



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 11:22 – 12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading

2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

Gospel

Lk 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he

looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

Reflection: Conversion

When we hear this story about Zacchaeus, our focus is normally on the conversion of heart that appears to take place within Zacchaeus. However, his determination to see Jesus from the outset suggests that the conversion has already taken place within Zacchaeus. It is the muttering, grumbling crowd who are called to conversion; called to soften their hearts and see a faithful man where they have previously only seen a sinner. Throughout the gospel, the welcome and acceptance Jesus extends to the 'outsider' and the 'sinner' confronts and challenges those who would hold themselves up as being better than these others.

- Greg Sunter



All Souls Day Mass: November 2

Join us in the Marketplace on Wednesday at 7pm

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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SAVE THE DATE

Community Christmas Carols

10 December 2022

6.30pm-8.30pm

In the Marketplace

Food & drinks for sale

Be entertained and sing along to your favourite carols

(If you would like to be part of the working party to organize this event, please email us at marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

We welcome this week as our Celebrants:

Fr John Frauenfelder (Vigil)

Fr Chris Desouza (10am)

Fr Chris Desouza (11.15am Confirmation)



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.

Office for Safeguarding Spring Training Opportunities

The Office for Safeguarding is offering a range of opportunities to complete your Safeguarding training this spring. Training sessions will be held on Monday 31 October and Monday 7 November from 10-11.30am at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. To register please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Positions Vacant

Project Coordinator (part-time) – Catholic Youth Parramatta, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close Monday 7 November.** More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Position Vacant – Richmond Parish

Parish Coordinator of Ministries casual 14hrs/week. Responsible for providing support to the parish clergy, and for developing four key focus areas of ministry: coordination, promotion and recruitment, formation and communication. Please contact the parish office on 45781410 or at admin@parishofrichmond.org.au Applications close Friday 25 Nov 2022.

Fertility Awareness Online Evening: 3 November

Are you looking for answers to infertility? On Thursday 3 November at 7.30pm, couples are invited to an online Natural Fertility session hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta. Vinetta Lobo, a Certified FertilityCare Practitioner will explain how The Creighton Model FertilityCare System can assess and evaluate your current fertility status and treat infertility. Listen to real couples share their experience. To register, or for more information, please contact Catherine on 0400 427 605 or catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org

Patrician Brothers' Blacktown 70 Years



Celebrations: 11 November

Patrician Brothers' College Blacktown is inviting past students, staff and their

families back to the college for tours and a BBQ to celebrate its 70th anniversary on Friday 11 November from 4pm to 8pm. To register, call 88110300 or scan the QR code or visit: <https://bit.ly/patsblacktown70yrs>

MET Worship Formation for Ministers at the Altar: 12 November

The Worship – Mission Enhancement Team are organising an Ongoing Formation Day for Ministers at the Altar, Adult servers and Acolytes on Saturday 12 November at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 9.30am to 3pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. To register, please contact the Worship team on (02) 8838 3456 or email mary.gale@parracatholic.org

Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day: 20 November

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, on Sunday 20 November from 10.30am to 3pm, with registration from 10am and Mass celebrated in the afternoon. Morning tea provided, but BYO picnic lunch and other refreshments. For enquiries call 96532637 or call Ann Bergman anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas at atlomas@bigpond.com

Nigerian Catholic Community Family Day Out Picnic: 26 November

The Nigerian Catholic Community invites you to a special family day out picnic on Saturday 26 November at the Spinebill area of the Plough and Harrow East part of the Western Sydney Parklands, Abbotsbury, from 12.30pm to 5pm. Join them for a range of kid and family-friendly activities, food and drinks and music. For more information, call 0431 479 272 or 0450 974 550 or email nigeriancc@parracatholic.org

Advertising opportunities available in December Catholic Outlook Magazine

The *Catholic Outlook Magazine* reaches 8,000 families in the Diocese of Parramatta. Advertising starts at only \$240. To place your ad in the December edition, call Christina on 0439 594 726.

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare.

Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

St Bernadette's Lalor Park Wednesday Evening Devotions

St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette every Wednesday evening at 6.30pm with Adoration and Rosary and special prayers, followed by Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more information contact the parish on 96724037 admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au

Join the Catholic Bushwalking Club

The Sydney-based Catholic Bushwalking Club seeking new members to join their club. Membership is not restricted to Catholics, and is open to all who share an interest in bushwalking and the outdoors. Membership offers a choice of graded walks for a variety of fitness levels on most

weekends, and some on weekdays. To learn more about the Club and to become a member, visit <http://www.cbcnsw.org.au/> or call Adriana on 0478 919 427.



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.parrayd.org. Express your interest in coming to Lisbon today! For all enquiries, contact James Camden, Head of Mission Engagement james.camden@parracatholic.org

Calling for World Youth Day aspiring small group leaders!

Bishop Vincent is seeking applications from aspiring small group leaders to accompany young people of the Diocese on our pilgrimage World Youth Day in Lisbon Portugal. The small group leaders will provide accompaniment and support to each pilgrim and ensure their safety and wellbeing. To express your interest and request a position description with details of the selection criteria please email met@parracatholic.org by **Wednesday November 2.**



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.



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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

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

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