

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

2 Kgs 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had

told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.'

But Elisha replied,

'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing'. Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading

2 Tm 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel

Lk 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them, he said, 'Go and show yourselves to

the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Reflection: Where are they?

'The other nine, where are they?' asked Jesus. Why would the other nine not have come back to give thanks? It is insufficient to say that the miraculous healing these men experienced changed their lives. Being healed of this disease meant so much to them: they could return to their families; they could return to work; they could touch another person; they could walk among other people; they could join in prayer at the synagogue. As they hurried back toward town they must have been overwhelmed by the possibilities and opportunities that lay before them. But they neglected to acknowledge the source of their great joy!

- 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 Celebrant:
Fr Robert William (Vigil and 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.

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

ST LUKE'S CONFIRMATION DATES 2022

Wednesday, October 12, 6-7pm

Wednesday, October 19, 6-7pm

Friday, October 21, 7-8.45pm

(as part of Saints-in-Training youth group)

Wednesday, October 26, 6-7pm

Sacrament received: Sunday, October 30,

11.15am Mass

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



Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/624180454>

Catholic Theological College 'Engaging Your Faith' online series

'Engaging Your Faith' is a series of online short sessions, open to all, offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Theology, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Pastoral Studies, Laudato Si', Christian Meditation, Future Technology, and Science and Religion. All topics are presented by lecturers of Catholic Theological College and run from 10 to 28 October. For a full description of the sessions please go to <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>

Fertility Awareness Education Session: 12 October

Are you still looking for answers for miscarriage or infertility? You are invited to a free fertility awareness education session on Wednesday 12 October from 7.30pm to 8.30pm via Zoom. Vinetta Lobo, a Certified FertilityCare Practitioner, will explain how The Creighton Model FertilityCare System can help you identify your fertility on any given day. Register today to confirm your spot by contacting vinettajoy@hotmail.com or 0430 509 890.

Faiths 4 Climate Justice Multi-Faith Service (St Patrick's Cathedral, 13 October)

Join with people of various faiths to pray for climate justice, in solidarity with Pacific and First Nations peoples: St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, 13 October, 9:30–10.30am. The service will feature the OLMC Student String Ensemble, a Pasifika Choir, Buddhist and Muslim chanting, congregational singing led by a Rabbi, and prayers from a range of faith traditions. Find out more at arrcc.org.au/parramatta_f4ci_multi_faith_service

'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

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY LETTERS

As will be mentioned by Deacon Tony at Masses this 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 on the weekend when we celebrate our St Luke's Feast Day (October 22 and 23).

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

LIFTED Live in the Forecourt is back for 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. If you have questions? Email gwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

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

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

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

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