

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**

Zec 9:9-10

The Lord says this:  
'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!

Shout with gladness,

daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

**Second Reading**

Rom 8:9.11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers and sisters, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

**Gospel**

Mt 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.

Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

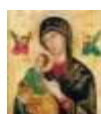
**Living the Gospel – Shoulder my yoke**

Jesus invites us to shoulder his yoke and learn from him for he is gentle and humble in heart. The yoke he invites us to shoulder is the deceptively simple teaching: love God and love your neighbour. To love God is to consciously make a place in our lives for God. The busy spin that tends to be characteristic of so many people's lives today does not allow room for God; does not allow room for prayer and quiet; does not allow room for compassionate response to others. To love God and love our neighbour we must first make room for them.

**Have you thought? Thank God!**

Jesus' quite intimate words to the Father in today's passage carry with them an enormous amount of relief and perhaps released frustration. It is almost a cry of 'Thank God!' for his disciples have finally 'got it'. Jesus blesses the Father for revealing the truth to these simple men whom Jesus had chosen to follow him. The men Jesus chose as disciples were not following another rabbi and so had not been the very best students from their village. They had the education of most children but nothing more – otherwise they would have been following someone else!

- 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)

**We welcome this week as our Celebrants:**

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)

**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

**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

**RSA VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Do you hold a current RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) Certificate? Are you available to volunteer at the Dinner/Dance? We need you! Please call 0425 082 607



**'Saints in Training'**

All high school aged students are welcome!

Snacks & drinks will be provided.

**When:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July

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

**Where:** Marketplace St Luke's

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

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

**16 JUL** – Community morning tea;

Farewell Fr Chris Desouza as he

celebrates his last Mass with us

**22 JUL** – Reconciliation 4.30-5.15

**22 JUL** – Dinner/Dance 7-11pm

**28 JUL** - Saints in Training Youth

Group in the Hub 7-8.30pm

**30 JUL** – Final date for SYNOD

submissions

**11 AUG** – Saints in Training Youth

Group in the Hub 7-8.30pm

**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.

### Positions Vacant:

Assets and Leasing Manager, Diocese of  
Parramatta – Applications close 10pm  
Wednesday 19 July

Communications and Digital Manager,  
Diocese of Parramatta – Applications close  
10pm on Thursday 20 July

Details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### Diocesan Synod Interfaith Consultation:

#### 12 July

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.

Wed 12 July from 6.30-9pm at St Patrick's  
Parish, Guildford – tickets

at [https://events.humanitix.com/synod\\_int\\_erfaith\\_consultation\\_guildford](https://events.humanitix.com/synod_int_erfaith_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](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495), scan the QR code or contact  
[mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org).

### CRA National Justice Seminar: 26 July

Be inspired, challenged, and uplifted as we  
approach the referendum on the  
Indigenous Voice to Parliament.  
Hear from Rachel Perkins, Dr Shireen  
Morris, Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO.  
At L18 Tenison Woods House, 8–20 Napier  
St, North Sydney (9.30am-3.30pm)  
CRA Member: \$160 per person  
Non-member: \$180 per person

Enquiries: Taylor Coutinho 557 2695

[ea@catholicreligious.org.au](mailto:ea@catholicreligious.org.au)

Register online by 20 July 2023 at

<https://events.humanitix.com/cra-national-justice-seminar-lift-your-voice>

### Catholic Social Services Australia webinar series on The Voice: 27 July

Catholic Social Services invites 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)

### Special Needs Support Group: 30 July

Where: Good Shepherd Church

Address: 136 Hyatts Rd Plumpton

Where children with Special Needs and  
their families can come together in faith  
and have an opportunity to share their  
stories and experiences with each other.  
It is also a time for your child to explore the  
church in a quiet environment and spend  
time with Jesus. For more information  
contact Maryrose 0433265579



### 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](http://tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations)  
to register or donate. Funds

raised support our Diocese's seminarians to  
become priests.

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

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

### Safeguarding Mandatory Modules Face-to-Face Training

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are  
holding sessions for all volunteers to  
complete their Mandatory Safeguarding  
Modules throughout July at St Paul the  
Apostle Parish, Winston Hills.  
Mon 10 July (6.30-8.30pm) Mods 1-3  
Tue 11 July (6.30-8.00pm) Mod 2  
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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