

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 2:14. 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Second Reading

1 Pt 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel

Jn 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the

flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

Gospel Focus – Life to the Full

John 10:10 is a very famous quote from this gospel passage. Having life to the full does not imply life filled with every convenience, comfort and wealth. Rather, it is about living a life filled with purpose and intent. If we fail to live with purpose and meaning then our life is a hollow shell of what it could be. Jesus came that we may have life – a life that is at its fullest when it is lived in such a way as to be an expression of what Jesus taught and lived.

- Greg Sunter

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)

We welcome this week as our Celebrant:

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Bishop Vincent Long (10am)



'Saints in Training' is back for Term 2! Bring some friends next Friday for a games night! All high school aged students are welcome! Snacks & drinks will be provided (please advise of any allergies)

When: Friday 5th May

What time: 7pm-8.30pm

Where: Marketplace St Luke's

RSVP email: saintlukesyg@gmail.com



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.

Newly baptised

Please pray for Mateo Robles 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.

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.



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:

Communications and Digital Manager – Diocese of Parramatta

Communications Assistant – Diocese of Parramatta

Lead Support – Diocesan Synod

More details

at: parracatholic.org/employment

Diocesan Synod 2023 – The Time is Now!

Join the Diocese of Parramatta as we listen and respond to the Holy Spirit through the People of God in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Let us go forwards towards the horizon that awaits us. Learn more at parracatholic.org/synod2023

REACH - Wellbeing program for people over the age of 18years – 2 May

Reach Recovery Program, designed by the Black Dog Institute.

Tuesday from 10am to 12pm, 2nd May for 9 weeks at Bank Bazaar and Bank Bar & Cafe, 290/294 Windsor Street, Richmond NSW 2753 – Morning Tea provided- Presenter Virginia Field. RSVP: (02) 8843 2500 or email enquiries@ccss.org.au

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/>

Blue Mountains Substance Abuse Information Night: 2 May

Jim McLoughlin, parishioner and member of the NSW Police Force based in Parramatta, will present a talk on substance abuse, its risks and dangers in the Blue Mountains area to local parishioners and community members in the Parish Hall of St Finbar’s Parish, Glenbrook, on Tuesday 2 May at 7.30pm. Contact the Parish Office for more information - secretary@stfinbars.org.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/tffrego>

Young Adult Faith Formation: 7 May

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 7 May at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd, Minchinbury, at 7pm. Tim O’Shea will be discussing ‘What is a human being?’. 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.

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.

Faith in Marriage Seminar: 19 May

The annual Diocesan Faith in Marriage Seminar returns in 2023 with Chris Padgett, American Speaker, Musician, Author and Professor of Theology. This free event will be held on Friday 19 May at 7:30pm at St Paul the Apostle Church, 40 Buckleys Road, Winston Hills. Please register your attendance at marriage@parracatholic.org

Mary Help of Christians Procession: 20 May

Join The Servants of Mary Help of Christians for their annual procession ahead of the Feast of Mary, Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia on Saturday 20 May. Mass will commence at 10am at St Peter’s Surry Hills, followed by a street procession through to St Mary’s Cathedral and Mass at 12pm. All are welcome to attend.



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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.

Communion to the sick: call the office to arrange a time.

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