

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 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel

Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

Gospel Reflection

Jesus reminds us in this gospel that to join him in bringing about the reign of God requires absolute commitment and a willingness to give up that which is most precious to us. The rich man who approached Jesus was genuine in his desire to fulfil all the requirements of the Law to attain eternal life. Jesus quoted to him all the commandments that deal with right relationships with others. The man is able to tick these off and assure Jesus that he has been doing this since childhood – a pretty big claim in the first place! Then Jesus 'looked steadily at him and loved him' – he looked on him with the eyes of love; the eyes that see to the heart of a person, and in that look knew what was most important to the man. Jesus could tell by his dress no doubt that the man was wealthy and so it is this aspect of the man's life that Jesus chooses to challenge him about. This gospel shouldn't necessarily be read as a condemnation of wealth – rather, it is the man's inability to surrender his wealth that Jesus challenges. Jesus sees to the heart of the man and asks if he is willing to give up that which is most important in his life. The man is unable to do what Jesus

asks of him and goes away sad. Why sad? He's sad because he knows that he has been tested and failed. He knows that what he genuinely desired was within his reach but he needed to let go of his position, his status, his wealth, to be able to grasp what he desired in both hands.

- Greg Sunter



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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 Joseph Nguyen (Vigil & 10am)

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

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



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.

Positions Vacant:

IT Support Engineer – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 16 October**

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

Administrative Support, Risk, Governance & Compliance – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 30 October**

Administration Assistant – Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair – **Applications close 31 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.** <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/affordable-education/bishop-manning-support-fund>.

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



Victory in Christ Retreat: 1&2 November

This is a retreat organized by St Luke's Catholic faith community together with the Risen Lord prayer community. Jesus wants us to live a life of freedom which includes every part of our being - spiritual, physical, emotional and mental health. Event Schedule:
- Friday, 1st November: Healing Service 7:00-9:30pm starting with the Holy Mass.
- Saturday, 2nd November: Victory in Christ Day Program 10:00-4:00pm

There will be a children's program for kids aged 5-12 and childminding services for preschool-aged children.

Complimentary refreshments and a light lunch will be provided during Saturday's program.

This is a free event, but we kindly ask that you register in advance to assist us in our preparations by using the QR code.



St Luke's Feast Day Celebration: 20 October

Join us for a 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 Car Boot Sale: 3 November 11am-3pm

Book your spot now! Earn money while helping boost the Church Building Fund! Sell those old books, toys, clothes, bags, old uniforms, household items, furniture, crafts, plants, unwanted gifts, food and drinks for extra cash! \$35 for a car space or \$65 for a BYO Marquee space.

Contact Aleta or email the fundraising team at stlukesfundraisingteam@gmail.com for further information.

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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