

**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 8:5-8. 14-17

Philip went to

a Samaritan town and

proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Second Reading**

1 Pt 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

**Gospel**

Jn 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

**Living the Gospel – Live in love**

Throughout the gospel of John, we are reminded of the enduring relationship between Jesus and the Father. A number of times, Jesus announces that he and the Father are one. In today's passage, Jesus also says to the disciples that they can share in this relationship of love. When Jesus speaks about anyone who 'loves' him, he speaks about anyone who lives by his message and seeks to be like him. Anyone who does that will share in the love that exists between the Father and the Son. That invitation is open for each of us today as well.

- Greg Sunter

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

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)



**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 Macey Gleeson who was newly baptised this week in our faith community,

that she will carry on the mission of Jesus throughout her life. We also pray for her family and Godparents who will support her on the journey.

**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)

**Diocesan Synod 2023 – The Time is Now!**



Over the next six weeks, Bishop Vincent is travelling throughout the Diocese listening directly to

people about our Church. Join him to have your say on Saturday 17 June at St Andrew the Apostle Primary School, Marayong. Event starts at 6.30pm with light refreshments. To register for your local consultation visit

[parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://parracatholic.org/synod2023)



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:

### Communications and Digital Manager –

Diocese of Parramatta

### Communications Assistant – Diocese of

Parramatta

### Lead Support – Diocesan Synod

More details

at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### Invitation to Register for free CPR Training

You are invited to register for an accredited CPR Course being offered by Surf Life Saving NSW. The course runs for 2.5 hours and will be presented at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org)

### MET Natural Fertility Seminar – Couples

#### Hoping to Conceive: 20 May

Hear about Restorative Reproductive Medicine and natural methods of achieving pregnancy. Hear from trained professionals the Creighton Model which is used in conjunction with NaProTechnology ([www.fccau.org](http://www.fccau.org)). This free event will be held on Saturday 20 May from 1pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. For more information contact [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or 0400 427 605.

### 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.

### Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

### Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day: 21 May

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, on Sunday 21 May from 10.30am to 3pm, with registration from 10am. Morning tea will be provided, but BYO picnic lunch. No need to register ahead of time. Donations welcome. For enquiries, please contact either Ann Bergman on [anniebergman@hotmail.com](mailto:anniebergman@hotmail.com) or Ann Lomas on [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) or (02) 9653 2637.

### CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

#### PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS: 27 May

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW & Parramatta in celebrating Pentecost 2023 with an uplifting, inspiring encouraging Holy Spirit afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies, Hearing the Word of God, and Prayer Ministry. Date: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 23 Venue: Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills Time: 2pm-5.30pm Enquiries: 9810 2499.

### Quakers Hill Parish Bingo Fundraiser: 3 June

Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill, is hosting a Bingo night fundraiser for our Youth Groups on Saturday 3 June 2023 from 7pm. Bookings now open to secure a seat/table (6 people). We have limited seats so please get in early. Please email the parish office at [parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@maryimmac.org.au)



### Mission: Transform Lives



Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and

knowledge with those who have few other chances for training. Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development. Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code. For further information: RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

### Mary Mackillop Australian Pilgrimage



The Sisters of Saint Joseph offer an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. For a copy of the itinerary

and an application form contact Sr Annie Bond at [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or on 89124818.



'Saints in Training'  
All high school aged students are welcome!  
Snacks & drinks will be provided.

**When:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

**What time:** 7pm-8.30pm

**Where:** Marketplace St Luke's

RSVP email: [saintlukesvg@gmail.com](mailto:saintlukesvg@gmail.com)

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

#### 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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