



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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them anymore; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! ‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’;

for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Gospel Reflection

‘Compassion’, Pope Francis says, ‘is born from contemplation.’ This, he intimates, is the essence of today’s Gospel passage. ‘If we learn to truly rest,’ he says, ‘we become capable of true compassion.’

As the Pope points out, Jesus recognised that his disciples needed rest. None of us can or should be busy all the time. There is a danger for Christians, the Pope warns, ‘to be caught up in the frenzy of doing things, to fall into the trap of activism’.

We should always remember that the crowd went to meet Jesus. They sought him out because his message was attractive and attracting.

‘How many times this happens in the Church’, the Pope suggests, where ‘we risk neglecting Jesus and ... make ourselves the centre.’ Sometimes parishes are burdened with so many corporate evangelisation plans, programs, and pastoral activities that people are wearied. The Church, at every level, occasionally needs to pause and listen for the crowd that is searching for Jesus. As the Pope reflects, ‘only a heart that does not allow itself to be taken over by hastiness is capable of being moved’. Jesus saw the people and understood their needs. Through us he is still trying to, if only we will slow down and let him.

- Nick Brodie



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If you have prayer needs, please visit our website:

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE VIGIL MASS ON 27 JULY WILL BE HELD IN THE HUB DUE TO THE DINNER DANCE IN THE HALL THAT NIGHT!



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 & **Mass in the Hub**
- 27 JUL** – Dinner dance 7-11pm
- 15 AUG** – Assumption Mass 7pm
- 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.

Vale Bishop Kevin Manning (2 November 1933 – 15 July 2024)

The Diocese of Parramatta mourns the death of Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, the second Bishop of Parramatta, who died peacefully on Monday 15 July in Bathurst, NSW, at the age of 90. The Diocese of Parramatta owes much to his leadership and vision, and we pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks to God for his earthly life. The funeral Mass for Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning DD will be held on **Friday 2 August 2024 11am** at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta.

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

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

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>

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.' Dr Myriam will be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta as part of its "Bishop Vincent Presents" series on Monday 5 August at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 6pm. To register, please visit parracatholic.org/drmyriam



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 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 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

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



BLOCK ROSARY

Take the statue home after the Sunday 10am Mass and return before the Saturday 5:30pm Mass. Register your interest on the roster at the welcome table.

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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