

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

Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no
resistance, neither did I turn

away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.*

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Season of Creation Reflection

After Jesus spoke of a future involving personal suffering and political rejection Peter remonstrated with him. Jesus in turn rebuked Peter, explaining that such thinking was not of God. Much of the import of this short exchange seems to hinge on the openness of Jesus' assertions. Peter reacted not only to what Jesus said but the way he said it. Jesus' warnings were not given in secret but declared openly.

It is rather understandable that Peter was worried. Perhaps he thought that Jesus would attract unwanted attention from the authorities, or that his gloomy talk would put off potential followers. Either way, Jesus was having none of it. The truth, however dangerous or unpopular, should not be hidden.

Hearing this Gospel during the Season of Creation we might contemplate what truths get hushed up today. Do we encourage our leaders to speak openly about pollution and climate change, or do we collude in their silences? Does our society condemn or condone littering? Are our parishes in environmental denial, or models of sustainability and ecological responsibility? Ultimately, facing even the darkest future with hopeful action is a key part of Jesus' message. Christ's followers are called to bear their share of the cross and face tomorrow's problems today.

- Nick Brodie



St Luke's Feast Day Celebration & Talent Fest: 20 October

Show off your skills and talents. Whether it's singing, dancing, playing an instrument, marital arts, or something extraordinary. We want to see it!

To express your interest please email marsdenpark@parracatholic.org
Registration will remain open until 25th September, or until all spots are filled.



St Luke's Church Building fund

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If you have prayer needs, please visit our website:

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

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.

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'*

18 SEP – Confirmation prep session 1, 6pm in the Hub

21 SEP – Reconciliation 4.30-5.15pm

22 SEP – Stage 6/HSC Mass

29 SEP – Recognition event for current Pledge donors

20 OCT – St Luke's Feast Day celebrations

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



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.

Positions Vacant:

Development Manager – Property Services,
Diocese of Parramatta.

Parish Secretary – Holy Name of Mary
Parish, Rydalmere.

Lead Facilitator of Diocesan Plan
Implementation – Diocese of Parramatta
– **Applications close 25 September**

Marriage Facilitator – Diocese of
Parramatta – **Applications close 3 October**
More details

at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

Admin Assistant role at St Luke's

As part of our preparation to become a
Parish next year, St Luke's is recruiting for
an Administration Assistant for 10 hours
per week, starting in November 2024.

Applications close on Sept 18.

Apply by sending a CV and cover letter to
marsdenpark@parracatholic.org.

Details of the role can be found
here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BhiT6alxQzaiHh-2oeYRVRaAySrLN7zS/edit?usp=sharing&rtpof=true&sd=true>

From the Pastoral Plan 2024-2028: Behold, I Am With You Always

"Our journey has only just begun. As we
move forward, we endeavour to
institutionalise best practice in communal
discernment, decision making and
governance, which would enhance the
authority of the ordained and the rightful
participation of the faithful..." – Bishop
Vincent Long OFM Conv. Read more
at parracatholic.org/synodality.

Will Wonders Never Cease. What Will Be Your Legacy?

A gift in your Will is an enduring way to give
thanks to God and share your blessings
beyond your lifetime. During Include A
Charity Week, we invite you to consider a
gift in your Will to our parish or a Catholic
ministry in our Diocese. Legacy gifts
advance Christian works of faith, hope, and
charity for future generations. For
information on remembering our Church in
your Will: parracatholic.org/giftsinWills



Catholic Schools Bishop Manning Support Fund

Would you like your child to
receive a Catholic education
but are worried that your family cannot
afford it? Please consider applying for a
bursary that will cover the school fees, the
cost of uniforms and equipment for primary
or secondary school students for up to four
years of enrolment. The fund is a Diocesan
charity that seeks to ensure all families who
want a Catholic education for their child can
receive one. Applications close 18 October.
Visit

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/affordable-education/bishop-manning-support-fund>.



MET FaithLIFE Spirituality Short Course: Starting 17 September

Searching for a deeper
understanding of spirituality?

Hoping to find renewed ways of expressing
your faith? Wanting to further discern
God's call in your life? Sign up now for the
3-session FaithLIFE Spirituality short course
with spiritual director Jeff Hood on
Tuesdays 17 SEP + 24 SEP + 1 OCT!
Registration and more dates and details via
QR or get in touch with the team
via met@parracatholic.org

MET Worship Children's Liturgy Workshop: 19 September

Children's liturgy team members are invited
to attend a workshop with an outline of the
Diocesan Guidelines and a Children's Liturgy
Q&A session with the Diocesan Liturgy
Educator, Sr Mary-Louise Walsh. This will be
held on Thursday 19 September from 7pm
– 8:30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather
Centre in Blacktown. To email Lucy
on lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or use
link: <https://parracatholic.org/events/met-childrens-liturgy-workshop-19-sept/>

Glenmore Park St Padre Pio Feast Day Celebrations

Everyone is invited to join Glenmore Park
Parish for the parochial feast of St Padre
Pio. The parish will be celebrating a three
day Triduum:

Thursday 19 September – 7.00pm

Novena to St Padre Pio and Mass

Friday 20 September – 7.00pm Novena to
St Padre Pio and Mass

Saturday 21 September – 5.30pm

Novena to St Padre Pio and Vigil Mass

With the feast day celebrations on Sunday
22 September from 10am with a solemn
procession with the relic, Mass, veneration
and blessing by the relic. For enquiries,
contact the parish office on (02) 4789 2232
or glenmorepark@parracatholic.org

Instagraces Teens Retreat: 28 Sep-1 Oct



Jesus Youth Ministry NSW

presents this three day retreat
for teenagers. It will be held at
The Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, 347 Grose
Wold Rd, Grose Vale. It will be led by Fr
Bony Abraham and Mr Cyril Abraham. Cost
is \$350pp. For further information call
Dilson on 0470398578.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2024

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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