

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 2:12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since

he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading

James 3:16 – 4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be

delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Francis Focus

'If anyone wants to be first,' Jesus says quite clearly, 'he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' As Pope Francis paraphrases it: 'Do you want to be first? Serve. This is the way.'

Jesus must have surprised the apostles, who were busy arguing about their status. Like children, they were trying to make sense of their social world and relationships. Who was the biggest, the oldest, the first?

But, the Pope says, 'the Lord inaugurates a reversal: he overturns the criteria about what truly matters.' What we do matters more than what we think we are entitled to. Queen or cardinal, banker or baggage handler, God looks at whether and how we serve others.

Service, the Pope explains, 'means to act like Jesus'. We should be givers, not getters. As the Pope also notes, this changes us: 'as our care and availability toward others grows, we become freer inside, more like Jesus.'

Which is why Jesus draws the apostles' attention to a child. As the Pope points out, children represented 'littleness,' or dependence. Jesus' followers should focus on serving 'those who need to receive and cannot give anything in return. In welcoming those on the margins, the neglected, we welcome Jesus because He is there.'

- 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, martial 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 Celebrant:

Fr Jonas Donasco (Vigil & 10am)



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.

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

29 SEP – Recognition event for current Pledge donors

20 OCT – St Luke's Feast Day celebrations

26 OCT – Reconciliation 4.30-5.15pm

27 OCT – Confirmation Mass

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

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**

Manager, Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP)
– Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications**

close 12 October

More details

at: parracatholic.org/about/jobs/

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>.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory
Safeguarding Training will be held on
Saturday 28 September at Our Lady of the
Rosary Parish, St Marys for Modules 1-3.
Register directly for this training by clicking
on the training event

at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/event/s/?series=safeguarding-training>.

Email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org
for more information.

Diocese of Parramatta Wedding Anniversary Mass: 27 October

The annual Diocese of Parramatta Wedding
Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 27
October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral,
Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate
Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at
the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a
significant wedding anniversary will receive
a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please
register your name, years of marriage and
numbers attending by
visiting parracatholic.org/weddingmass or
phone 0488 000 211 by 20 October. Family
and friends are welcome.

Instagrance 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.

Winbourne The Aramaic Lord's Prayer Reflection Day: 28 September

The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat
Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day
on 'The Aramaic Lord's Prayer' on Saturday
28 September from 9.30am to 12.30pm.
Returning to what Jesus actually said is a
truly enlightening and prayerful experience.
Cost is \$15 per person. For more
information or to book, contact (02) 4773
5555 or email info@winbourne.org

Holy Hour for Vocations: 18 October

Please join us across the Diocese to pray for
more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at
St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill on Friday 18
October from 6pm to 7pm with Fr Galbert
Albino. Holy Hour will be followed by
Mass. 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

Winbourne The Spirituality of The Lord of the Rings Reflection Day: 19 October

The Winbourne Edmund Rice Retreat
Centre, Mulgoa, is holding a reflection day
on 'The Spirituality of The Lord of the Rings'
on Saturday 19 October from 9.30am to
3pm. JRR Tolkien's deep Catholic spirituality
is evident throughout the trilogy, although
neither God nor Church are mentioned.
Cost is \$30 per person. BYO lunch. For more
information or to book, contact (02) 4773
5555 or email info@winbourne.org



Weekend Food Stall

Our Weekend Food Stall
is back this weekend.
Sample our new Spicy
Beef Kheema rolls. You
can still buy our best
sellers- Chicken Biryani, Chicken Tandoori
and baked goodies from Cocoa Vanilla
Cakes. The corn pudding (maja mais) and
Brazo de Mercedes are also back due to
popular demand. All proceeds go towards
our Church Building Fund. Thanks for your
continued support.

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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