

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 Sm 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own

flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading

Col 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel

Lk 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the

king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Reflection: A kingdom of inclusion

In response to the criminal's faith, Jesus assures him, 'today you will be with me in paradise'. There is a certainty and immediacy about the response. Jesus does not tell him that some time in the future he will be rewarded for his faith. No, it is *today* that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and undervalued throughout his ministry. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.

- Greg Sunter

OFFERING TO ST LUKE'S



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'MARSDEN PARK – St Luke's Catholic Faith Community'



St Luke's Church Building fund

BSB: 067 950

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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.

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



26 November 2022

Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 'Church Building' fundraiser for this year will be on 26th 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 for a link to the roster.

We welcome this week as our Celebrants:

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Kevin Medilo (10am)

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.

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 Applications close Friday 25 Nov 2022.

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

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

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 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



Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care's Assistance with Care and Housing Service

No one should be homeless or without support. Your Christmas gift today will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support, and a safe place to call home. Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously by scanning this QR code or at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Thank you for your prayers, compassion, and help to end homelessness.

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 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

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. For all enquiries, contact James Camden, Head of Mission Engagement james.camden@parracatholic.org

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal is open

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta remains open and committed to assisting anyone with enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted via telephone and Zoom in response to COVID-19. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

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

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