

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**

Jer 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

**Second Reading**

Rom 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

**Gospel**

Mt 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the

ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

**Gospel Focus – Fear**

When scripture uses the term fear, it tends to fall into one of two meanings. When used in the context of 'do not be afraid' or 'fear not', it is a command to not be daunted by the woes and trials that the world imposes. The other use tends to be a command that we should fear God. In this context, the word does not mean to be frightened of God but rather to show proper reverence. To fear God is to stand in wonder and awe rather than to cower and hide. So, fear God, but do not be afraid! One of the messages of Jesus to his disciples is to have courage and to have pride in their belief. No matter what threat or persecution they are to endure, the command is to proclaim the message of Jesus from the house-tops. They are to be proud of what they believe and be prepared to share it with others. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness.

- 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 Celebrant:**

Fr Kevin Redmond (Vigil & 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 30<sup>th</sup> June

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

**Where:** Marketplace St Luke's

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

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

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

**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)

## 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.*

## Watch Bishop Vincent on ABC's Compass

Bishop Vincent features on ABC Compass this Sunday 25 June. Accompanied by Geraldine Doogue, he will show you important places in his life, and you'll hear about his remarkable story and ministry. Watch it on ABC TV at 6.30pm or later on ABC iView.

## 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)

## 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/>


## 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 into 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. Families and households are encouraged to participate in the Synod at home. The resources can be found at: [https://parracatholic.org/synod2023\\_resources/](https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_resources/)

## 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\\_interafaith\\_consults\\_parramatta](https://events.humanitix.com/synod_interafaith_consults_parramatta)  
Wed 12 July from 6.30-9pm at St Patrick's Parish, Guildford – tickets at [https://events.humanitix.com/synod\\_interafaith\\_consultation\\_guildford](https://events.humanitix.com/synod_interafaith_consultation_guildford)

## Diocesan Liturgical Conference: 15 July

 The Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on again in 2023! 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 such as nourishing faith in children and discovering sacred art. To register, please visit [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495), scan the QR code or contact [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org).

## 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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or [winstonhills@parracatholic.org](mailto: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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