

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

Job 7:1-4. 6-7

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth
nothing more than pressed

service, his time no better than hired
drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the
shade, or the workman with no thought but
his wages, months of delusion I have
assigned to me, nothing for my own but
nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder,
'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How
slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till
twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's
shuttle my days have passed, and vanished,
leaving no hope behind. Remember that my
life is but a breath, and that my eyes will
never again see joy.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since
it is a duty which has been laid on me; I
should be punished if I did not preach it! If I
had chosen this work myself, I might have
been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a
responsibility which has been put into my
hands. Do you know what my reward is? It
is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer
the Good News free, and not insist on the
rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I
have made myself the slave of everyone so
as to win as many as I could. For the weak I
made myself weak. I made myself all things
to all men in order to save some at any
cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the
gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with
James and John straight to the house of
Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-
in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they
told him about her straightaway. He went
to her, took her by the hand and helped her
up. And the fever left her and she began to
wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to
him all who were sick and those who were
possessed by devils. The whole town came
crowding round the door, and he cured
many who were suffering from diseases of
one kind or another; he also cast out many

devils, but he would not allow them to
speak, because they knew who he was.
In the morning, long before dawn, he got
up and left the house, and went off to a
lonely place and prayed there. Simon and
his companions set out in search of him,
and when they found him they said,
'Everybody is looking for you.' He
answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the
neighbouring country towns, so that I can
preach there too, because that is why I
came.' And he went all through Galilee,
preaching in their synagogues and casting
out devils.

Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel follows directly on from
last week's reading and, as is typical with
Mark's gospel, the events occur on the very
same day. The urgency of the gospel is
obvious in this week's reading; Jesus had a
very busy 24 hours! Having launched his
public ministry in the synagogue earlier that
day, Jesus accompanies his new disciples to
meet some of their family and have a meal.
However, on arriving at the home of Simon
and Andrew, they find Simon's mother-in-
law is sick. Unlike the public displays of his
healing power that preceded and will follow
this episode, Jesus does not say anything
but simply takes the woman by the hand
and helps her up. Her response of
beginning to wait on Jesus and his disciples
is a faith response and a recognition of who
Jesus is. A theme that runs through this
gospel is that the disciples never fully
understand who Jesus is. Here, a woman
who has just met him recognises him as the
Messiah and begins to serve him.
Still on the same day, we see the expansion
of Jesus' healing ministry. On this one day
he has cast an unclean spirit out of a
possessed man in the synagogue, healed
Peter's mother-in-law of a fever and then
healed the crowds of people who came to
the door. The next morning he announces
that they will take the ministry to the whole
region of Galilee. In a very simple way, the
gospel of Mark has described the growth of
Jesus' ministry from very humble isolated
examples to a deliberate reaching out to
the people of an entire region.

- Greg Sunter



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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 welcome this week as our celebrant:
Fr Joseph Nguyen (Vigil & 10am)**

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

9 FEB – Saints in Training Youth Group
7-8.30pm in the Marketplace

14 FEB – Ash Wednesday Mass 7pm

24 FEB – Reconciliation 4.30-5.15pm

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.

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 mary.gale@parracatholic.org or email marsdenpark@parracatholic.org to arrange for an enrolment form.

ACU Memorial Mass and Public Lecture of St Josephine Bakhita: 8 February

Australian Catholic University and the Diocese of Parramatta are hosting a Memorial Mass on the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of South Sudan and victims of modern slavery and human trafficking, on Thursday 8 February at 12.30pm at ACU's St Josephine Bakhita Campus, Blacktown. Following Mass, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will deliver the first *St Josephine Bakhita Public Lecture* on campus. All welcome.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training

Opportunities for face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, this coming February.

*Monday 5 February (9.30am – 2.30pm) – Modules 1-3: For those new to Parish Ministry or for those who have not yet completed the initial training, or

*Monday 12 February (10am – 1.30pm) – Modules 4-5: Renewal Safeguarding Training is for those in Parish Ministry who completed Cycle 1 Training two years ago.

To register for this training go to:

<https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

For more information email:

safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Music for Lent Workshop: 8 February

Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for Lent on **Thursday 8 February** 2024 from 7pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Mission Enhancement Team. To RSVP, please contact lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or call 0460 037 795 by 6 February 2024.

Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: 10 February 2024

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 10 February 2024 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish,

Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVP by 6 February 2024 to mary.gale@parracatholic.org

Diocesan Memorial Mass of St Josephine Bakhita: 11 February

Join Bishop Vincent for the annual Diocesan Memorial Mass of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan, and Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. It will be held at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Sunday 11 February at 12.30pm, followed by fellowship, food, and community entertainment. All are welcome to attend.

Christian Meditation

Introduction and Renewal Day: 18 February

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day on Sunday 18 February from 10am to around 3pm at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. There will be an introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers with periods of meditation for ongoing meditators, presentations and prayer with the monks. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon. Morning tea will be provided, but please bring your own picnic lunch. Donations are welcome. For enquiries, please contact Ann Lomas on atlomas@bigpond.com or call 0437 340 250. Accommodation enquiries can be addressed to Fr Michael Kelly on 0455 329 607.

Bishop Vincent presents a conversation with Monsignor Tomas Halik: 12 February

The Diocese of Parramatta invites you to a conversation with Czech priest and theologian Monsignor Tomas Halik on Monday 12 February at 6pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta. Registration is free, but places are strictly limited. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/events/tomashalik/> to register.

MET FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course:

Tuesday Evenings 13, 20, 27 February

Looking to learn more about the Bible? Interested in the theme of women in the Bible through the Gospel of Matthew? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Scripture short course with Dr Debra Snoddy on Tuesday evenings 13, 20 and 27 February! Registration and more dates and details via <https://parracatholic.org/connect/event/s/?series=faithlife> OR get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

Glenbrook Parish Aspects of the Eucharist Talks: 21 and 28 February

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a series of talks exploring the fundamental aspects of the Eucharist with Chris Ohlsen on Wednesday 21 and 28 February at 7.30pm at the parish. Entry is via gold coin donation. To RSVP, please email glenbrook@parracatholic.org

Celebrating Holy Week: Formation for Ministers of the Altar: 9 March

The Office for Worship presents 'Celebrating Holy Week' – a workshop for current Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar presented by Chris Ohlsen. It will be held on Saturday 9 March from 9:30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To register or for more information, call 8838 3456 or contact lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org by 5 March 2024.

Adult Faith Formation opportunities in 2024

Preparing for marriage or know couples who are? Looking to learn more about the Bible, spirituality, theology or practical skills for ministry? Searching for encouragement and growth by listening to life & faith stories from adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s? View and share a copy of the 2024 adult faith formation calendar (link: <https://shorturl.at/grLV3>) OR get in touch with the team to learn about more formation opportunities via met@parracatholic.org

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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