

**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**

Mal 3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.*

**Second Reading**

2 Thes 3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

**Gospel**

Lk 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he

said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

**Reflection: Comfort**

We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus 'predict' all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.'

- Greg Sunter

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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 help organize this event, please email us at [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org))



**Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help:**

Wednesdays at 7.30pm via Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/624180454>



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.



**26 November 2022**

Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 'Church Building' fundraiser for this year will be on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 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.

**We welcome this week as our Celebrants:**

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)

### Position Vacant

Personal Assistant, Sisters of Mercy Parramatta. Full-time position based at Parramatta. Please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources for further information on [0402 210 055](tel:0402210055).

### 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](mailto:admin@parishofrichmond.org.au)  
Applications close Friday 25 Nov 2022.

### 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 email [anniebergman@hotmail.com](mailto:anniebergman@hotmail.com) or [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com)

### New Annual Diocesan Youth Leadership Commissioning: 20 November

You're invited to the annual World Youth Day diocesan celebration in-sync with Dioceses all around the world on the Feast of Christ the King. Join Catholic Youth Parramatta at St John XXIII Catholic College, Stanhope Gardens, on Sunday 20 November from 6pm for a family-friendly celebration, vibrant liturgy, the LIFTED Band and commissioning of all Year 12 2023 school leaders and parish youth teams by Bishop Vincent.

### Safeguarding Responding to Domestic and Family Violence Training: 22 November

You are invited to a face-to-face training on the topic "Developing a Respectful Response to Domestic and Family Violence" on Tuesday 22 November from 10am to 12pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. The training is based on the Australian Bishops' 2022-23 Social Justice Statement and hosted by the Office for Safeguarding, MET – Peace, Justice, Ecology, and Catholic Care. Please register for this elective safeguarding module and help raise awareness about domestic violence. [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

### Mass and prayers for deceased clergy: 25 November

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its first official Mass for our deceased clergy on Friday 25 November at 10.30am at St

Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Castle Hill Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

### 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](mailto:nigeriancc@parracatholic.org)

### Marayong Parish Social Justice Fundraiser: 26 November

St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong, will be holding a concert to raise funds for their Social Justice initiatives to mentor refugees and help them settle in Australia. The concert will be held on Saturday 26 November, from 7pm at the St Andrew School Hall. Each concert ticket is \$10 and are available by contacting the parish office on 02) 9622 0817. The support of your parish/group would be very much appreciated.

### Nigerian Catholic Community Annual Thanksgiving Mass: 27 November

The Nigerian Catholic Community invites you to their annual Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 27 November at the Holy Family Church, 200 The Trongate, South Granville from 11am. Mass will be followed by a performance by the Nigerian Catholic Community Choir at 2pm. For more information, please contact [nigeriancc@parracatholic.org](mailto:nigeriancc@parracatholic.org) or call 0478 044 886.

### Glenbrook Parish Advent Concert: 27 November

You are invited to St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook's Advent Concert, as part of their 'Music for the Soul' series on Sunday 27 November at 3pm in the Parish Church. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 4742 6958 or email [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au)

### Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2023

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence next year in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. For more

information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

### Mass available for the Nigerian Catholic Community

The Nigerian Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11am at Holy Family Church, South Granville, 200 The Trongate, Granville. You can contact community chaplain Fr Chinonye Akamadu on 045117438 or Stella Nwosu 0405478472 or email [chuk.akamadu@parracatholic.org](mailto:chuk.akamadu@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.

### 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 of Mission Engagement [james.camden@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.camden@parracatholic.org)



### Newly baptised

Please pray for Brody & Madison Gunns and Zoe Vicente who were newly baptised this week in our faith community; that they will carry on the mission of Jesus throughout their lives.

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am

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

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