

**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 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:  
Share your bread with  
the hungry,  
and shelter the  
homeless poor,

clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin. Then will  
your light shine like the dawn and your  
wound be quickly healed over. Your  
integrity will go before you and the glory of  
the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will  
answer; call, and he will say, ‘I am here.’  
If you do away with the yoke, the clenched  
fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread  
to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness, and your  
shadows become like noon.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

**Second Reading**

1 Cor 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, it  
was not with any show of oratory or  
philosophy, but simply to tell you what God  
had guaranteed. During my stay with you,  
the only knowledge I claimed to have was  
about Jesus, and only about him as the  
crucified Christ. Far from relying on any  
power of my own, I came among you in  
great ‘fear and trembling’ and in my  
speeches and the sermons that I gave,  
there were none of the arguments that  
belong to philosophy; only a demonstration  
of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so  
that your faith should not depend on  
human philosophy but on the power of  
God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the one who follows me will have the light  
of life.*

**Gospel**

Mt 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You are the salt  
of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless,  
what can make it salty again? It is good for  
nothing and can only be thrown out to be  
trampled underfoot by men.’

‘You are the light of the world. A city built  
on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one  
lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put  
it on the lamp-stand where it shines for  
everyone in the house. In the same way  
your light must shine in the sight of all, so  
that, seeing your good works, they may give  
the praise to your Father in heaven.’

**Gospel Reflection**

Today, when we describe a person as being  
the ‘salt of the earth’ it’s generally meant in  
a way that says the person is hard working,  
straight talking and pretty down to earth.  
It’s usually meant as a compliment but  
sometimes can come across as a bit  
condescending when used inappropriately.  
When Jesus tells the disciples that they are  
salt of the earth and the light of the world  
he is really saying ‘You are to be the salt of  
the earth; you are to be the light of the  
world.’ It is more of a directive than an  
affirmation of them.

Today’s first reading from Isaiah helps to  
shed light on Jesus’ meaning in the gospel  
passage: ‘Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the  
man you see to be naked and turn not from  
your own kin. Then will your light shine like  
the dawn.’ It sounds a lot like the message  
from the last judgment in Matthew 25  
when the king says, ‘whatever you did for  
one of these least brothers or sisters of  
mine, you did for me.’ It’s a message of  
justice and right relationship not only with  
God but with one another also.

To be salt of the earth and light of the  
world means to be the one who puts their  
hand up and steps forward to speak for,  
work for and act for those who are the  
least in this world. To have the potential  
and resources to be a force for good in the  
world and not act on it is to be like salt  
that’s used for salting the streets or a lamp  
that’s under a tub.

- Greg Sunter



**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.

**OFFERING TO ST LUKE’S**



Scan the QR code and choose  
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– St Luke’s Catholic Faith Community’**



**St Luke’s Church Building fund**

BSB: 067 950

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

**Fr John Frauenfelder (Vigil)**

**Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)**

**Positions Vacant:**

-Parish Office Administration Assistant – St  
Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood.

-Policy Coordinator – Diocese of  
Parramatta

-People and Culture Adviser – Diocese of  
Parramatta

**Applications close 10pm Monday 20  
February.**

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

**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.

### **Annual Legal Red Mass: 6 February**

Members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families are cordially invited to the annual Legal Red Mass on Monday 6 February 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm. The Red Mass is an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith in the new year. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance by 3 February via [enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au) or (02) 8839 8400.

### **Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: 11 February 2023**

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 11 February 2023 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVP 6 February 2022 to [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org)

### **Faith and formation session for Catholic Healthcare professionals: 11 February**

You are invited to a faith and formation session for those who work and volunteer in the health care ministries of the Church on Saturday 11 February, from 9am to 10.30am at the All Saints of Africa Centre, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown. Join us afterwards for the World Day of the Sick Mass at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. Please RSVP for catering purposes by 6 February to [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org). For enquiries, please contact [Michael.Tan@parracatholic.org](mailto:Michael.Tan@parracatholic.org)

### **Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharing: 15 February**

Peace, Justice and Ecology (PJE) Sharings are quarterly online gatherings for everyone who is interested in Social Justice, Care for Creation or Global Peace. You are invited to join the conversation, this time with a focus on Caritas Project Compassion 2023 on Wednesday 15 February from 6:30pm to 8pm. To receive a Zoom link, please RSVP via email: [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### **Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day: 19 February**

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, on Sunday 19 February from 10.30am to 3pm, with registration from 10am. BYO picnic lunch and other refreshments. No need to register ahead of time. Donations welcome. For enquiries, please contact either Ann Bergman

on [anniebergman@hotmail.com](mailto:anniebergman@hotmail.com) or Ann Lomas on [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) or (02) 9653 2637.

### **Memorial Mass of St Josephine Bakhita: 19 February**

You are invited to the Memorial Mass of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan, and victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking on Sunday 19 February at 2pm at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. We hope you will join us to commemorate the victims of modern slavery and human trafficking in Australia and worldwide and look forward to celebrating the legacy of St Josephine Bakhita with you.

### **Glenbrook Parish Shroud of Turin Presentation and Talk: 21 February**

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a presentation by local parishioner and former journalist William West on the Shroud of Turin on Tuesday 21 February at 7.30pm. William will discuss the history of the Shroud, which he explores in his book *Riddles of the Shroud – Questions Science Can't Answer*. Entry is via gold coin donation. To RSVP, please contact [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au)

### **MET Lenten Scripture Reflection Night: 21 February**

Looking for a Scripture reflection session on the season of Lent? You and your key contacts are most welcome to attend the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Scripture Reflection Night with Dr Laurie Woods. Tuesday 21 February – 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/lent2023>

### **MET FaithLIFE Scripture Course: Starting 23 February**

Want to learn more about the Bible? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on Scripture with Dr Michele Connolly rsj, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Thursdays: 23 February, 2 March and 9 March. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

### **Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal available for in-person, virtual appointments**

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews available for those unable to attend the office. Please contact

the Tribunal office on (02) 8838 3480 or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org).

### **Diocese of Parramatta WYD23 Pilgrimage Registrations Open!**

Registration for WYD23 in Lisbon has now opened. Young people aged 16-35 can now view our itinerary, inclusions, indicative pricing, register and pay their \$800 deposit to secure their place. Limited spaces still available to join our team of 170 pilgrims with Bishop Vincent. Visit [www.parrawyd.org](http://www.parrawyd.org)

### **Continuing to Build Safe Parishes Together in 2023: An Update from the Office for Safeguarding.**

"New Year's Dash" Training Opportunities! Have you had a chance to complete your Safeguarding Training yet?

### **Take advantage of these 'New Year' dates in readiness for ministry in 2023:**

\*[Mary Immaculate Parish](#) – 125 Barnier Drive Quakers Hill (All modules)

Mon 13 Feb: 9.30am - 2.30pm

\*[St Aidan's Rooty Hill](#) – 9 Adelaide Street Rooty Hill

Module 1: Thurs 9 Feb (7.00pm-8.00pm)

Module 2: Thurs 16 Feb (7.00pm-8.30pm)

Module 3: Thurs 23 Feb (7.00pm-8.30pm)

Please register for one of these options by emailing:

[safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

If you would like to complete the training online 'Sign Up' by clicking on this link:

<https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

If you have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email Maria Kervin, Community Engagement and Education Officer at:

[maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am

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

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