

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 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to

force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.' After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm

*Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.*

Second Reading

2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have

every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel

Lk 20:27-38

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally, the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife to since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection, they are children of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all are in fact alive.'

Reflection: I am who am

The Sadducees quote the Law of Moses at Jesus, but he goes one better by quoting the very conversation when Moses encountered God in the burning bush. In this encounter, God reveals Godself to be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God does not say, I *was* the God of Abraham, but rather I *am* the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This distinction confirms that the relationship is ongoing, not stuck in a time before their death. It is in this same encounter that God reveals God's name as 'I am who am' – represented in Hebrew by the letters YHWH from which we get Yahweh.

- Greg Sunter



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)

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 Church Building fund
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We welcome this week as our Celebrants:

Fr John Hogan (Vigil)

Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)



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.

Office for Safeguarding Spring Training Opportunities

The Office for Safeguarding is offering a range of opportunities to complete your Safeguarding training this spring. A training session will be held on 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.**
Diocesan Centre Receptionist – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm 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.

Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharing: 9 November

You are invited to a “Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharing” evening on Wednesday 9 November from 6.30pm to 8pm. These sharings are quarterly online gatherings for everyone who is interested in Social Justice, Care for Creation or Global Peace. They are an opportunity to connect, meet like-minded people, find out and discuss what is currently happening in the Peace, Justice & Ecology space. To receive a Zoom link, please RSVP to met@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

Open invitation to the Parramatta Street Feast: 12 November

Parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta are invited to the Parramatta Street Feast on Saturday 12 November at 12pm to commemorate the World Day of the Poor. Come and share a meal and company with members of our community who are on the margins of society. This free event will be held at Prince Alfred Square in Parramatta from 12pm to 2pm. All are welcome. For more details: met@parracatholic.org

NSW Catholic Charismatic Renewal Power Gathering: 12 November

The NSW Catholic Charismatic Renewal community invite you to an afternoon of worship and ministry on Saturday 12 November at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, Peakhurst, from 2pm to 4.30pm. Registration is essential, so reserve your spot by emailing email@ccrnsw.org.au

Catalyst for Renewal Bishop Mackinlay Q&A: 13 November

Catalyst for Renewal are hosting a Q&A conversation on ‘Looking forwards in the Australian Church after the Plenary Council’ with Plenary Council Vice President Bishop Shane Mackinlay on Sunday 13 November in the Crypt at St Patrick’s Church, Grosvenor Street, The Rocks, from 1.30pm to 3pm. No need to book, but a suggested donation to attend is \$10. For more information 4971 4090, email catalyst-for-renewal@outlook.com or catalystforrenewal.org.au

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 or atlomas@bigpond.com

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 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. For more information, please contact community chaplain Fr Chinonye Akamadu on 0451 174 438 or chuk.akamadu@parracatholic.org or Stella Nwosu on 0405 478 472.

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. Express your interest in coming to Lisbon today! For all enquiries, contact James Camden, Head of 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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