in our communities over generations with a variety of entertainment, music, rides, stalls and more. Show your solidarity and have some family fun with members of our local Aboriginal community.

Catholic Outlook Spring/Season of Creation edition out now!

Get your free copy of the Spring edition of *Catholic Outlook* now. This month, we talk about pilgrimages, the Season of Creation, and focus in on how our parishes are working towards sustainability. There's great kids activities too. Pick up your copy from our church now!



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. Your generosity can help provide emergency support to help families recover. 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.parrawyd.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

St Luke's Feast Day Celebration: 23 October



Preparations are under way for a celebration of our patron, St Luke, to be held after the 10am Mass on October 23. We are looking for talented people/groups to take part in a Talent Expo. If you are interested, or would like to be a part of the working party, please contact us at marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm
 Sunday 10.00am

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

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