



**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 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

**Second Reading**

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.*

**Gospel**

Lk 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

**Gospel Reflection:**

'Hate' is an emotive and extremely harsh word in our society. In its gospel context, the word is not used as an opposite of 'love' but as an indication of deserving of less significance than another thing. So the teaching about hating father, mother, etc can be read as saying that being a disciple of Jesus must take precedence over everything else, even family. In 1st Century culture, family was foremost above everything else; it was the very fibre that held society together. Jesus is saying that discipleship must be put above even that which is most important and most intrinsic to life in this world. That is why he goes on to tell the two stories about the need to count the cost before undertaking an important venture. He makes clear to his listeners that discipleship is more important than anything else and that there are huge costs associated with taking it on. A believer has to literally 'count the cost' of what it will mean to place discipleship above family, friendships, career, politics and even life itself. Jesus

makes no apologies for the fact that what he is asking is incredibly demanding.  
- 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

Account: 0004307

Account Name: St Luke's Marsden Park

Reference: Your name

**We welcome this week as our Celebrants:**  
Fr Joseph Nguyen (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>

**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

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

## Glenbrook Parish Season of Creation Formation Night: 6 September

To coincide with the Season of Creation, the annual ecumenical celebration that unites the world's 2.4 billion Christians in prayer and action for our common home, St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a talk on 'Faith and authentic living – Care for neighbour and the care for creation' by the Diocesan Peace, Justice and Ecology team on Tuesday 6 September from 7pm to 8.30pm in the parish hall. Please register via [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au).

## Pastoral Formation Mission and Evangelisation Short Course: Starts 8 September

Looking for confidence to share your faith? Want to evangelise through life-giving faith conversations? On 3 Thursday nights (Sept 8, 15, 22) journey with Maddy Forde, face-to-face, from 6.30-8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown). Register by August 21 via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) OR via <https://pfparra.org.au/signup/>



## Mount Druitt South Parish Fete: 11 September

The Sacred Heart Parish South Mount Druitt fete will be held on Sunday 11 September at Sacred Heart Primary School, Mt Druitt, from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Activities include a While Elephant stall, jumping castle, chocolate wheel and showbags. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9832 3896.

## 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)

## Season of Creation Camping Trip: 20 September – 2 October

Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to join with friends, family and other members of the Christian community to celebrate the Season of Creation. Enjoy a

relaxed camping experience with optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with creation and our Creator. When: Friday, September 30 – Sunday, October 2, 2022  
Where: Wooglemai Catholic Bush Retreat Centre, Oakdale  
Cost: Individual campers \$20; Camping couples \$40; Family camping groups \$50  
For more information and to register visit: [www.seasonofcreationcamping.org](http://www.seasonofcreationcamping.org)

## Pastoral Formation Sacraments Short Course: Starts 6 October

Are you passionate about deepening your appreciation of the sacraments? Want to enhance your sacramental vision of life? Over two Thursday nights (6 and 13 October), discover more with Sr Mary Louise Walsh from the Diocese of Parramatta's Worship team. Face-to-face from 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown). LIMITED SEATS. Register by September 21 via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) OR via <https://pfparra.org.au/signup/>



## Bishop's Father's Day Appeal caring for those who have cared for us

Our priests devote their lives in service to God and our faith community. This Father's Day, will you care for them in their retirement, as they have cared for us? Your kind-hearted donation will help our Clergy Support Foundation's health and wellbeing team to care for the 21 retired clergy in our Diocese and provide our priests with the practical and emotional support needed for a comfortable retirement. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at [parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal](http://parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you.

## 2022-23 Social Justice Statement "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse"

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2022-23 has been released. It is entitled "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse" and calls for faith communities to support and believe those going through domestic and family violence and abuse, to hold perpetrators to account and work towards individual and social transformation. You can download the statement and additional resources at [bit.ly/SJS22-23](http://bit.ly/SJS22-23)

## Are you looking for a new way to manage your fertility?

Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods, also known as Fertility Awareness Methods (FAMs) are natural, effective, healthy and modern approaches to managing

fertility. No drugs, devices, or side effects! NFP is especially helpful for couples having difficulties achieving pregnancy as well as those that feel their family is complete. For more information about your options please contact Catherine on [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or 0400 427 605 or visit <https://parralmf.org.au/fertility/>

## 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.

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am

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

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