

**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 10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have

heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

**Second Reading**

Col 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

**Gospel**

Mt 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so

frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples. And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

**Gospel Reflection**

**Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen**

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.' The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

We could take a moment to pray that we are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

- Michael Tate

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

Fr Paul Marshall (Easter Vigil)

Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)



**ST LUKE'S TURNS 5**

**Save the date: 16 April**

Join us to celebrate 5 years as a worshipping Catholic faith community. Enjoy International food, jumping castle, fairy floss and more. After the 10am Mass Sunday 16 April!



**22 April 2023**

Our next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 'Church Building' fundraiser will be on 22<sup>nd</sup>

March 8am-4pm at Bunnings Marsden Park. If you would like to assist, please email us at: [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org) for a link to the roster.

**OFFERING FOR ST LUKE'S**



Scan the QR code and choose Option 2:

**'For your parish's ministry and maintenance'**

and select from parish list **'MARSDEN PARK – St Luke's Catholic Faith Community'**



St Luke's Church Building fund

BSB: 067 950

Account: 0004307

Account Name: St Luke's Marsden Park.

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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>

## 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.

## Positions Vacant:

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

**Communications Assistant** – Diocese of Parramatta

More details: [parracatholic.org/employment](https://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/>

## 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](https://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal) or scan this QR code.

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

## 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.

## Schoenstatt Graces of the Shrine

### Reflection: 16 April

The Men's Ministry at the Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa, is hosting a reflection on 'Mission', one of the graces of the Schoenstatt Shrine on Sunday 16 April from 9am to 10.30am, with an optional Mass at 11am. Having found a home in our Shrine and having had a conversion of heart, how can we now go out in mission and tell the Good News? For more information, please contact Jim on 0432 487 927.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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/](http://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>

## 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](http://www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

## 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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