

**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**

**Daniel 7:13-14** I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1)**

*(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.*

**Second Reading**

**Revelation 1:5-8**

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Gospel**

**John 18:33-37** 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.' heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

**Reflection – Greg Sunter**

This week marks the end of the liturgical year. Next week, with the first week of Advent, we begin the new liturgical cycle. It

is fitting that the Church concludes the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. The conversation between Jesus and Pilate displays a lot of word play on the part of Jesus and quite a lot of confusion on the part of Pilate. The confusion stems from different perceptions of what it means to be a king. For Pilate, part of the most powerful political and military rule in the ancient world, the idea of a king was a threat. Claiming kingship was claiming authority and power that would inevitably lead to challenging the authority and power of Rome and, more directly, its representative in Palestine – Pilate. Jesus, of course, had a completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today's feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority. When we think back to Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status – the first – in the kingdom to be the lowliest of this world. It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God. In a kingdom like that, what does it mean to declare oneself king? The confusion about what it means to be a king that is captured in this interaction between Jesus and Pilate is the same confusion that we saw among the disciples as they came to terms with exactly what it means to be the Messiah.



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If you have prayer needs, please visit our website:  
<https://stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au/>

**We welcome this week as our Celebrant:**  
**Fr Jonas Donasco (Vigil) & (10am)**

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**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'**

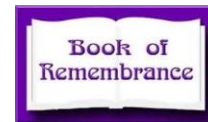
- 23 NOV** – Reconciliation 4.30-5.15pm
- 30 NOV** – Volunteers 'thank you' dinner 6.45pm
- 6 DEC** - Carols
- 21 DEC** – Reconciliation 4.30-5.15pm

**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*



Throughout the month of November, we will have the Books of Remembrance on display. Please include the names of all your family members and friends who have died, especially those who have died in the last year. Let's pray for those who have gone to the heavenly home before us.

**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](http://parracatholic.org/giftsinWills)

### **Bishop's Christmas Appeal for Catholic Care's Houses to Homes**

This Christmas, will you help homeless mothers and children find a safe place to call home and rebuild their lives? Your kind-hearted gift and prayers will help Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provide homeless mothers and their children with practical and emotional support, and a safe haven to call home. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan this QR code to give your gift of a new beginning today. Thank you.

### **Parish Team Employment 2025 – Greystanes – Faith Enrichment Role.**

For a suitably qualified and experienced person 16 hrs/wk onsite faith enrichment:

- Facilitating/resourcing parents as they guide their children in sacraments/faith,
- Liaising with key faith enrichment ministries.
- Assisting opportunities for faith inquiry.
- Sharing in relevant admin and tech task with the team.

For more information about the role and details for making application, please contact: [parishoffice@olqp.org.au](mailto:parishoffice@olqp.org.au)

### **St Nicholas of Myra Penrith Pavilion of Fellowship Raffle**

St Nicholas of Myra Parish is holding a fundraising raffle to help construct our Pavilion of Fellowship. The prize is a 7-day holiday in a Bali Villa for 6 people (flights not included). For more info and to purchase tickets (until 24 November) visit <https://www.raffletix.com.au/pavilionof fellowship>

### **Diocesan Advent Week Scripture Reflection Evening: 26 November**

In what way would you say I'm 'awaiting' God's presence this Advent? How do I see myself in Advent Scripture stories this year? Register for the Diocesan Advent Scripture Reflection Evening with Dr Michele Connolly RSJ on Tuesday 26 November 2024 – 6:30PM to 8:30pm. RSVP via [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

### **PJE Table Talk "Disability – Unemployment – Seeking Asylum: Navigating Multiple Challenges in Australia": 28 November**

Please join us for our final diocesan table talk to hear and discuss powerful stories from people affected by overlapping challenges. Participate in meaningful small group

conversations and learn how you can play a part in creating positive change: 28 November 2024, 6:00pm – 8:30pm, Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light dinner will be served on arrival. Find out more and register at [parracatholic.org/pjetabletalk](http://parracatholic.org/pjetabletalk)

### **FREE Men's Retreat "A Path to Sexual Freedom": 30 November**

Simon Carrington will facilitate a FREE Men's retreat, "A Path To Sexual Freedom" at St Patrick's Blacktown on November 30th from 9am to 4pm. This retreat is for men aged 16 years old and above. There will be two talks and an opportunity for adoration and confession. Free lunch will be provided. To register and for more information email [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

### **Free English and Citizenship Classes**

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are offering English and Citizenship classes at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills, on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 2pm during school terms. Free childcare is available. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Crèche on (02) 8843 2506 or Nepean Community College (02) 4724 9000.

### **Epiphany Pilgrimage and Fiesta: 2-9 January 2025**

Commit the first fruits of your new year to Christ with the 2025 Epiphany Pilgrimage. Enjoy 7 days of bushwalking, fellowship and prayer as we journey from Emu Plains to the top of the Blue Mountains, experiencing the wonderful hospitality of parish communities along the way. Day 1 is a family-friendly day, with the option for a children's pilgrimage finishing with the Finnies Fiesta at St Finbars, Glenbrook. For more information and to register for all or part of the journey, visit [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org)



### **Vinnies Hampers**

St Luke's Catholic Faith Community will join with St Luke's Catholic College to collect items for Christmas hampers for those supported by the St Vincent DePaul Society in local areas. Please bring your items to Mass **by 8 December!**  
Christmas Pudding/Fruit cake  
Tea/Coffee/Milo  
Sweet Biscuits/Long life milk  
Pancake Mix/Mince pies/tin fruit  
Jam/Vegemite  
Christmas Cake/savoury biscuits  
Custard/Pancake Mix  
Breakfast Cereal/ Christmas Decorations

Candy Canes/Lollies/ Xmas Bon Bons  
Pancake Mix/ Dried Fruit  
Pasta and Pasta Sauce  
Couscous and Rice  
Fruit Mince Pies/ Muesli Bars

### **Carols Raffle Tickets**



Buy your St Luke's Carols Raffle Tickets now for just \$5 each, for a chance to win \$2,000 in cash! Or to order your raffle

tickets, simply click on this payment link <https://square.link/u/Ov8eSX90> Tickets will be immediately entered into the barrel and proof of purchase sent to your email/mobile number. Don't miss out!

All proceeds go towards our future Church building.



### **Calling St Luke's volunteers!**

You are invited to a 'Volunteer thank you' Christmas dinner to be held

on 30<sup>th</sup> November after the Vigil Mass. We will gather in the Hub at 6.45pm to share a meal and some Christmas cheer. Please RSVP by 23<sup>rd</sup> November at this link <https://forms.gle/62vknLuzCURHp9FJA> We would love to say 'thank you' for your commitment and hard work, so hopefully you can make it.

NB: This is a free event 😊

### **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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