

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

Gen 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading

2 Tm 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Gospel

Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the

Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

Gospel focus – A new vision

Peter sees the appearance of Elijah and Moses as a confirmation that Jesus has come to continue the work of the great prophets of the past. Rather than placing Jesus in the old tradition of the prophets, the appearance of Elijah and Moses, together with the voice of God, is to endorse the new direction that Jesus' ministry is taking. Jesus' new vision for the world is informed by the relationships forged between God and the prophets of the past, but it is a vision of a completely different way of relating to God: a much more personal relationship that calls us to respond from the heart to those around us.

- Greg Sunter

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St Luke's Church Building fund

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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



11 March 2023

Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 'Church Building' fundraiser will be on 11th March 8am-4pm at Bunnings Marsden Park. If you would like to assist, please email us at: marsdenpark@parracatholic.org for a link to the roster.



Newly baptised

Please pray for Stefan Simangan who was newly baptised this week in our faith community, that he will carry on the mission of Jesus throughout his life. We also pray for his family and Godparents who will support him on the journey.



ST LUKE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

Save the date: 9 MARCH 2023

Doors open at 4pm

Principal's Address at 4.30pm and 5.30pm (repeated)

Student tours, music, dance, and food displays

Venue is wheelchair accessible

We welcome this week as our Celebrants:

Fr John Frauenfelder (Vigil)

Fr Joseph Nguyen (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.

**Mission: Change their lives ... and yours**

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of

professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code. Enquiries on 95605333 or at www.palms.org.au

Caritas Australia Turkey and Syria Earthquake Emergency Appeal

Following devastating earthquakes in Türkiye (formerly Turkey) and Syria, Caritas Australia's partners are on the ground as they assess the scale of damage and critical needs. Your donation to Caritas Australia can have a profound and lasting impact on those affected by the Turkey, Syria earthquake. By donating, you will help to provide vital emergency aid and essential items needed during a time of crisis. Visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/> to show your support.

Greystanes Parish is hiring! Maintenance and Cleaning

Two employment positions at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, are available for 8-10 hours a week, or the possibility of combining both roles. Role 1: Maintenance and improvement works in the buildings and grounds. Role 2: Cleaning and hygiene care for offices, bathrooms and meeting. Role descriptions are available. Please contact Christine on 9631 8135 or parishoffice@olqp.org.au

Young Adult Faith Formation: 5 March

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 5 March at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd, Minchinbury, at 7pm. Deacon Tom Green will speak and lead discussion on whether faith contradicts rationality. We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

Glenbrook Christians Ecumenical Meal Sharing: From 5 March

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, invite you to their ecumenical neighbours sharing soup and bread for Lent gatherings with their Baptist and Uniting Church neighbours. Join them for a meal and chat on Sunday 5 March at St Finbar's, Sunday 19 March at Glenbrook Baptist and 2 April at St Andrew's Uniting Church. Donations raised will go to the Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group.

LENTEN CHALLENGE 2023**PRAYFASTSERVE**

6 Mar: Pray for a relative; pray for his/her guidance
7 Mar: Help a stranger; pray for understanding
8 Mar: Pray the rosary with family/friends; pray for lasting relationships
9 Mar: Spend a day away from social media; pray for your friends
10 Mar: Participate in Stations of the Cross; pray for the persecuted
11 Mar: Spend time with nature; pray for our common home prudence
12 Mar: Attend Mass and offer it for our country

MET Natural Fertility Session: 8 March

Are you looking for help to track your fertility cycle? Come and explore a Natural, Effective, Healthy and Scientific approach to achieve, space/avoid pregnancy or monitor women's health. Engaged and married couples, single women and those wanting to know more about their menstrual cycles are welcome to attend. This Introductory Session will be presented by Vinetta Lobo, accredited FertilityCare Practitioner Creighton Model. To register or for more information, contact catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or 0400 427 605.

Multi-faith Prayer Service – A Prayerful Call to Divest from Fossil Fuels: 9 March

You are invited to join Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and people of various faith traditions to reflect on our shared responsibility for our common home on Thursday 9 March from 9.30am to 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Together we will pray that faith-based organisations may commit to divesting from fossil fuels (coal, oil, gas) to address the climate crisis. After the service, you are welcome to stay for morning tea. For more information, please contact met@parracatholic.org

Mt Schoenstatt 24 Hours for the Lord: 17 – 18 March

Come and spend some time with Our Lord and Our Lady in the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa, beginning with 6pm Mass on Friday 17 March, followed by Reconciliation from 7:15pm – 10pm. On Saturday, Reconciliation will be held at 10am-12pm, and at 3pm-4.45pm with a Vigil Mass at 5pm. The Shrine will be welcoming people for prayer for the full 24 Hours. Groups to lead prayer are welcome. Contact paulandramani@gmail.com

MGL Sisters Consecrated Life Discernment Weekend: 25 – 26 March

The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters are

creating an opportunity for single women aged 16-35 to come and listen for the voice of Jesus; experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and times of sharing to help you discern your vocation. MGL Sisters' home in Varroville. For more information email mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

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

Building Safe Parishes Together in 2023:

Have you had a chance to complete your Safeguarding Training yet? 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 at: 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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