

**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**

Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in

the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to make you understand that one does not live on bread alone but that one lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

**Second Reading**

1 Cor 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

**Gospel**

Jn 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life

from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

**Living the Gospel**

Meals are very important events. Not only do we physically need food and drink to keep ourselves alive, but we use meals to mark occasions and celebrate events. There is a sacredness about gathering with friends and family and sharing a meal together. Stories are told; memories shared; the food is appreciated and more often than not there's a drink to accompany the meal. Treating such occasions with gratitude – as blessed moments of grace – is living out the Eucharistic reality of welcoming Jesus into our lives and seeking to be more like him.

**Gospel Focus – Real Presence**

In the gospel passage, Jesus speaks a number of times about his followers eating his flesh and drinking his blood; 'For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.' In the Eucharist, we celebrate the 'real presence' of Jesus, understanding that bread and wine is changed into the body and blood of Christ. This change does not occur in a physical, observable way. The Church teaches that the 'substance' of bread and wine (what makes them bread and wine in essence) is changed but not the physical attributes. This is known as 'transubstantiation' – change of substance.

- 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)

Fr Kevin Redmond (First Communion)



**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

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

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

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

**17 JUN** – Synod Dialogue at St Andrews Marayong PS 6.30pm

**18 JUN** – Community Morning Tea Enjoy a cuppa; bring a plate to share

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

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

## 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.*

## 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](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

## Refugee Week Creative Showcase: 16 June

Join us for an inspiring event featuring participants of the JRS Australia Leadership Program reflecting on this year's Refugee Week theme: 'Finding Freedom'. Experience a creative showcase including speeches, poetry, short film and art on Friday 16 June at 6pm at the Cloister Room, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Pl, Parramatta. Parking available onsite. RSVP via <https://bit.ly/refugeeweekshowcase>

## Sydney Archdiocese & Parramatta Diocese Multicultural Mass: 18 June

Migrant chaplains and people from all ethnic communities in the Diocese of Parramatta and Archdiocese of Sydney are invited to a Multicultural Mass on Sunday 18 June at 2pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Bishop Vincent Long will be the principal celebrant and all are welcome to attend. Please contact Fr Roland Maurer EV or Kylie Cullen via [immigration@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:immigration@sydneycatholic.org)

## 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](http://www.trybooking.com/CHXKH)

## Diocesan Liturgical Conference: 15 July



The Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on Saturday 15 July 2023 at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong.

Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote speaker. The conference will include a variety of workshops such as nourishing faith in children and discovering sacred art. To register scan the QR code, or contact [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495).

## 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 more information contact Sr Annie Bond at [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or on 89124818.

## 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. 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](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org)



## 'Saints in Training'

All high school aged students are welcome!

Snacks & drinks will be provided.

**When:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

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

**Where:** Marketplace St Luke's

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

## 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: 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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