

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

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
Filled with the Holy Spirit,
Peter said: 'Rulers of the

people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a disabled man, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel

John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Gospel Reflection

Reflecting on Jesus' discourse on the good shepherd, Pope Francis suggests we focus on three verbs: hear, know, and follow. Firstly, we are called to 'hear the voice of the shepherd'. This, as the Pope points out, means being open to listening. Too often, the Pope says, 'we are overwhelmed by words and by the urgency to always have something to say or do.' We need to make time and space and effort for the good shepherd's voice to cut through our frenetic business and our own noisemaking. Secondly, we are called to contemplate what it means to be known by the good shepherd. This knowing, the Pope points out, means more than knowing superficial facts about us like what we did yesterday. The sort of knowing Jesus speaks of is much more profound: God understands; He loves. Thirdly, having heard the good shepherd's voice and accepting that we are known and loved, each one of us is called to follow the good shepherd. 'What do those who follow Christ do?', the Pope asks. 'They go where he goes, along the same path, in the same direction.' This means seeking the lost, giving practical aid to those in need, and being compassionate to all. Ultimately, we are called to allow ourselves to be shepherded. Sometimes this means being called out of our wayward tracks, at other times it might mean moving on from familiar pastures. Either way, we are called individually, but not to travel alone.

- Nick Brodie

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If you have prayer needs, please visit our website:

<https://stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au/>

We welcome this week as our Celebrants:

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)



Newly baptised

Please pray for Emilia Santiago, James Searle, and Tamsyn & Colton Stitt who were newly baptised this week in our faith community, that they will carry on the mission of Jesus throughout their lives. We also pray for their family and Godparents who will support them on their journey.

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 centre of constant missionary outreach.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

27 APR – Reconciliation

5 MAY – New St Luke's member event

12 MAY – Mother's Day

15 MAY – Preparation begins for First Holy Communion (in the Hub 6-7pm)

19 MAY – Pentecost morning tea

25 MAY - Reconciliation

Youth Mass 'Round the Diocese: 21 April

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Wondering what goes on around our Diocese? Mass 'Round the Diocese' is just that! Our young people are visiting different churches around for Mass and fellowship. The next Mass will be at The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, on Sunday 21 April for 6pm Mass. For more information, please contact Sr Christine Ramada CSFN on csfn.cristina@gmail.com

Natural Fertility Billings Ovulation Method Instruction Session: 23 April

The next session in our Natural Family Planning series is our first for the Billings Ovulation Method®. Meet Margaret Coakley, accredited Billings teacher, and you'll be set up to chart immediately to help you reach your family planning goals. The session will be held on Tuesday 23 April from 7.15pm to 8.15pm via Zoom. To register or for further information, please contact Catherine on 0400 427 605 or at catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org.

Voluntary Assisted Dying healthcare workshop: 4 May

The Diocese of Parramatta is organising a free healthcare workshop to explore the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Voluntary Assisted Dying statement: "To Witness and to Accompany with Christian Hope" on Saturday 4 May at the St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Lunch will be provided. To register at met@parracatholic.org. For enquires, please contact Deacon Michael Tan on michael.tan@parracatholic.org

Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening: 15 May

What does the Holy Spirit look like in your life? How can Scripture stretch our imagination when comes to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit? Register for the Diocesan Pentecost Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr Michele Connolly rsj on Wednesday 15 May 2024 – 6:30PM to 8:30pm. RSVP via QR or get in touch with the team via met@parracatholic.org

Pentecost Eve Anointing: 18 May

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on Saturday 18th May at Servants of Jesus Centre 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4-7pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential, register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true>

Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal for our Holy Spirit Seminarians

Will you support our seminarians to "go out into the deep" and serve? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will help our future priests cast their nets wide to nurture faith and meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of our community. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.

Caritas Australia Sudan Crisis Appeal

Following the outbreak of conflict in Sudan a year ago, 25 million people - including 14 million children - now need humanitarian assistance and support, according to the United Nations. Caritas partners in Sudan have distributed food, as well as delivering cash assistance, water and hygiene services and gender-based violence protection. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Sudan Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/sudan or phone 1800 024 413.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 27 April at Our Lady of the Way Parish, Emu Plains, for Modules 4 and 5. Register at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training> For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Adult Faith Formation opportunities 2024

Looking to learn more about the Bible, spirituality, theology, or practical skills for ministry? View 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



You are invited!

Sydney Catholic Singles meetup group. **ALL AGES WELCOME!** To join the group, search 'Sydney Catholic Singles' on Meetup.com

Get updates on St Luke's news and events

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BLOCK ROSARY

Welcome the statue of Our Lady of Fatima to your home and pray the Holy Rosary every day for your intentions and the intentions of our community and the Holy Father. Bring home the statue after the Sunday 10am mass and return 10 minutes before the Saturday 5:30pm mass. Register your interest on the roster next to the tap device.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2024

First Holy Communion

(For children who have made their First Reconciliation in 2023 or earlier). Parents to attend each session. Preparation dates (6pm – 7pm):

- Prep 1- Wednesday, May 15
- Prep 2 - Wednesday, May 22
- Prep 3 - Wednesday, May 29
- Sacrament received: Saturday, June 1 (5.30pm) and Sunday, June 2 (10am)

First Reconciliation

Parents to attend each session. Preparation Dates (6pm – 7pm):

- Prep 1 - Wednesday, August 7
- Prep 2 - Wednesday, August 21
- Prep 3 – Wednesday, August 28
- Sacrament received: TBC but most likely Wednesday, September 4 (6pm to 8pm)

Confirmation

(For children who are in Year 6 or above.) Parents to attend each session except Fri

- October 20. Preparation Dates:
- Prep 1 - Wed, Sept 18, 6pm – 7pm
- Prep 2 - Wed, October 16, 6pm – 7pm
- Prep 3 - Fri, October 18, 7pm to 8.45pm (*as part of St Luke's Youth Group)
- Prep 4 - Wed, October 23, 6pm – 7pm.
- Sacrament received: Sunday October 27, 11.15am Mass.

WEEKEND MASSES

- Saturday 5.30pm
- Sunday 10.00am

Baptisms available every second Sunday after Mass. Apply via email.

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