

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

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with

the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred

denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Have you thought?

The parable sees the unforgiving servant putting his fellow servant in prison 'until he paid back the debt'. This is almost exclusively what prisons were used for until only a few hundred years ago. When a person could not repay a debt, they were held in prison until the debt was paid. Of course, being in prison, they had little opportunity to repay the debt themselves and relied on friends and relatives to repay the debt on their behalf. To pay someone's debt was to 'redeem' them. The earliest ideas of Christ as a 'Redeemer' were based on the idea of Christ paying a debt on behalf of humankind.

Living the Gospel – Just like Peter

Throughout the gospels, Peter is a fantastic example of the common person. He has insights of faith at times but usually messes it up with his next breath. His question in this week's gospel is one that any one of us might ask. I try to do what's right, but how long do I have to hang in there? There has to be a limit to patience with someone who keeps upsetting me, surely? Jesus shows us that if we operate from a motivation of compassion and a desire to constantly build relationships that are life-giving for both parties, then there is no end to the number of times that we try to re-build that relationship.

- Greg Sunter

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 Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)



St Luke's Church Building fund

BSB: 067 950

Account: 00004307

Account Name: St Luke's Marsden Park.

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.



'Saints in Training'

All high school aged students are welcome!

Snacks & drinks will be provided.

When: Friday 29th September

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 SEP – Reconciliation 4.30-5.15pm

29 SEP- Saints in training Youth Group gathering 7-8.30pm

4 OCT – First preparation session for the Sacrament of Confirmation

13 OCT – Saints in training Youth Group gathering 7-8.30pm

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.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Season of Creation: 1 September – 4 October

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical celebration and this year's theme is, 'Let Justice and Peace Flow'. It starts on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and ends on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. In his message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Creation, Pope Francis reminds us that the next chapter in the Church's synodal journey will begin at the conclusion of the Season of Creation. He hopes that this synodal journey will foster deeper communion enriched by greater dialogue. To learn more, please contact our Peace, Justice and Ecology team via met@parracatholic.org

Diocesan Interfaith Commission Walking Together for Peace gathering: 21 September

The Interfaith Commission Diocese of Parramatta invite you to an interfaith gathering to mark the UN International Day of Peace. This is an opportunity to have real conversations and positive dialogue with people from faiths different to your own. The gathering will be held on Thursday 21 September from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To RSVP, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/walking-together-for-peace>

Ordination to the Presbyterate: 21 September

Bishop Vincent Long and the Diocese of Parramatta invite you to the Ordination to the Presbyterate of Tom Green on Thursday 21 September at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please RSVP to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org if you can attend. We hope you will be able to join us at this joyous event for our Diocese and our faith community.

Glenmore Park St Padre Pio Feast Day Celebrations: 21-24 September

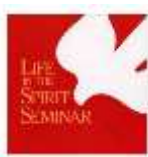
Everyone is invited to join us for our parochial feast of St Padre Pio. Three Day Triduum: Thursday 21 & Friday 22 September – 7pm Novena & Mass Saturday 23 September - 5.30pm Novena and Vigil Mass Feast Day: Sunday 24 September - 10am Solemn Procession with the Relic of St. Padre Pio, Mass, Veneration and Blessing. Address: 34 William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park. Enquiries: (02) 4789 2232 or glenmorepark@parracatholic.org

Blacktown Parish Golf Day 2023: 29 September

The parish community of Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown, is inviting golfers to join their Parish Golf Day, which will take place on Friday 29 September from 7am at Stonecutter Ridge Golf Course - 86 Stonecutters Drive Colebee NSW 2761. All funds raised at this event will go towards the repair of our church roof at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. For further information and/or to register to participate click the website: <https://www.mqofblacktown.org/golfday2023> or contact the parish office: 9622 1125 or admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

Spring | Season of Creation 2023 Catholic Outlook Magazine out now!

The Spring | Season of Creation 2023 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is out now! In this edition, we welcome home our World Youth Day pilgrims and we ground ourselves spiritually and environmentally in this Season of Creation. Pick up your free copy from the Welcome table or read it online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine



Life in the Spirit Seminar: 23&24 September

United in Love Prayer Group presents 'Life in the Spirit' Seminar

When: 23 & 24 September, 9am-4pm
Where: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Hall 12 Swanston St, St Mary's NSW 2760
*Free lunch
*Child minding facility available
For further information contact Ana on 0415168950

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

As we approach the joyous occasion of St Luke's Feast Day on October 22nd we are thrilled to announce a day of celebration that promises to be both spiritually enriching and full of community bonding. The day will begin with Mass at 10 am, where we will gather to honour our Patron Saint and seek his intercession. Following the Mass, at 11am, we invite all of you to join us for a special St. Luke's Talent Fest. This is a unique opportunity for each member of our Faith Community to shine and share their God-given talents with our parish family. Whether you sing, dance, play an instrument, or have any other talent, we encourage you to step forward and be a part of this celebration of unity, love, and Christ's values. Please express your interest in participating in the Talent Fest by emailing marsdenpark@parracatholic.org. Let us come together, celebrate our faith, and strengthen our bonds as we commemorate St. Luke's Feast Day. We look forward to sharing this memorable day with all of you.

Carols: 8 December 5.30-7.30pm

Our St Luke's 2023 Christmas Carols will be held on this day. It will be a joint event by St Luke's Catholic College and St Luke's Catholic Faith Community. Lots of great Carols and other Christmas songs by students at the college and our own choirs. And, 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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