

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**

Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

**Second Reading**

Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel**

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son’s wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. “Tell those who have been invited” he said “that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.” But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready; but as

those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.” So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, “How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?” And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

**Gospel Reflection**

Who you ate with in Jesus’ time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as ‘lesser’ by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week’s gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus’ message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the ‘right’ people to attend his son’s wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus’ time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, ‘bad and good alike’, is a reflection of Jesus’ own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: ‘He eats with tax collectors and sinners!’ One of Jesus’ strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that

has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the ‘lesser’ people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of 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

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**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://stlukemarsdenpark.org.au/>

We have a team of prayer

warriors ready to pray for your requests.



**Newly baptised**

Please pray for Zion Velasquez, Camilla Loyola, and Gacinta Ruiz 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 Kevin Redmond (Vigil & 10am)**

**What’s happening at St Luke’s  
‘Calendar of Events’**

**20 OCT** – Saints in Training youth group gathering in the Hub 7-8.30pm (with this year’s Confirmation class)

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

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

**2 NOV** – All Souls Mass 7pm

## 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:

Communications Manager – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close** 10pm on Wednesday 1 November 2023.

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

### Diocesan Synod: Plenary Indulgence

A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, during the time of the Diocesan Synod (13 to 15 October) – devoutly visit the church in which the Synod is being held, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, and there recite one Our Father and the Creed (Nicene or Apostles'). In order to receive the indulgence, the three usual conditions of going to confession, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father must also be met. For more information please visit <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/indulgw.php>

### Free FirstCPR Training Vouchers

16 October is World Restart a Heart Day, a global initiative to raise awareness about the importance of CPR. FirstCPR, to which the Diocese of Parramatta is an organisation member, is offering a free training voucher for people wishing to learn CPR. To receive the voucher contact the FirstCPR team at: [warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au](mailto:warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au) with the subject 'WRAH Day CPR training voucher'. For more information call 0412 369 519 or contact [warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au](mailto:warc.firstcpr@sydney.edu.au)

### 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)

### Ministry of Communion to Sick & Dying Workshop: 21 October

On Saturday 21 October, the MET Worship team will be offering an ongoing formation session for Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying. It will be held from 9:30am until 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. We have limited spaces available so please RSVP to Mary by 16 October at [mary.gale@parracatholic.org](mailto:mary.gale@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

### 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.

### Glenbrook Parish Biblical and Theological Lecture Series: 24 October

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, invite you to the next session of their Biblical and Theological Lecture Series on Tuesday 24 October from 7.30pm at the parish hall, 52 Levy Street, Glenbrook. Dr Debra Snoddy, lecturer in Biblical Studies at the Catholic Institute of Sydney, will be presenting on women in the bible. Cost of entry is a donation. To RSVP, please contact [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au)

### Pastoral Ministry Network Alive in the Spirit Conference: 25 October

The Pastoral Ministry Network (PMN) invites you to the Alive in the Spirit Conference on Wednesday 25 October from 10am to 4pm at Hornsby RSL. Discover and celebrate how our Australian faith communities creatively live out God's mission, to inspire and grow participation and community through 2 keynote addresses and 10 interactive workshops. Tickets are \$99 for PMN members and \$149 for non-members. Book now via <https://www.trybooking.com/CLCTP>. For enquiries email [info@aliveinthespirit.com.au](mailto:info@aliveinthespirit.com.au)

### Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 29 October

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 29 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate

Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register at [marriage@parracatholic.org](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) or phone 8838 3460 by 20 October. Family and friends are welcome.

### 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. Donate at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

### Volunteer for the House of Welcome

Volunteers are needed by the House of Welcome to do odd jobs around properties which house refugees and people seeking asylum. If you are a handyman or woman with a few hours you can donate, contact Maricar at [m.tupaea@houseofwelcome.com.au](mailto:m.tupaea@houseofwelcome.com.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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