



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

Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses but took some of

the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, ‘Look’, he said, ‘Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.’ Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, ‘My Lord Moses, stop them!’ Moses answered him, ‘Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!’

Second Reading

James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter, you went on eating to your heart’s content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel

Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

John said to Jesus, ‘Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.’ But Jesus said, ‘You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.’

‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

‘But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.’

Season of Creation

Twice in today’s Gospel Jesus refers to the everlasting fire of hell. Better to lose a hand or an eye than endure that, he says, making some dramatic points about sin and sacrifice.

At this moment in human history Jesus’ choice of imagery and his message about dramatic action are especially pertinent. As Pope Francis declares in his encyclical *Laudato Si’*, climate change is an imminent threat to our world. For Christians, this raises two issues directly relevant to this passage from Mark.

On the one hand, we have a duty to protect ourselves and each other from catastrophe by checking our own sinful behaviours and habits. We should seriously consider what we can do to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels through personal usage, investment options, and political choices. We cannot dodge responsibility on this issue. Our faith demands action.

On the other hand, we also have a duty to find common cause with everyone else who shares this concern. Pope Francis encourages us to work with people of other religions ‘for the sake of protecting nature, defending the poor, and building networks of respect and fraternity.’ When it comes to protecting our common home, ‘Anyone who is not against us is for us.’

- Nick Brodie



St Luke’s Feast Day Celebration: 20 October

Join us for this celebration of St Luke, beginning with a procession and Mass at 10am, recognition of all our ministry volunteers, a blessing of all doctors, nurses, artists and writers, a talent fest, family fun, and lunch. (Please bring a plate of food from your culture to share with the community!)



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



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We welcome this week as our Celebrant:

Fr Andrew Hennes (Vigil)

Bishop Vincent Long (10am)



AN ALTERNATIVE TO OUR TAP DEVICES

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’

- 12&13 OCT** – Weekend food stall
- 16 OCT** – Confirmation prep session 2 at 6pm in The Hub
- 18 OCT** – Confirmation prep session 3
- 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:

Lead Facilitator of Diocesan Plan
Implementation – Diocese of Parramatta
Marriage Facilitator – Diocese of
Parramatta – **Applications close 3 October**
Manager, Catholic Youth Parramatta (CYP)
– Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications
close 12 October**

Finance Administrator – Diocese of
Parramatta – **Applications close 18
October.**

For more details go to
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>.

Rouse Hill Parish Deposition of Relics Mass: 5 October

On Saturday 5 October at 5:30 pm, all are
welcome to attend a special Mass to be
celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM
Conv for the Depositing of the Relics of St
Anthony of Padua, St Padre Pio, St Thérèse
of Lisieux and Blessed Carlo Acutis in the St
Francis Chapel within the Our Lady of the
Angels Parish, Rouse Hill. For more
information, contact the parish office on
(02) 8883 4063 or
email rousehill@parracatholic.org

St Marys/St Clair Parishes menALIVE Retreat Weekend: 12 – 13 October

The Men's ministry groups of Our Lady of
the Rosary Parish, St Marys and Holy Spirit
Parish, St Clair-Erskine Park, invite men of
all ages to attend the upcoming menALIVE
weekend on 12-13 October at the Our Lady
of the Rosary Parish Hall, St Marys. The
weekend will feature talks, personal
testimonies, opportunities for discussion,
and space to reflect. Cost is \$50. To
register, please
visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1265196>. For enquiries, please
contact Steve Buhagiar (St Marys) on 0415
600 290 or Vasco Gil (St Clair) 0414 396
643.

Young Adults Faith Formation: 13 October

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions
continue on Sunday 13 October at The
Hustle (Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury)
at 7pm. The speaker is Christian
Stephens who will talk about and lead
discussion on "Is Evolution Compatible with
Faith?" All adults 18-35 are encouraged to
come along and enjoy some faith
formation, pizza and fellowship! If you have
any questions, please call Mark on 0477
004 678.

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. Call
4773 5555 or email info@winbourne.org

Mt Schoenstatt Foundation Day and Crowning Jubilee: 20 October

Join us as we celebrate Mt Schoenstatt's
Foundation Day and Crowning Golden
Jubilee on Sunday 20 October. The family
festival will begin at 10.15am, with Mass
celebrated at 11am followed by a
procession to the Shrine. There will be BBQ,
food stalls, jumping castle, face painting
and more. For more information go
to <https://www.facebook.com/MtSchoenstattMulgoa/>

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. RSVP by
visiting parracatholic.org/weddingmass or
phone 0488 000 211 by 20 October. Family
and friends are welcome.

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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