

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

2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there

pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Second Reading

Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

Mt 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Gospel Reflection

The gospel for today can be a difficult one to hear. It calls us to place our discipleship before our loyalty to family and even before our own life. It is important to place this passage in the broader context of not only the chapter in which it sits, but also within the gospel as a whole. Today's passage appears at the conclusion of Chapter 10 in the Gospel of Matthew. The entire chapter deals with the sending out of the disciples to 'proclaim the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy and drive out demons.' (Mt 10:8) The previous chapter concludes with the words, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.' Chapter 10 is a response to this call. Jesus sends the disciples to 'work the harvest' through proclamation, healing and exorcism. At the end of the chapter, having spelt out all the difficulties a disciple must face, Jesus assures them that even the smallest act of welcoming will be rewarded.

- 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.



St Luke's Church Building fund

BSB: 067 950

Account: 00004307

Account Name: St Luke's Marsden Park.

Reference: (Your name)

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

We welcome this week as our Celebrants:

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)



DINNER DANCE FUNDRAISER

Join us for a night of dancing, 3 course Spanish menu with Sangria, Auctions & Prizes!

Theme: Christmas in July

Attire: Semi-formal

When: Saturday 22 July 2023, 7pm-11pm

Where: The Hub St Luke's College

Cost: \$100pp

Contact: 0425 082 607



'Saints in Training'

All high school aged students are welcome!

Snacks & drinks will be provided.

When: Friday 14th July

What time: 7pm-8.30pm

Where: Marketplace St Luke's

RSVP email: saintlukesyg@gmail.com

What's happening at St Luke's 'Calendar of Events'

14 JUL - Saints in Training Youth Group in the Hub 7-8.30pm

22 JUL – Reconciliation 4.30-5.15

22 JUL – Dinner/Dance 7-11pm

23 JUL – Community morning tea; enjoy a cuppa and fellowship (bring a plate of food to share)

30 JUL – Final date for SYNOD submissions

16 AUG – First preparation session for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

20 AUG – Community morning tea; enjoy a cuppa and fellowship (bring a plate of food to share)

26 AUG – Reconciliation 4.30-5.15

Prayer for our Diocesan Synod

*O God, who always walks with us
on the journey of life, we call upon you
to lead us forth united.*

Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod.

Keep us anchored in your love.

Open our hearts as we listen and discern.

*Reveal to us the way we are called
to go out into the deep.*

*Give us the courage to pursue
the mission with bold humility.*

*May we experience renewal in our local
Church today,*

and for generations to come.

*We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ,
who in the power of the Holy Spirit
continues to guide your Church,
to the fullness of your Kingdom now, and
forever. Amen*

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

Aboriginal Catholic Care NAIDOC

Celebrations: 4 July

You are warmly invited to attend Aboriginal Catholic Care's NAIDOC Week celebrations on Tuesday 4 July at 252 Luxford Road, Emerton from 10am to 2pm. The event will include Stalls, Entertainment, Rides, Jumping Castle, Creature Feature, Face Painting, Sausage Sizzles & much more.

CYP LIFTED RETREAT 'Behold': 7 – 9 July

Young people aged 18 to 25 are invited to Catholic Youth Parramatta's LIFTED Retreat: Behold. The retreat will be held from Friday 7 to Sunday 9 July at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Cost: \$125 per person including accommodation for two nights and all meals. Register at: <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat/>

Diocesan Synod Interfaith Consultations: 27 June and 12 July


In response to Bishop Vincent's invitation that all in the diocese engage with the upcoming Diocesan Synod, the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations and the Diocesan Interfaith Commission will be co-hosting a series of consultations on how we are called to walk together with believers from other religions. All are welcome to join in the sessions:
Tue 27 June 6.30-9pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta - tickets at https://events.humanitix.com/synod_interfaith_consults_parramatta
Wed 12 July from 6.30-9pm at St Patrick's Parish, Guildford – tickets at https://events.humanitix.com/synod_interfaith_consultation_guildford

Diocesan Liturgical Conference: 15 July



Save the date for Saturday 15 July at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote speaker as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops. To register go to: www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495, scan the QR code or contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org.

Get #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf: 13 August

Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. Scan this  QR code or visit tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations to register or donate. Funds raised

support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests. **Thank you for getting #Active4Vocations.**

Volunteer for the House of Welcome

Volunteers are needed by the House of Welcome to do odd jobs around properties which house refugees and people seeking asylum. If you are a handyman or woman with a few hours you can donate, contact Maricar at m.tupaea@houseofwelcome.com.au.

FaithLIFE – 3 Night Short Course on Synodal Spirituality: Beginning 22 August

Pope Francis has invited the Church to be more 'synodal'. But what does that mean as an expression of Christian spirituality? Sign up for the 3-night short course on synodal spirituality with Sr Patty Andrew 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesdays: 22, 29 Aug + 5 Sep. @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

Safeguarding Mandatory Modules Face-to-Face Training

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are holding sessions for all parish clergy, staff and volunteers to complete their Mandatory Safeguarding Modules 1-3 throughout July at St Paul the Apostle Parish, Winston Hills.

1. Tues 4 July (12-4.45pm) for Mods 1-3
2. Mon 10 July (6.30-8.30pm) Mods 1-3
3. Tues 11 July (6.30-8.00pm) Mod 2
4. Sat 22 July (12-4.45pm) Mods 1-3

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or winstonhills@parracatholic.org to register for one of these face-to-face opportunities.

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.

2023 SACRAMENTS AT ST LUKE'S

First Reconciliation

Preparation Dates (6pm – 7pm):

Wednesday August 16

Wednesday August 23

Wednesday August 30

Sacrament received: Wednesdays

September 6 & 13(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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