

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**

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the

extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

**Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

**Gospel**

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him. Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus,

and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.' While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it and told them to give her something to eat.

**Gospel Reflection**

Reflecting on this Gospel passage, Pope Francis points out that the key protagonists are not disciples of Jesus in the strict sense of the term. They are drawn to him. They reach out to him for help. They are followers, of a sort, but not yet fully-fledged disciples.

Nonetheless, it was with such people open to faith that Jesus worked miracles. As the Pope suggests, these protagonists 'show Jesus as the wellspring of life, as the One who restores life to those who trust fully in him.' 'From this,' the Pope affirms, 'we understand that all are permitted on the Lord's path.' The Pope reminds us that 'no one should feel as an intruder, an interloper or one who has no right.' Our parishes therefore should always be places of welcome and inclusion. 'To have access to His heart,' the Pope says, 'there is only one requirement: to feel in need of healing and to entrust yourself to Him.' That is true for us, and true for those who wish to join us. The Pope wants us to remember that Jesus 'has brought us the infinite mercy of the Father' and that we 'are called to learn and imitate' him. With our words, our gazes, our actions, and our attitudes, we are called to welcome and nurture the gift of faith wherever we might find it.

- Nick Brodie

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

Fr Thomas Bui (Vigil)

Bishop Vincent Long (10am)

**St Luke's Dinner Dance: 27 July 2024**

**(7-11pm)**



\*\*Tickets now available\*\*



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St Luke's Church Building fund

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

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

**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](http://www.caritas.org.au/png) or 1800 024 413

## 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](http://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](mailto:bluemountains@parracatholic.org)

## Bishop Vincent presents Dr Myriam Wijlens: 5 August

Internationally recognised Dutch theologian, ecumenist and consultor to several Vatican bodies, Dr Myriam Wijlens will be coming to Australia to deliver a series of free public lectures on the topic of 'The prophetic voice of the laity in the renewal of the Catholic Church.' To register, please visit [parracatholic.org/drmyriam](http://parracatholic.org/drmyriam)

## 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. 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](mailto: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/](http://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/great-saints-of-italy/).

## 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. For more information, please contact Sr M Rita on 0493 026 628 or [srrita@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto: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>).

## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



## Newly baptised

Please pray for Justine Mamaril 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.

## 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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