



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 38:1. 8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Let us cross over to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, ‘Master, do you not care? We are going down!’ And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Quiet now! Be calm!’ And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, ‘Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?’ They were filled with awe and said to one another, ‘Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.’

Gospel Reflection

In 2020, Pope Francis stood alone in St Peter’s Square in Rome and reflected on this Gospel passage. ‘We find ourselves afraid and lost,’ he said. ‘Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm.’

At the time, while a pandemic raged, the Pope spoke of the need for joint action for the good of all. ‘We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented,’ he said, before adding that this meant we are ‘all of us called to row together.’ Moreover, as the Pope reminds us, we never need to row alone. Jesus is always there for us when we call.

For the apostles, Jesus was in the boat. He was present, even as his disciples flailed about, worrying what would become of them. In fact, as the Pope notes, Jesus was ‘in the stern, in the part of the boat that sinks first.’ Whatever our trials, we should always know that Jesus is there with us. And, the Pope adds, we can trust that Jesus understands. Tellingly, Jesus does not only calm the wind. As the Pope puts it, ‘once they have called on him, he saves his disciples from their discouragement.’

- Nick Brodie

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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 Celebrant:

Fr Jonas Donasco (Vigil & 10am)



St Luke’s Dinner Dance: 27 July 2024 (7-11pm)

Tickets now available

(Free onsite professional childminding available - must be booked prior to 30 June)



Use this QR code to purchase tickets or see fundraising team after Mass.



BLOCK ROSARY

Welcome the statue of Our Lady of Fatima to your home. Take the statue home after the Sunday

10am Mass and return before the Saturday 5:30pm Mass. Register your interest on the roster next to the tap device.

What’s happening at St Luke’s ‘Calendar of Events’

28 JUN – Saints-in-Training Youth Group in the Hub 7-8.30pm

7 JUL – Community morning tea & volunteer drive

27 JUL – Reconciliation 4.30-5.15pm

27 JUL – Dinner dance 7-11pm

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

Caritas Australia's Papua New Guinea Landslide Disaster

Hundreds of people are displaced and many more affected by a devastating landslide that struck a remote village in Papua New Guinea. Your urgent support is needed now. You can donate online at www.caritas.org.au/png or 1800 024 413

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: 28 – 30 June

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Join the team on 28-30 June 2024 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book online via www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Rouse Hill Parish Carlo Acutis First-Class Relic Visit: 29 – 30 June

Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill, will host a First Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis throughout the weekend of 29 and 30 June. Opportunities to venerate the relic will be held on Saturday between 11am and 12pm and 4.30pm to 5.30pm before the Saturday Vigil Mass. Blessed Carlo's International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles will also be open on Saturday from 9.30am to 4.30pm and Sunday 9am to 5pm. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 8883 4063 or email parishoffice@ourladyoftheangels.org.au

Youth Mass-Round the Diocese: 30 June

Looking for some young adults to worship with? Our young people visit different churches around the Diocese for Mass and fellowship afterwards with new and known friends. The next Mass will be at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood, on Sunday 30 June for 9:30am Mass. Please join us after Mass for a picnic at Buttenshaw Park. For more information, please contact Laura Burton on laura@stbernadette.org.au

CYP LIFTED Retreats:

Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual LIFTED Retreat is back, with three separate retreats catering to different age groups!

5-7 July – Ages 18-24 at Carmel House, Varroville. Cost \$150.00.

12 July – Ages 16-18 at The Shrine of the Holy Innocents in Kellyville, free of charge.

19-21 July – Ages 25-35 at Mt Schoenstatt, cost \$150.00.

Registration is essential! Please head to parracatholic.org/events for more details.

Upper Blue Mountains Parish Carlo Acutis First-Class Relic visit: 5 – 7 July

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, will host a First Class Relic and the International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles by Blessed Carlo Acutis from Friday 5 to Sunday 7 July at St Canice's Church, Katoomba. The exhibition will be open from 1-3pm on Friday and 10am-3pm on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 4782 2804 or email bluemountains@parracatholic.org

Adult Confirmation 2024 Formation Day: 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 24 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$25 is suggested. For more information contact Lucy Woodbury on lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Great Saints of Italy Pilgrimage with Fr Chris del Rosario: October 2024



Join Fr Chris on a breathtaking pilgrimage in the footsteps of some of Italy's most well-known saints. Pilgrimage commences 21 October 2024. For more details scan the code or visit www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/great-saints-of-italy/.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust Applications open

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. For more information and application forms visit pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship. Applications close 31 July 2024.

Mount Schoenstatt Shrine Time Holy Hour for Youth and Young Adults

The Mount Schoenstatt community invite youth and young adults for Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month from 7pm to 8pm at the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa, followed by a social gathering afterwards. There will be opportunities for praise and worship, prayer, reflection, confession and benediction. For more information, please contact Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or srrita@schoenstatt.org.au

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. The Diocese Safeguarding website has links to safeguarding websites with useful information for parents in relation to keeping their children safe. (<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding>).

Free English and Citizenship Classes

Available at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills, on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 2pm during school terms. Free childcare is available. Mamre Crèche 8843 2506 or Nepean Community College 4724 9000.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2024

First Reconciliation

Parents to attend each session 6-7pm:

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 18. 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

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30-5.15pm once a month

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