



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 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard

what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

In the evening of 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.’

Living the Gospel – Come, Holy Spirit

‘Come, Holy Spirit’, or its Latin, ‘Veni Sancte Spiritus’, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to ‘Come’ indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit’s intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

- Greg Sunter



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.

We welcome this week as our Celebrant:
Fr Kevin Redmond (Vigil & 10am)

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: 00004307

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 attendance and to learn more about the Diocesan Synod, visit:

parracatholic.org/synod2023

SOUL FOOD PODCAST

E52 ‘How Welcome can reconnect people to Church’. Pastoral leaders, Tony & Annette, share stories about their faith life journey. Go to:

<https://pffarra.org.au/soulfood/>

What’s happening at St Luke’s ‘Calendar of Events’

2 JUNE – Saints in Training Youth Group in the Hub 7-8.30pm

9 JUNE – Safeguarding training at Bishop Bede Centre 9.30-2.30pm

10&11 JUNE – First Holy Communion Masses

16 JUNE – Saints in Training Youth Group in the Hub 7-8.30pm

17 JUNE – Synod Dialogue at St Andrews Marayong PS 6.30pm

25 JUNE – Thank you ceremony and m/tea for current pledge donors

30 JUNE – Saints in Training Youth Group in the Hub 7-8.30pm

22 JULY – Save the date Dinner Dance church building fundraiser

Positions Vacant:

Claims and Legal Officer – Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close **10pm Monday 5 June 2023**.

More details at:
parracatholic.org/employment

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Aboriginal Catholic Care at Emerton

Will you be the face of Christ for our First Nations people in need? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will support a welcoming place where Aboriginal people can express their identity, share their culture and knowledge within our community, access practical support and development opportunities, and make social connections. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

Pentecost Scripture Evening: 30 May

'Pentecost 2023: Be Empowered by the Spirit' in an evening reflection on the Word of God and the season of Pentecost with Br Barry Donaghue! You and your key contacts are most welcome to attend Tuesday 30 May from 6:30pm to 8:30pm downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/pentecost2023/>

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

Safe Parishes Week: 5 – 11 June

From 5 to 11 June, we celebrate our third Safe Parishes Week in the Diocese. Safe Parishes Week is a tangible reminder of our shared commitment to having a zero tolerance of abuse across our Diocese. The Safeguarding team are presenting a Training Festival of mandatory and elective face to face modules at Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Please contact your Parish Office or maria.kervin@parracatholic.org for the full Safe Parishes Week Training Program.

Catholic Social Services Australia webinar series on The Voice: 29 June and 27 July

Catholic Social Services Victoria, in conjunction with Catholic Social Services Australia, is pleased to invite you to join them for a series of webinars to learn more about the upcoming referendum on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament. Learn from legal, historical and theological experts and

hear from Indigenous people about their experiences, hopes and concerns for The Voice referendum. To book tickets, please visit www.trybooking.com/CHXKH

Free English and Citizenship Classes

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at its All Saints of Africa Centre, 63 Allawah St, Blacktown. Courses are subsidized by the New South Wales Government. Please register to participate in the program by contacting 0477 952 024. You can also contact Nepean Community College on (02) 4724 9000.

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 or on 89124818.

Save Calvary Hospital

There is a petition to the Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly to reverse a decision of the ACT government to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital in Canberra. This removes the ownership and management from Calvary Health Care – a Catholic operator – and gives the ownership to the government-run, non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead. To find out more about the implications of this decision and to sign the petition please visit: www.savecalvary.com.au

National Reconciliation Week – Be A Voice for Generations

Following National Sorry Day on 26 May, we observe National Reconciliation Week, from 27 May – 3 June; an opportunity for Australians to take part in the process of reconciliation. This year's theme **Be a Voice for Generations**, urges all Australians to use their power, their words and their actions to create a better, more just Australia for all of us. Reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians. Visit the ACBC Justice, Ecology and Peace website for resources: socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Building Safe Parishes Together in 2023

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards **all** volunteers in parish ministry are Mandatory Reporters and are required to have completed their

Safeguarding Training. You are invited to register for the Mandatory 6 points of Safeguarding on Friday 9th June 9.30-2.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Marion Street, Blacktown. Please register at: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org If you would like to complete your 6 points online, 'sign up' NOW at: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au> For more information email: maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.



'Saints in Training'

All high school aged students are welcome!

Snacks & drinks will be provided.

When: Friday 2nd June

What time: 7pm-8.30pm

Where: Marketplace St Luke's

RSVP email: 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.

Reconciliation on the fourth Saturday of the month 4.30-5.15pm

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

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