

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

Exodus 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances.

In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

Gospel Reflection

Pope Francis points that at the Last Supper Jesus 'breaks himself apart'. In doing so, the Pope suggests, Jesus shows his followers 'that the aim of life lies in self-giving.' The Pope reminds us that 'we find the greatness of God in a piece of Bread, in a fragility that overflows with love, that overflows with sharing.' In the fragility of the Eucharist, the Pope adds, we find 'the strength of the love that becomes small so it can be welcomed and not feared.' The Pope also highlights how the Eucharist reveals 'the strength to love those who made mistakes.' It was on the night he was betrayed, with Judas at the table, that Jesus 'responds to Judas' "no" with the "yes" of mercy.' 'When we receive the Eucharist,' the Pope explains, 'Jesus does the same with us: he knows us; he knows we are sinners; and he knows we make many mistakes, but he

does not give up on joining his life to ours. He knows that we need it, because the Eucharist is not the reward of saints, no, it is *the Bread of sinners.*'

'The Eucharist,' the Pope says, 'is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' That being the case, this Sunday we might do well to ask ourselves what situation or person we are being strengthened to help.

- Nick Brodie



AN ALTERNATIVE TO OUR TAP DEVICES

You can now avoid the queues at our tap devices and contribute to our St

Luke's collections by scanning this QR code. 30% of funds support the living costs of our clergy and 70% goes to the operating costs of St Luke's.



St Luke's Church Building fund

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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 Shinto Francis (Vigil)

Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)

Fr Gayan Thamel (11.30am)



Newly baptised

Please pray for Christabel Nwalozie who was newly baptised this week in our faith community, that she will carry on the mission of Jesus throughout her life. We also pray for her family and Godparents who will support her on the journey.

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

16 JUN – Stg 2 School Mass

16 JUN – Community morning tea

22 JUN – Reconciliation

23 JUN – Kindy school Mass

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

Get updates on St Luke's news and events



If you are currently not receiving our weekly email update, please scan this QR code and fill in your details.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal for Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth



Will you strengthen the dignity of struggling mums?

Your compassionate generosity and prayers will provide struggling

mums with the practical and emotional support they need to overcome adversity and build a better future for themselves and their families. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan this QR code.

Winbourne Being Pentecost People Reflection Day: 8 June

The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day 'Being Pentecost People' on Saturday 8 June from 9.30am to 3pm. After his resurrection, with the admonition from the Last Supper to 'be Him', Jesus Christ still calls us towards both contemplative and active life. Cost is \$30 per person, BYO Lunch. For more information or to book, contact (02) 4773 5555 or email info@winbourne.org

Mass for Neophytes: 14 June

Each year, Bishop Vincent celebrates a special Mass for all those who have entered the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil that year. It is a wonderful opportunity to welcome back many new Catholics who were newly baptised into the family of God, along with their families and all the RCIA teams. This year it will be held on Friday June 14 at 7:30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. RSVP for catering purposes to lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org by 7/6.

Adult Confirmation prep: 24 August

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 24th August 9.30-2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. The confirmation will take place on Tuesday 27th August 2024 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS



Standard 3: Families and communities are informed and involved

The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to keeping children, young people, and vulnerable adults safe. We have processes in place to keep this commitment. The Diocese Safeguarding website has links to Government and non-Government safeguarding websites with useful information for parents in relation to keeping their children safe (<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding>). It's not always easy to know where to start the "safety" conversation, but a range of resources are available to parents on what to discuss and even how to approach the conversation!

Age Specific Information -

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/>

Personal Safety -

<https://www.napcan.org.au/tips-for-talking-to-children-about-personal-safety/>

Online Safety -

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are offering initial and renewal face-to-face training throughout June:
Monday 3 June from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown for **Modules 1-3 for those who are new to ministry**
Tuesday 11 June from 10.30am to 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre for **Modules 4-5 for those who have completed Modules 1-3 in the last two years.**

Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>

For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

St Luke's Dinner Dance 2024

Saturday 27 July 2024

7-11pm

Tickets available in June
**free onsite childminding for the early birds



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 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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