

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

Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Second Reading

1 Pt 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God’s power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in

the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’ After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’ Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Have you thought?

Jesus says to Thomas, ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ That’s us! Jesus’ words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we – blessed are we – who have not seen and yet still believe!

- Greg Sunter



22 April 2023

Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle ‘Church Building’ fundraiser will be on 22nd

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.

OFFERING FOR ST LUKE’S

To help support the living costs of the clergy and contribute to the operating costs of St Luke’s:

BSB: 067 950

Account No: 0004026

Account name: St Luke’s

Reference: Your name



St Luke’s Church Building fund

BSB: 067 950

Account: 0004307

Account Name: St Luke’s Marsden Park.

Reference: (Your name)



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.

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.

We welcome this week as our Celebrants:

Fr Andrew Hennes (Easter Vigil)

Fr John Hogan (10am)



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>

Positions Vacant:

Policy Coordinator – Diocese of Parramatta
Communications and Digital Manager – Diocese of Parramatta

Communications Assistant – Diocese of Parramatta

More details: parracatholic.org/employment

Executive Assistant (permanent part-time)

– NSW Catholic Conference of Religious Educators in State Schools (CCRESS)

- **Applications close Friday 21 April 2023**

For more information and to apply,

visit <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/executive-assistant-to-ccress-nsw-act/>

Toongabbie Parish is hiring! Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie, is looking for a Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper. This is a permanent part-time position with 30 hours per week worked over five days. Please forward applications and resumes to the Parish secretary at secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au by 18 April 2023. If you would like more information regarding this position, please contact the office on (02) 9631 3316.

Kellyville Parish Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations: 16 April

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville, on Sunday 16 April starting with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1pm followed by a Procession, Rosary, Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet and Benediction before Holy Mass at 3pm. Confessions from 1pm. Piety items for sale. Bring pictures and statues for special blessing. Refreshments available after Holy Mass. Everyone is most welcome.

CCD St Matthew's Gospel Series: Starting 28 April

CCD is hosting Dr Laurie Woods presenting A Study of St Matthew's Gospel - April 28; May 5, 12, 19 & 26.

10 am to 2pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown.

To book please email Maree Collis

ccd.training@parracatholic.org

MET FaithLIFE Scripture Course: Starting 2 May

Want to learn more about different ways to pray? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on "Prayer" with Br Barry Donaghue, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesday: 2 + 9 + 16 May. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

Mission: One Heart, Many Voices

Conference: 3-5 May

Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) invite you to save the date for the sixth biennial national Mission Conference. Three days of professional and personal development focused on mission. Date: Wednesday 3 May to Friday 5 May 2023.

Venue: SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn St, Sydney.

For more information, visit

www.mohmv.com.au.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 6-7 May

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 6 – 7 May. If COVID restrictions prevent a face-to-face weekend, it will be held via Zoom. For further information and to register, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au/

The FaithFeed On The Move: 7 May

Join the search at The FaithFeed live studio audience, hosted by Glenbrook Parish on Sunday 7 May at the parish hall after the 6pm mass. The night will feature faith stories + live music + activities + great conversation. Book now: <https://tinyurl.com/tffregio>

Invitation to Register for free CPR Training

You are invited to register for an accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW as part of a project being offered by The University of Sydney, Westmead Applied Research Centre.

The course runs for 2.5 hours and will be presented at two locations across the Diocese.

*St Thomas Aquinas Springwood on Saturday 13th May beginning at 10am, or

*Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Monday 5th June at 4pm.

Please contact the Office on 8840 8521 for information on how to register.

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. Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.



Newly baptised

Please pray for Archie Abela who was recently baptised 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 his journey.

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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