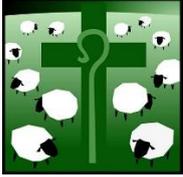




OUR VISION:

"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

Ex 19:2-6

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai,

there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

Second Reading

Rom 5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel

Mt 9:36 – 10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean

spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

Living the Gospel - Apostles, not disciples

There is a lovely distinction in this gospel passage between disciples and apostles. Jesus calls his twelve disciples, commissions them and sends them out to continue his work. From then on, they are referred to as 'apostles'. Disciples are followers, but apostles have been sent out. In our own lives we are called to accept the challenge of being apostles, not disciples. For we are not just followers, we have been sent out by Jesus to continue his work. To be a disciple is just the first step. Disciples follow a path; apostles take the initiative and forge their own path.

- 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 John Frauenfelder (Vigil)

Fr Paul Marshall 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 30th June

What time: 7pm-8.30pm

Where: Marketplace St Luke's

RSVP email: saintlukesvg@gmail.com

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

24 JUN – Reconciliation 4.30-5.15

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

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)

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.

Online Prayer Service for Refugee Week 2023: 20 June

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) and the Office of Justice Ecology and Peace invite you to an online prayer service on Tuesday 20 June at 7.00pm (AEST) to commemorate Refugee Week from 18 to 24 June. The theme of Refugee Week 2023 is Finding Freedom. Please register now at <https://bit.ly/RWPS23>

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

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.

Families called to share their stories with the first Diocesan Synod

Bishop Vincent wants to hear from families and households across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Your stories will inform the direction of our local Church in to the future, through what is known as a synod. Our Diocesan Synod is a process where

people gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. Synods are transformative experiences that lead to renewal in the Church's life. Families and households are encouraged to participate in the Synod at home. The resources can be found at: https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_resources/

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 .

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. To register scan the QR code, or contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org or www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495,

Safeguarding Mandatory Modules Face-to-Face Training

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are organising sessions for 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.

St Luke's Dinner Dance: 22 July

St Luke's at Marsden Park is holding its first ever Dinner Dance on Saturday, July 22 from 7pm at St Luke's Catholic College, Frontier Avenue, Marsden Park. A 3-course Spanish-styled meal with sangria and prizes. All profits will go towards funding the St Luke's Church building. Email marsdenpark@parracatholic.org to arrange your tickets.

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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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