



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 6:1. 4-7

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who

feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading

1 Tm 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel

Lk 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to

the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." 'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Reflection: Season of Creation

The parable of an unnamed rich man and a poor man named Lazarus challenges our globalised world where actions in one country can so directly affect another. Pointedly, the rich man remains as anonymous as he is uncaring. He is a consumer of fine things. He does not seek to harm Lazarus as such; rather, the rich man simply fails to see the other person. Even in Jesus' time the story upended a social focus on the rich few and the unimportant rest. The world ignores them, but God will not. Lazarus' very name means one God has helped. In later times, the name's significance endured and framed part of what would now be termed social welfare. 'Lazaretti' and 'lazar houses' were medieval European terms for leper foundations. In these were diseased people, usually very poor, living apart from the wider community. They were often sited beyond the city gate.

Now we know of communities in need far beyond our city limits. Many people labour in sweatshops making clothing for rich countries, have their forests destroyed for foreign cups of coffee, and watch the waters lap higher on their islands for the sake of foreign consumer habits. The question is: Do we see them and act?

- Nick Brodie

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)

BSB: 067 950

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We welcome this week as our Celebrant:

Bishop Vincent Long (Vigil)

Fr Chris DeSouza (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

-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.

* 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

Season of Creation: 1 September – 4 October

Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops invite all Catholics to join the ecumenical Season of Creation from 1 September to 4 October. They encourage us all to make this a special time of prayer and action in caring for our common home. Learn more and find events and resources

at www.parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation

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.

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

'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

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.

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!



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. 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.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

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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