



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**

Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, ‘Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.’ ‘I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.’ Amos replied to Amaziah, ‘I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”’

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 1:3-10

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted children, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

**Gospel**

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any

place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

**Gospel Reflection**

Reflecting on this Gospel passage, Pope Francis draws our attention to the ‘style’ of mission Jesus wanted his followers to undertake. Firstly, the Pope reminds us that this is Jesus’ mission. It is Jesus who summons the disciples. He sends them out. He instructs them. Whatever authority they have, they received from him. This means the mission is about service to and for Jesus. As the Pope points out, this means that ‘the Apostles have nothing of their own to proclaim, nor any abilities to manifest.’ Rather, ‘they speak and act as “emissaries”, as messengers of Jesus.’ Every Christian is called to reflect this style of apostolic mission, ‘radiating from a centre, reaffirming the presence and work of Jesus.’ We manifest this through the things we do – visiting, helping, healing. The way we do such works is important too. This is the Pope’s second point. The style of Jesus’ mission should have the ‘face’, or look, or feel, of Jesus. Our good work is hindered when we are cloaked in sanctimony or self-concern or when we are burdened by fear of change or failure. We are pilgrims, the Pope says, ‘not celebrities on tour’. Our mission will be most effective when it is authentically modest, ‘free and unhampered, without reserves and without favours.’ Confident in Jesus, we are called to be what the Pope calls ‘humble workers of the Kingdom’.

- Nick Brodie



**St Luke’s Church Building fund**

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If you have prayer needs, please visit our website:

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



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

\*\*Tickets now available\*\*



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

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

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Fr Joseph Nguyen (10am)

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

**27 JUL** – Christian Life Program

**27 JUL** – Reconciliation 4.30-5.15pm

**27 JUL** – Dinner dance 7-11pm

**18 AUG** – Community morning tea

**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.



**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.

### Holy Hour for Vocations: 19 July

Join us at St Patrick's Church, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown with Fr Tom Green on Friday 19 July from 6.30pm, followed by Mass, to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. If you are interested in becoming a priest or would like more information, please contact our Director for Priestly Vocations, Fr Galbert Albino on (02) 4773 4321, 0450 821 812 or email [galbert.albino@parracatholic.org](mailto:galbert.albino@parracatholic.org)

### CYP LIFTED Retreats:

Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual LIFTED Retreat is back!

**19-21 July** – Ages 25-35 at Mt Schoenstatt, cost \$150.00. Registration is essential! Go to [parracatholic.org/events](https://parracatholic.org/events) for details.

### Jesuit Refugee Services Showcase Evening: 19 July

In the spirit of Refugee Week, please join us for a special event featuring a showcase by leaders with lived experience from the JRS Australia Refugee Leadership Program. The event will be held on Friday 19 July in the St Patrick's Cathedral Hall from 6pm. Attendance is free. Optional \$30 donation is available for those able to contribute. RSVP at <https://events.humanitix.com/refugee-week>

### Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening: 25 July

You are invited to a Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening with keynote speaker John Lochowiak, Chair of NATSICC. The event will reflect on the 2023-24 Social Justice Statement "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People" on 25 July 2024, 6pm, The Epping Club (45-47 Rawson St, Epping). Please register by 17 July at [trybooking.com/ctcfo](https://trybooking.com/ctcfo)

### Winbourne Key Learnings from Mark's Gospel Reflection Day: 27 July

The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day on key learnings from the Gospel of Mark on Saturday 27 July from 9.30am to 12.30pm. The cost is \$15 per person. For more information or to book, contact (02) 4773 5555 or email [info@winbourne.org](mailto:info@winbourne.org)

### Safeguarding Kids Art Competition

As part of our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person, the Diocese of Parramatta is running our first Art competition for children and young people! Children and young people aged between 5 and 19 are invited to produce an artwork around the theme "My Church community is a safe place for me". Entries close on **Friday 26 July**. For more information and to enter visit [parracatholic.org/artcompetition](https://parracatholic.org/artcompetition)

### Safeguarding Face-to-face Training

#### Opportunities: 27 July

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 27 July at St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens for Modules 1-3. Register directly for this training at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>  
For more information email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)



### Are you up for fun, fitness, and fellowship? Get

#### #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf on Sunday 11 August

Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. Scan this QR code to register or donate or visit [tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations](https://tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations) to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests. **Thank you for getting #Active4Vocations.**



### Liturgical Formation Course: 9 September

The next Liturgical Formation course for those interested in serving in the parish as a Liturgical Minister (Reader, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Minister to the Sick and Dying or a Minister at the Altar) will start on 9 September. Application forms available at the Welcome Table or contact [lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795 to enrol. For more information: <https://parracatholic.org/contribute/volunteer/liturgical-ministry/>



### CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

Standard 4: *Equity is upheld, and diverse needs are taken into account*

The Diocese of Parramatta upholds equity and takes into account diverse needs through:

- \*Its Commitment to an encounter of radical love, inclusiveness, and solidarity for all people
- \*Supporting refugees and asylum seekers
- \*The Safeguarding Council – Members are from diverse circumstances and backgrounds
- \*Provision of financial assistance to those experiencing hardship
- \*Training for staff and volunteers on Elder Abuse Awareness, vulnerable adults and children, and domestic and family violence
- \*Advocating for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, refugees, and asylum seekers

\*Recruitment practices which include principles of equity and diversity

\*Equal opportunities for staff, volunteers, gender equality, race, age, religion, marital/family status, sexual orientation, or disability

For more information go to <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding> or phone 8838 3429



### 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.

### 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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