

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 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his

vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who

planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.” So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord’s doing and it is wonderful to see? ‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’

Have you thought? The benevolent landowner

One of the images from this gospel that would have been puzzling to the audience and may have tipped them off that Jesus was telling a parable with a particular message, is the image of the landowner being incredibly benevolent and tolerant of his rebellious tenants. Jesus’ audience would have known that the law was always on the side of a landowner over his tenants. Any misdeed by a tenant farmer would have been dealt with swiftly and severely and yet the landowner in Jesus’ story (God) is almost unbelievably patient and prepared to give the tenants every opportunity to do the right thing.

- Greg Sunter



St Luke’s Church Building fund

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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://stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au/>

We have a team of prayer

warriors ready to pray for your requests.

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 Eleandre Peralta who was newly baptised this week in our faith community, that he will carry on the mission of Jesus throughout his life. We also pray for his family and Godparents who will support him on his journey.

We welcome this week as our celebrant:

Fr John Fraunfelder (Vigil)

Fr Kevin Redmond (10am)

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

11 OCT – HSC exams begin; please pray for our students

22 OCT – St Luke’s Feast Day celebrations

28 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:

Prevention, Healing and Support Specialist
(Diocese of Parramatta)

Applications close 13 October 2023

Details at: 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

Celebrate the opening of our first-ever Diocesan Synod: 12 October

All members of the faithful young and young at heart are invited to celebrate the beginning of the first-ever Diocesan Synod at LIFTED Live in the Forecourt: Bridge to the Synod on Thursday 12 October at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from 6.30pm. We're inviting our entire Diocesan community to experience and celebrate our young Church with live music, prayer, stalls, games and more!

World Rosary Day: 13 October

All Catholics around the world are invited to pray the Holy Rosary together on Friday, October 13 at 3:00pm (Sydney time). The

date marks the 106th Anniversary of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to three children. Go to: worldrosaryhour.com



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

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



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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