



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

Is 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz concerning

Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading

Rom 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Reflection: Get Ready!

Jesus draws a parallel between the people in Noah's time and the people of his own time. What it reflects is a complacency that periodically overtook the Jewish people. When the people bound themselves to God in covenant their lives gradually became better. Inevitably, their lives improved to such a state that they forgot God was responsible for their blessings. They ignored their relationship with God and became complacent about their good fortune. Ultimately, their comfort was brought to an end and they recognised once again their need for God. Jesus calls the people to get ready because the pattern is repeating itself.



The Advent Wreath

One of the major symbols of the Advent season is the wreath. The encircling wreath is symbolic of God without beginning or end and the green foliage represents our hope in God. There are usually five candles in the wreath, a central white candle representing the light of Christ that came into the world and then four outside candles that are usually purple and rose coloured. The progressive lighting of the candles marks the journey towards the Nativity.

- Greg Sunter

OFFERING TO ST LUKE'S



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Catholic Faith Community'



St Luke's Church Building fund

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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



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.

We welcome this week as our Celebrants:

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Chris de Souza (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.

Positions Vacant

*Parish Office Coordinator – St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong – Applications close 10pm Sunday 4 December 2022

Details at: parracatholic.org/employment

*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).

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

Memorial Mass for those bereaved by suicide: 28 November

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains together with the Diocese of Parramatta invite those bereaved by suicide to a celebration of Mass to honour loved ones who have taken their lives on Monday 18 November at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. RSVP for catering purposes and more information to Rita Chater on (02) 8843 2500 or email rita.chater@ccss.org.au

Catholic Theological College Information Session: 5 December

The Catholic Theological College is hosting an online information session 'CTC 2023 Find Your Path' on Monday 5 December at 730pm AEDT. The event will be an ideal opportunity to explore the possibilities offered at CTC for personal, theological, and spiritual development through a range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses. Registration is essential via ctc.edu.au.

Catholic Women's League Diocese of Parramatta Christmas Luncheon: 7 December

The Catholic Women's League, Diocese of Parramatta, invites you to its fun and friendly Christmas Luncheon at St Anthony of Padua Parish Hall, 27 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie, on Wednesday 7 December from 12noon. The lunch will be \$20 a head, with the Catholic Women's League subsidising most of the cost. For any enquiries, and to book individually or a table, please contact Lyn on 0412 689 261.

Glenbrook Parish Advent Retreat: 10 December

You are invited to join St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook for their Advent Retreat, titled, 'Jesus the greatest gift from God' on

Saturday 10 December from 9am to 3pm. Most Rev David Walker, Bishop Emeritus of Broken Bay, will be the guest presenter. For more information and to RSVP, please contact the parish office on (02) 4742 6958 or secretary@stfinbars.org.au

Glenmore Park Advent Parish Mission: 16 and 17 December

St Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park, is organising a Parish Mission during Advent on the theme of 'Bethlehem - House of Bread' on Friday 16 December at 7pm and Saturday 17 December at 5.30pm. Come and receive the Grace of God from Adoration, Mass and Preaching. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Fr Suresh on 0488 448 844 or visit the event Facebook page: <https://fb.me/e/2itSOhckf>

Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens Parish Carols by Candlelight: 17 December

St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens, invites you to their annual Carols by Candlelight evening on Saturday 17 December at 7.30pm in the grounds of St John XXIII Catholic College, Stanhope Gardens. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 8883 5981.

Patrician Brothers College Blacktown Enrolment Opportunities

Patrician Brothers College, Blacktown, has a small number of vacancies for Year 7 2023 and is accepting early applications for 2024. Contact the College Enrolment Department for more information on (02) 8811 0300, email patricianbros@parra.catholic.edu.au or <https://forms.gle/ANccWVNQBZjQ4pSD6>



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/>

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. 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

"QUO VADIS?" Pilgrimage to Israel and Rome: 5 – 23 SEPTEMBER 2023



At the request of many of his previous pilgrims, Fr Wim Hoekstra is leading a pilgrimage to Israel and Rome next year. Our pilgrimage will be

following in the footsteps of St Peter. Details can be found at www.olivetretravel.com.au under Upcoming Tours, via the QR code, or please contact Fr Wim on 0409908361 or email wim.hoekstra@parracatholic.org

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

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

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