

**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**

Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40  
Moses said to the people:  
'Put this question to the  
ages that are past, that

went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

**Second Reading**

Romans 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.*

**Gospel**

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and

of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

**Gospel Reflection**

When Pope Francis instituted the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2015 he said the following: 'Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.' 'With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze,' the Pope went on to say, 'we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness.'

The Pope reminds us that Jesus showed us what mercy looks like. 'The signs he works, especially in favour of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion.'

Which shows us what kind of community our Merciful God calls us to be. 'Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life,' declared Pope Francis, reminding us that 'nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy.' 'All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers,' he stresses.

'From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God,' the Pope concludes, 'the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends.'

- 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://stlukemarsdenpark.org.au/>

**We welcome this week as our Celebrant:**

**Fr Jonas Donasco (Vigil & 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 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.

**St Luke's Dinner Dance 2024**

Saturday 27 July 2024

7-11pm

Tickets available in June

\*\*free onsite childminding for the early birds



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

**2 JUN** – First Holy Communion Mass

**9 JUN** – Stg 2 School Mass

**16 JUN** – Community morning tea

**22 JUN** – Reconciliation

**23 JUN** – Kindy school Mass

## Synod 2023 Update: Local Think Tank Sessions from May-June

Parishes across the diocese are holding local Think Tank Sessions, inviting local leaders and anyone involved in ministry to offer feedback on the Draft of the Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church. For more info visit [parracatholic.org/synod](http://parracatholic.org/synod)

## Celebrate *Laudato Si'* Week: Seeds of Hope (16-24 May)

Are you ready to sow "Seeds of Hope"? Join the Catholic Church around Australia and worldwide in celebrating *Laudato Si'* Week. This annual commemoration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* encourages us to care more deeply for God's creation. Useful resources at [linktr.ee/met.pje](http://linktr.ee/met.pje)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral.

## Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage: 15 October

Join the official Pilgrimage created and led by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart for the last 28 years. An all-inclusive 12-day organised pilgrimage to sacred sites in VIC, SA & NSW. For more

information phone (02) 89124818 or email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or [www.marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au)

## Expression of Interest: Ministry to the Sick in Hospitals

Are you interested in bringing Communion to the Sick in the Hospitals of the Diocese? You will receive formation and information necessary for this ministry. Note you will not be required to do this every week but will be placed on a roster. For more information, please contact [bernard.ellis@catholiccarewsbm.org.au](mailto:bernard.ellis@catholiccarewsbm.org.au) by 15 June 2024.

## 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**  
Monday 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/event/s/?series=safeguarding-training>  
For more information, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

## Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others?

The Mission Enhancement Team's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: [www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food](http://www.parracatholic.org/resources/soul-food)



## 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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