

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**

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

**Second Reading**

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.*

**Gospel**

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

**Living the Gospel – Saying 'Yes!'**

In many ways, it is easy to say 'Yes' and not really mean it. Some people do it all the time in their lives. They say 'Yes' when they have no intention at all of following through on their commitment. It's easy to say 'Yes' and not mean it when it comes to faith as well. It's pretty easy to turn up at Church on a Sunday and be seen to be doing the 'right' thing. But if our faith doesn't change the way we live, then maybe we're really saying 'No' to God.

- Greg Sunter



St Luke's Church Building fund

BSB: 067 950

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**OFFERING FOR ST LUKE'S**

To help support the living costs of the clergy and the operating costs of St Luke's:

BSB: 067 950

Account No: 0004026

Account name: St Luke's

Reference: Your name



**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.

**2023 SACRAMENTS AT ST LUKE'S**

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

**St Luke's Feast Day: 22 October**

Let's come together to celebrate our faith and strengthen our bonds as we commemorate St. Luke's Feast Day. The day will begin with a procession and Mass at 10am. Following that, at 11am, we invite all of you to join us for a special St. Luke's Talent Fest, and to bring a plate of food to share with the community from your culture of origin. There will also be lucky door prizes to win.



**Newly baptised**

Please pray for Elissa Sadeghpour and Elias Samonte who were newly baptised this week in our

faith community, that they will carry on the mission of Jesus throughout their lives. We also pray for their families and Godparents who will support them on their journey.

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

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Neil Bulathsinhalage (10am)

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

**4 OCT** – First preparation session for the Sacrament of Confirmation

**11 OCT** – HSC exams begin today

**22 OCT** – St Luke's Feast Day celebrations

**28 OCT** – Reconciliation 4.30-5.15pm

## 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.

### Positions Vacant:

Prevention, Healing and Support Specialist  
(Diocese of Parramatta)

Applications close 13 October 2023

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

### Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others?

The Mission Enhancement Team's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: <https://pfparr.org.au/soulfood/>

### Catholic Care Circle of Security Education Program: Starts 11 October

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is running an online parenting series via Zoom for parents or caregivers of children from birth to 18 to make sense of what your child is really asking from you, and how to strengthen the parent-child relationship. The sessions will run each Wednesday from 10am to 12.30pm from 11 October to 29 November. The cost is \$105, with discount available to eligible families. Register at 88432500; email [enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au](mailto:enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au)

### Catholic Care Keeping Kids in Mind Education Program: Starts 16 October

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, in partnership with CatholicCare Broken Bay, CatholicCare Sydney and CatholicCare Wollongong, are running a five-week online program via Zoom on supporting children following family separation. The course begins with a pre-session on 16 October from 6pm to 7pm, with a session each Monday from 6pm to 8.45pm from 23 October to 20 November. The cost is \$10 for workbooks and minimum postage fees. All participants must participate in a pre-group interview. For enquiries, please contact 8843 2500 or email [enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au](mailto:enquiries@catholiccarewsbm.org.au)



### Extract from a letter from Bishop Vincent re the Referendum on the Voice to Parliament

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Referendum on October 14, 2023 on the Voice to Parliament, will be a critical moment in the life of our nation. It will have implications for what kind of society we want ourselves to be.

I believe that just as a YES vote to the Referendum in 1967 (which recognised First Nations People as part of the Australian population) was a heart-felt YES, a YES vote to the Voice referendum in 2023 is a YES to a better future for Australia. Indeed, a more civilised and gracious response to a history littered with violence is hard to imagine. For despite much progress since European settlement, we must redress the near destruction of our First People's ancient spirituality and culture. The Church was regrettably complicit in this.

Enabling our First Nations People to have a say on the issues that affect them is a matter of the heart, common sense and justice.

The First Nations leaders invite us to join them on a journey of hope. The Voice to Parliament is one significant step which will empower them to participate in the process of healing. It will also acknowledge the unique place that First Nations People have. They have a relationship with this country that no other group of Australians has. They have lived sustainably and cared for the land, waterways, plants and animals for over 60,000 years. Non-Indigenous Australians are beneficiaries of their rich heritage, wisdom, culture and spirituality. It is unacceptable that there should exist a growing divide between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Peoples are the most disadvantaged and marginalised people in Australia. We cannot be comfortable with the status quo when it is linked to the oppression of the past. We will not be a fully mature nation until the unique place of our Indigenous brothers and sisters is enshrined, celebrated and strengthened. We need to walk with them, day by day, and work with them to bring about change for the better - for their people and for all of us. Strengthening our relationship with our Indigenous brothers and sisters is integral - and indeed critical - to the strengthening of the whole nation. Yours sincerely in Christ,  
Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen  
OFM Conv STL DD

### MET Natural Fertility Creighton Model System Information Session: 21 October

Are you looking for help to track your fertility cycle? Come and explore a Natural, Effective, Healthy and Scientific approach to achieve/space/avoid pregnancy or monitor a women's health. If you'd like to learn the Creighton Model FertilityCare System, this free session (valued at \$125) and gives you all the information you need to be ready for Session 2. To register and receive your Zoom link or for more information, contact 0400 427 605 or [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org)

### Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died, and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water, and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)



### Carols: 8 December 5.30-7.30pm

Our St Luke's 2023 Christmas Carols will be held on 8 December. It will be a joint event with

St Luke's Catholic College. Sing along to your favourite Carols, grab a sausage sandwich, and say hello to Santa. Once again we will be offering a raffle with \$1,000 cash as the first prize. Further details to follow.

### 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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