



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

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of

pearls. Her husband’s heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers and sisters, about ‘times and seasons’, since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, ‘How quiet and peaceful it is’ that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers and sisters, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all children of light and children of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-15. 19-21

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir”, he said “you entrusted me with five talents;

here are five more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.””

Living the Gospel – Bring forth the Kingdom.

Like the original audience of Matthew’s gospel, we can sometimes rely too much on God to bring about the Kingdom in our world. Like the lazy servant in the gospel, we can fall into the trap of handing the world back to God in exactly the same condition that we received it. We have to make a difference in the world! We are called to change the world and bring it closer to the realisation of the Kingdom. The only way that we can do that it is to live our lives as if the Kingdom is already here.

- 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.

We welcome this week as our celebrants:

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)
Fr Joseph Nguyen (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.

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, call 8840 8521, or talk to us after Mass.

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

- 25 NOV** – Reconciliation 4.30-5.15pm
- 26 NOV** – Community morning tea
- 3 DEC** – Last day for Vinnies donations
- 3 DEC** – Volunteers morning tea
- 8 DEC** – Carols 5.30-8pm
- 23 DEC** – Reconciliation 4.30-5.15pm

Christmas Mass times

- 24 DEC** – 7pm & 11pm
- 25 DEC** – 10am


Positions Vacant:

Liturgy Administration Support – Mission Enhancement Team, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 24 November 2023**
Youth Coordinator (part-time) - St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill – **Applications close Thursday 30 November 2023**
Details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Celebrating Catholic Unity: Inside the Diocese of Parramatta's Historic First Synod!

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 to stay updated.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care chaplaincy services

 Will you support our chaplains to listen with the ear of the heart? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our 15 Catholic Care chaplains to provide pastoral, spiritual, and sacramental support to seriously ill, lonely, and distraught people this Christmas. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal via the QR code or at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

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

 **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 or scan the QR code.

Toongabbie Legal Centre 16th Annual Community Fundraising Dinner: Saturday 25th November 2023 5.30pm.


Celebrating our 16th year of free legal service to the community.
Venue: Blacktown Leisure Centre, Sentry Drive, Stanhope Gardens
Visit: 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.

2023 Knox Public Lecture Tuesday 28th 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
Enquiries: ☎: +613 9412 3333 📧: vi.panganiban@ctc.edu.au 🌐: ctc.edu.au

Br Barry Donaghue Preparing for Advent Series: Starting 29 November

Br Barry Donaghue cfc is offering 90-minute Advent presentations held on Wednesday evenings, 7:30pm-9pm for 4 weeks beginning 29 November. Each presentation will be scripture based and have time for questions, reflection and small group conversation. The presentation will be held at Mary Rooms at Edmund Rice Retreat Centre Winbourne, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa. Please contact 0478 408 337 or bgdonaghue@edmundrice.org for enquiries.

'Eugene Stockton: Blue Mountains Hermit' Book Launch: 3 December

The Blue Mountain Education & Research Trust cordially invite you to our Book Launch of 'Eugene Stockton: Blue Mountains Hermit' at 2pm Sunday 3 December at Mid Mountains Community Centre, 9 New St Lawson. Please direct any enquiries to contact@bmert.com.au.

60th 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



All food items for donation to the Vinnies Christmas Hampers due 3rd 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)

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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