

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

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those

on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Gospel Focus – The Final Judgment

Often referred to as 'The Final Judgment', this gospel presents an understanding of judgment and punishment that reflects the theology and culture of the first century. It is an image that has continued to dominate Christian art and theology for most of its history: the idea of God sitting in judgment on the final day and weighing up each individual's actions. It is often applied very literally and it is a dominant image of God represented in the media – TV sit-coms and movies often draw on the image. It is a literalist image of God that needs to be challenged. We must remember that the focus of the gospel passage is on the call to action for justice.

- 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:

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 celebrant:

Fr Kevin Medilo (Vigil & 10am)

Carols: 8 December 5.30-8pm



Our St Luke's 2023 Christmas Carols will be held on 8 December.

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'

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

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:

Youth Coordinator (part-time) - St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill

– Applications close Thursday 30

November 2023

Details at: parracatholic.org/employment



Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care chaplaincy services

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 via the QR code or at

yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

Liturgical Ministry Course returns in 2024

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795

or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>



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.

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

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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.

Young Adult Faith Formation: 3 December

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 3 December at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd, Minchinbury, at 7pm. Fr Tom Green will talk about and lead discussion on Religion and Politics. We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

'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

Glenbrook Parish Christmas concert: 10 December

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, invite you to their annual Christmas concert event on Sunday 10 December at 7.30pm in the parish church. The evening will include choir and musical performances alongside themed readings for Christmas. Suggested donations for entry are \$15 for individuals and \$35 for families. For enquiries, please contact 0421 105 017.



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
- 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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