



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

Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to

complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, ‘Why did we not die at the Lord’s hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day’s portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.’

‘I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, “Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.”’ And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, ‘What is that?’ not knowing what it was. ‘That’ said Moses to them ‘is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.’

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God’s way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel

John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered: ‘I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?’ Jesus gave them this answer, ‘This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.’ So they said, ‘What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’

Jesus answered: ‘I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ ‘Sir,’ they said ‘give us that bread always.’ Jesus answered:

‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.’

Gospel Reflection

Pope Francis encourages us to remember that ‘Jesus came to bring us something more’ than just food or even miracles. Jesus seeks ‘to open our lives to a wider horizon.’ Jesus, the Pope points out, ‘encourages the people to go a step further’ than being receivers of bread. Jesus wants his followers to ponder ‘the significance of the miracle, and not simply to take advantage of it.’ In a sense, the crowd in this Gospel passage got hung up on spiritual work and gain. They ask: what must they do? Jesus says: believe in him. ‘What work will you do?’, they ask in turn. It is as if their relationship with God was transactional. Jesus wants his followers to avoid this sort of thinking. ‘This is a common temptation’,

the Pope says, where ‘the crowd wants to know from Jesus which actions it must perform in order to please God.’ The reality which Jesus reveals is quite the opposite. Rather, as the Pope puts it, ‘faith in Jesus allows us to carry out God’s works.’ It is, after all, the giver of life itself who is the giver of bread. That creative love precedes any of our thoughts or actions. We receive God’s love by recognising its presence. Which in turn allows us to play our part in making it present to others.

- Nick Brodie



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If you have prayer needs, please visit our website:

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

We welcome this week as our Celebrant:

Archbishop Bejoy D’Cruze (Vigil & 10am)

Assisted by Deacon Jerome D’Rosario

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

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

7 AUG – Prep sessions for Sacrament of Reconciliation start 6-7pm

15 AUG – **Assumption** Mass 7pm

18 AUG – Community morning tea and commissioning of the new Pastoral Council members

24 AUG - Reconciliation 4.30-5.15pm

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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.

Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church: 10 August

The Diocese of Parramatta is excited to announce that the launch and release of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church is only 2 weeks away Saturday 10 August. The pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synodal journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese. For more information, visit parracatholic.org/synodality.



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.**

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 17 August at St Madeleine Sophie Barat Parish, Kenthurst, for Modules 4-5. Please register directly for this training by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more info go to: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

ACBC Absent from the Table Survey

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass. The survey, for those who self-identify as Catholics and are 18 years and over and

who do not regularly attend weekly Mass on Sunday, is anonymous and will close on 20 August. The survey and information about the project can be found at <https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>

Diocesan Season of Creation Mass: 1 September

The Diocese of Parramatta's Laudato Si' Action Team and Sacred Heart Parish Blackheath invite you to Mass with Bishop Vincent Long to launch the Season of Creation 2024 (1 September – 4 October) on Sunday 1 September at Sacred Heart Church, Blackheath, at 9.30am. Morning tea will be served after Mass. Let us join in praise and celebrate the gifts and wonders that God bestows on us.

St Phoebe Webinar 2024: 3 September

Australian Catholics Exploring the Diaconate, supported by Catholic Religious Australia invite you to the 2024 St Phoebe webinar "Where are St Phoebe's successors today?" on Tuesday 3 September at 7.30pm AEST. Join Geraldine Doogue AO, Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO and Dr Sandie Cornish to reflect on synodality and access for women to the diaconate. To register, please visit www.liturgyonthemargins.org/events

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 by:

- *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
- *Advocating for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, refugees, and asylum seekers
- *Equal opportunities for staff, volunteers, gender equality, race, age, religion, marital/family status, sexual orientation, or disability

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



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.

The Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet:



Wednesdays 7pm

Join Katherina in prayer via Zoom each Wednesday evening 7pm, The Holy Rosary, Litany to St Joseph, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Meeting ID: 872 9929 7896 Passcode: 908680. Join Katherina in praying the Holy Rosary on the 13th of each month via Zoom Meeting ID: 861 8463 9187 Passcode: 459184

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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