

**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 34:4-6. 8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Glory and praise for ever!*

**Second Reading**

2 Cor 13:11-13

Brothers and sisters, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Gospel**

Jn 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

**Gospel Reflection**

The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost – both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, today reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit. God loved the world into being and loved the people so much that God made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. God loved the world and the people so much that God became physically present through Jesus as yet another attempt to draw all people into an awareness of the loving relationship God desired for them. When Jesus could no longer remain a physical presence in the world, God's Spirit became more evident to continue the work of drawing people into that loving relationship with God.

- 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 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

**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'**

**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

## Positions Vacant:

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

More details at:  
[parracatholic.org/employment](http://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](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

## 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](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org) for the full Safe Parishes Week Training Program.

## MET Natural Fertility Zoom: 8 June

Have you ever wondered what Natural Family Planning (NFP) is? In this session we will explore how it's different to contraception and why the Catholic Church encourages us to use it! You are warmly invited to attend a session on Thursday 8 June from 7-8pm via Zoom. To register and receive the link, please contact [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or call 0400 427 605.

## 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. If you have any questions, 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)

## 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](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or on 89124818.

## 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.*

## 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: [saintlukesvg@gmail.com](mailto: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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