



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 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading

2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel

Lk 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town'

he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'" And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Reflection: Convincing God

Does this teaching about the need for continual prayer mean that God needs to be convinced of our cause? Does a one-off prayer not get heard? Is God swayed by the force of numbers? Can the prayers of ten people carry more weight than the prayers of one? All these questions miss the point of the parable. It is not God who needs our prayers, but we who have to recognise, through prayer, our need for God's mercy and gracious love. The constancy of prayer is not to convince God but to remind ourselves of our dependence upon God.

- Greg Sunter

OFFERING TO ST LUKE'S



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Reference: Your name



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.

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

Bring a cultural dish to share with the community, as part of our International Food Feast

Be entertained by our talented community members

Lucky door prizes drawn 12pm

Face painting & Henna designs

Wear cultural dress

We welcome this week as our Celebrant: Fr Robert William (Vigil & 10am)



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

Glenbrook Parish Conversation with the Holy Spirit Seminary: 21 October

St Finbar's Parish Glenbrook invites you to attend an evening of conversation with Fr Paul Marshall, Fr John Frauenfelder and the seminarians of the Diocesan Holy Spirit Seminary on Friday 21 October at 7pm at the parish centre. Hear from the team about how the seminarians are formed, what they study and their vision of priestly ministry. To RSVP, please email secretary@stfinbars.org.au

LIFTED Live in the Forecourt 2022!

All are welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on 22 October from 7pm to 10pm for LIFTED Live. Encounter the vibrancy and dynamism of young people of our Church. Live performances, games, activities, art exhibition, and adoration. Share your gifts and talent with our Diocesan community by visiting www.parracatholic.org/liftedeoi. Email gwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

Rouse Hill Parish Mass of Depositing of St Faustina and St John Paul II Relics: 22 October

Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, will be celebrating Mass for the Deposition of the first-degree Relics of St Faustina and St John Paul II on Saturday 22 October at 5.30pm, with prayers beginning at 4.30pm. The relics will be enshrined in a special chapel within the parish and will be kept on permanent display for veneration.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY LETTERS

As was mentioned by Deacon Tony at Masses last weekend, to give a gift to others as we celebrate the feast of our patron, St Luke, we are asking our St Luke's Catholic Faith Community members to write one, or a few, letters to men who will hear the message of Jesus Christ during a course in one of our local prisons next month. This is a form of outreach – spreading the Good News of God's love for all and bringing hope to the hopeless. Some important points:

- *Each letter must be hand-written
- *No fancy paper is req, just use white A4.
- *Do not use any identification other than your first name
- *Don't mention where you live or where you go to Church
- *The message must be positive
- *Do not mention anything about why they are in prison

If you are not sure how to write it, imagine that God was writing a letter of love to you and use these types of sentiments. The sample letters below are just examples. Please don't use these exact words but use similar types of expressions. It doesn't need to be long. Just two or three paragraphs of support and encouragement. Please either deliver these letters to 2 Springdale St, Marsden Park (just opposite the exit gate for the college car park) in the next week or so, or bring them to Mass next weekend and place them in a special collection box that will be on the Welcome Table.

Sample Letter 1

Dear Friend,
I am so glad you decided to attend a Kairos course, giving you the opportunity to hear about God's love for you. God's Word, the Bible, tells us the wonderful news that God gave his son, Jesus Christ, to die a painful death for us. This great sacrifice took away our sins so that we can have eternal life in Heaven with him. He loves us all - you and me included. All we have to do is ask for his forgiveness and accept Him into our lives. How easy is that?
I hope and pray that you will want to know more about our living God's undying love that is always there for us.
God Bless You,
(Your First name)

Sample Letter 2

Dear Brother in Christ,
What a joy it is for me to write these few words to you. Since learning about God's grace and forgiveness and asking for some of that for myself, I have received so many blessings which have made my life much more worthwhile. I pray that the time you spend with Kairos will be a special time for reflection and that you will also come to

know and experience the unending love that God is willing to shower on us. All you have to do is ask for it!
Your Brother/Sister in Christ,
(Your First Name)

Sample Letter 3

Dear Friend,
As you read this letter, I am praying for you, just as I have been doing all this month. I'm so glad you have been able to experience Kairos, being served by people who know and love God. You are very special to God. He loves you because you are one of his children, just like me. God bless you and those you love.
(Your First Name)

To read more about Kairos Prison Ministry, go to: kairos.org.au

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. Entry is \$15 adults or \$10 concession. For more information, contact the parish office on 4742 6958 or at glenbrook@parracatholic.org

Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 30 October

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 30 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending by 21 October at marriage@parracatholic.org. Family and friends are welcome.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

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

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