

First Reading

Dt 4:1-2. 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second reading

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel

Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his

disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

Reflection:

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

People in the Catholic Church are so used to calling our clergy "Father" that I long ago gave up trying to tell people that I am "Deacon" and not "Father."

After all, I **am** a father – a father of three (now adult) children.

So, I enjoy Father's Day as much as any other dad.

It is one of only two days in the year when my children agree to laugh at my jokes – the other day is my birthday. (They are quite harsh critics of my sense of humour!!!).

While this is a day to be grateful for all gifts we receive from the father figures in our lives, it is also a day to be aware of, and pray for, those who have not had a good experience of fatherhood in their lives.



It can be hard to fathom why some fathers can be abusive, neglectful or disinterested in relation to their children. Such an experience for children can even leave them struggling to accept the concept of a loving Father God. On this day, I pray that they will be able to receive the love of the God who is always reaching out to embrace them with his life-giving love.

And I pray God will continue to raise up wonderful, supportive, loving and protective fathers and grand-fathers in our community and beyond.

- **Deacon Tony Hoban**
Pastoral Director

9 September – 23rd Sunday in Ord Time

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Charles Emerson

Acolyte: Volunteer needed

Servers: Rohit Joseph, Feba Abby, Tissa Thomas

Readers: Tina Rafael, Joshua Emerson

Eucharistic Min: Varuni Emerson

Hospitality: Volunteer needed

Children's Liturgy: Lavanya Ambrose

If you are not able to fulfil your ministry role, or if you would like to volunteer for a vacant role, please email marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

We welcome this week as our Celebrant: Fr Jeevan SJ

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 center of constant missionary outreach.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Luke, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,
pray for us.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS ON REQUEST – PLEASE SEE ACOLYTE BEFORE MASS

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"* Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Plenary 2020 Information and Training

Learn about the Australian Catholic Bishops Plenary Council's impact on you. Receive support to share the Plenary invitation with parish, friends and family.

20 September, 7pm-9.30pm, Parramatta Cathedral Hall

29 September, 10am-12.30pm, St Thomas Aquinas Springwood School Hall (168 Hawkesbury Rd)

29 September, 2pm-4.30pm, Emu Plains School Hall (17 Troy Street)

RSVP: 8838 3460

marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org

St Vincent de Paul DROUGHT APPEAL

Help support struggling rural communities facing tough drought conditions. Help individuals and communities across NSW.

Donations can be made by calling 13 18 12, www.vinnies.org.au/drought or at any local Vinnies Shop.

Bishop's Annual Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests: 2 September

There will be a special collection for the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese – on Father's Day. Your donation helps them cover healthcare costs and expenses associated with everyday living, supplementing the pension that some

receive. Please [give generously](#) this Father's Day Appeal. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Donations can be made here: <https://parracatholic.org/csf/>

Children's Liturgy Workshop: 5 September

This workshop will be held at the IFM, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown from 7.30-9pm. To register contact the Office For Worship: ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org or 028838 3456. This is an important evening for all those assisting with Children's Liturgy in their Parish.

Walking with Refugees: 8 September

Walking with refugees and people seeking protection: The Diocesan journey continues with a celebration lunch on 8 September from 11:45-2:30pm to be held at Patrician Brothers, Blacktown. Come together to hear and share stories and successes, learn about what's happening right now for refugees and explore what we can do over the next 12 months. For more information call the Social Justice Office on 02 8838 3458 or visit: <https://bit.ly/2nCTrWA>. The House of Welcome Asylum Seeker Social Enterprise are catering for this event Payment \$25 Cash on the day as a donation and to cover cost to House of Welcome.

Jesuit Mission Indian Bazaar: 15 September

Everyone is welcome on Sat 15th September at St Ignatius' College, Riverview for the "Indian Bazaar". Come to the fundraiser which supports work for the Jesuit Mission. It is a fabulous day catering to young and old, (worth the drive to Lane Cove!). For more information, to order [ride tickets](#), [take away Curries](#), or other food go to www.jesuitmission.org.au/indian-bazaar/

Save the Date - Liturgy Conference 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Workshops: Singing the Psalms, RCIA ritual & symbols, Training Junior Altar Servers and Music and Prayer in the Classroom. Tickets are now on sale. For tickets and a full list of workshops go to parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018. Cost \$30 - includes lunch.

Natural Fertility Services

To learn more about Natural Family Planning in the Diocese of Parramatta contact 02 8838 3460 or nfs@parracatholic.org or catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org and www.parralmf.org.au/nfs

Can you support St Luke's to grow?
St Luke's Catholic Faith Community is Australia's newest Catholic worshipping

community. Please consider helping us with your time and talents by volunteering for one of our many ministries. And please support us by sharing some of your treasure through our giving program to help facilitate our weekly worship and form part of the foundation of a future church building. You can find the donation envelopes on the Welcome Table in the foyer each Sunday. Please pass these to Deacon Tony or include them on one of the collections during Mass.

WE MADE IT!

Annette and I did the Vinnies Community Sleep Out on Thursday///// night at Western Sydney Uni's Parramatta Campus. We had a small taste of what it is like to have to sleep rough out in the open with just some cardboard and a sleeping bag for shelter in single digit temperatures. Vinnies helps by providing food, accommodation, clothing and food vouchers to assist. The good news is that you can still support this initiative by donating online at these pages: nswvinniescommunitysleepout.gofundraise.com.au/page/TonyHoban nswvinniescommunitysleepout.gofundraise.com.au/page/AnnetteHoban



SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

St Luke's Catholic College (Enter via Frontier Ave Marsden Park)

CONTACT US

Pastoral Director: Deacon Tony Hoban

Phone: (02) 8605 2623

Email:

marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

Website:

stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stlukesmarsdenpark

Postal Address: PO Box 85,

Plumpton NSW 2761

SCHOOL ENQUIRIES: 9854 3100

www.stlukesmarsdenpark.catholic.edu.au