

**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**

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

**Second Reading**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

**Gospel**

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here!

Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

**Living the Gospel – Living in hope.**

A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen **to** them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!

- Greg Sunter



St Luke's Church Building fund

BSB: 067 950

Account: 00004307

Account Name: St Luke's Marsden Park.

Reference: (Your name)

**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.



**Newly baptised**

Please pray for Miguel Rosete 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 the journey.

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

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)

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

**17 NOV** – Saints in Training Youth Group 7-8.30pm

**25 NOV** – Reconciliation 4.30-5.15pm

**26 NOV** – Community morning tea

**3 DEC** – Last day for Vinnies donations

**8 DEC** – Carols 5.30-8pm

**23 DEC** – Reconciliation 4.30-5.15pm

*Christmas Mass times*

**24 DEC** – 7pm & 11pm

**25 DEC** – 10am

**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:

Facilitator – Marriage – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Monday 13 November 2023.**  
Youth Coordinator (part-time) - St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill – **Applications close Thursday 30 November 2023.**  
Details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## Celebrating Catholic Unity: Inside the Diocese of Parramatta's Historic First Synod! Our Diocese concluded its first-ever Synod over the weekend of 13 – 15 October 2023.

It was a momentous event that brought together 280 faithful from across Western Sydney to discuss the future of the local Church. Experience the historic culmination of our Diocese's inaugural Synod in this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PltRCgSPLng>. Want to know more about what's next? Visit [parracatholic.org/synod2023](http://parracatholic.org/synod2023) to stay updated.

## Mass and prayers for deceased clergy: 17 November

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to its second annual Mass for our deceased clergy on Friday 17 November at 10.30am at St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill, followed by prayers at the gravesites of clergy buried in Pinegrove Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and give your gift of prayer to those whose lives were dedicated to bringing us all closer to Christ.

## World Day of the Poor – A Message of Hope: 19 November

The World Day of the Poor, established by Pope Francis, serves as a direct call to action inspired by the Gospel's message of compassion and service to those less fortunate. It is a reminder of our Christian duty to reach out to the poor and marginalized and engage in acts of charity, love, and inclusion. Read the Pope Francis' message for the World Day of the Poor here: [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/2023\\_030613-messaggio-vii-giornatamondiale-poveri-2023.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/2023_030613-messaggio-vii-giornatamondiale-poveri-2023.html)

## Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day: 19 November

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day on Sunday 19 November from 10am at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. There will be meditation, presentations and prayer with the monks. Mass will be celebrated. Morning tea will be provided but bring your own picnic lunch. Contact Ann Lomas on [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) or call (02) 9653 2637.

## Toongabbie Legal Centre 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Fundraising Dinner: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 5.30pm.

Celebrating our 16<sup>th</sup> year of free legal service to the community.  
Venue: Blacktown Leisure Centre, Sentry Drive, Stanhope Gardens  
Visit: [www.tlc.asn.au](http://www.tlc.asn.au)



## Local World Youth Day and Leaders Commissioning Mass: 26 November

CYP invites all youth leaders, new school leaders and young people to the annual Local World Youth Day & Leaders Commissioning Mass on Sunday 26 November 3.30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Greystanes. The Youth Mass will give thanks for the Youth ministry year so far and bless all leaders for their 2024 ministry year. For catering purposes, please RSVP to [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org).



## 2023 Knox Public Lecture Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm

Live videostream via Zoom  
"Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins"  
Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ  
To book scan the QR code or go to [trybooking.com/CMYVM](http://trybooking.com/CMYVM)  
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## 60<sup>th</sup> Year of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy Commemorative Mass: 4 December

Bishop Vincent invites all to join him in a commemorative Mass to mark the 60th Anniversary of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy) to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Monday 4 December at 7.30pm. Please RSVP for catering purposes to 0460 037 795 or Hannah Portelli [hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org](mailto:hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org)



## Caritas Australia's Global Gifts Cards

Caritas Australia's Global Gifts Christmas cards are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact. Each gift represents a donation that will support vulnerable communities to create a brighter future. Order now to receive in time for Christmas at [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au) or scan the QR code.



All food items for donation to the Vinnies Christmas Hampers due 3<sup>rd</sup> December:  
Christmas pudding/Fruit cake/Mince Pies  
Tea/Coffee/Long life Milk  
Milo/Hot Chocolate Powder  
Pancake Mix/Sweet biscuits  
Jam/Vegemite/Honey  
Tins of Fruit/Jelly  
Savoury biscuits/Potato Chips  
Breakfast Cereals/Muesli Bars  
Tin Vegetables/Tuna/Tin Ham  
Pasta/Pasta Sauce/Cooking Sauce  
Couscous/Rice  
Chocolates/Confectionery/Bon bons  
Custard (non-refrigerated)

## Carols: 8 December 5.30-8pm



Our St Luke's 2023 Christmas Carols will be held on 8 December. Once again, we will be offering a raffle with \$1,000 cash as the first prize.

## We need your help!

The more volunteers we have, the more successful the event will be. The more successful the event is, the more funds go towards our future church building. If you can help us out with bringing food, baking cakes, selling raffle tickets, cooking the BBQ, decorating the Marketplace, or selling fairy floss/popcorn/drinks please email us at [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org), call 8840 8521, or talk to us after Mass.

## 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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