



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**

Ez 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*

**Second Reading**

Rom 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

**Gospel**

Jn 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, ‘Lord, the man you love is ill.’ On receiving the message, Jesus said, ‘This sickness will end not in death but in God’s glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.’ Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judaea.’ The disciples

said, ‘Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?’ Jesus replied: ‘Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.’ He said that and then added, ‘Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.’ The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by ‘rest’ he meant ‘sleep’, so Jesus put it plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.’ Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, ‘Let us go too, and die with him.’ On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, ‘If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.’ ‘Your brother’ said Jesus to her ‘will rise again.’ Martha said, ‘I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said: ‘I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ she said ‘I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.’ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, ‘The Master is here and wants to see you.’ Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they

followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, ‘Where have you put him?’ They said, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus wept; and the Jews said, ‘See how much he loved him!’ But there were some who remarked, ‘He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man’s death?’ Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, ‘Take the stone away.’ Martha said to him, ‘Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.’ Jesus replied, ‘Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: ‘Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, here! Come out!’ The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, let him go free.’ Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

**We welcome this week as our Celebrant:**  
Fr Kevin Medilo (Vigil & 10am)

**ST LUKE’S HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: MASS TIMES**

Palm Sunday Vigil Mass – April 1, 5.30pm  
Palm Sunday Mass – April 2, 10am  
Holy Thursday Mass – April 5 - 7pm  
(followed by Adoration and Evening Prayer)  
Good Friday Stations of the Cross re-enactment by students of St Luke’s Catholic College – 10am  
Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion – 3pm.  
Easter Vigil Mass – 6pm  
Easter Sunday Mass – 10am  
**RECONCILIATION**  
Thursday, April 6, 6pm – 6.50pm (before Holy Thursday Mass)

## 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.

## OFFERING TO ST LUKE'S



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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 members, Althea Dela Cruz and Bryce Vinensig, will be attending WYD Lisbon this year and are looking for

support to assist with their financial costs.

You can support them at:

Althea <https://gofund.me/06b538b0>

Bryce <https://gofund.me/2b263c7c>



**Lenten Reflection Session: 1 April**

Join us on Saturday 1 April from 3-5pm at St Luke's Catholic college for a Lenten reflection session, where we will gather to reflect on the spiritual themes of Lent. We will engage in group discussions and prayerful reflection.

## Positions Vacant:

### Policy Coordinator

The Diocese of Parramatta is recruiting for a part-time Policy Coordinator to work within the Chancery. If you have experience in policy writing and tertiary qualifications in Law, HR or compliance, we encourage you to apply. For a confidential chat, call Marie Iemma on 0499 874 420 or email your CV and cover letter to [parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org](mailto:parracatholicjobs@parracatholic.org) More details: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians



Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is preparing men who have been called by God to be good shepherds to serve His people. Will you support our seminarians to humbly serve our faith community? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan this QR code.

**Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their spiritual journey to become priests.**

### CYP Good Friday Night Walk: 7 April

Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from Blacktown to the Cathedral. For more information and to register visit <https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>

### ST LUKE'S SRE COMMISSIONING: 26 March

This weekend at our 10 am Mass, 6 of our parishioners will be commissioned as SRE Catechists to go into Northbourne public school and share the Good News of God's love with the Catholic children that attend the school. Will you consider becoming a part of this ministry for our community? For further information about this vital ministry please contact Catherine & Noel Talam on 0406 783 805/0406 783 805 or email us at: [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

### Caritas Australia Turkey and Syria Earthquake Emergency Appeal



A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Türkiye and Syria. Over 50,000 people have been killed, with many more injured and left homeless. We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe. Your generous donation means our partners in Türkiye and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Visit: [www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey](http://www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

## LENTEN CHALLENGE 2023

### PRAYFASTSERVE

**27 Mar:** Do exercise; pray for discipline

**28 Mar:** Give someone encouragement; pray for hope

**29 Mar:** Pray for your enemy; pray for forgiveness

**30 Mar:** Share uplifting social media contact; pray for positivity

**31 Mar:** Go to confession; pray for God's mercy

**1 Apr:** Do not prank others; pray for mutual respect

**2 Apr:** Attend Mass and offer it for those who are discriminated against

### 2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES AT ST LUKE'S

#### First Holy Communion

Preparation dates (6pm – 7pm):

Wednesday May 10

Wednesday May 17

Wednesday May 24

Sacrament received: June 10 & 11

#### First Reconciliation

Preparation Dates (6pm – 7pm):

Wednesday August 16

Wednesday August 23

Wednesday August 30

Sacrament received: Wednesday

September 6 (6-8pm)

#### Confirmation

Preparation Dates:

Wednesday October 4 (6-7pm)

Wednesday October 11 (6-7pm)

Friday October 20 (7-8.45pm\*)

Wednesday October 25 (6-7pm)

Sacrament received: Sunday

October 29

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am

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

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