

First Reading

Wis 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

Psalm 53:6

The Lord upholds my life.

Second reading

Jas 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

Mk 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.'

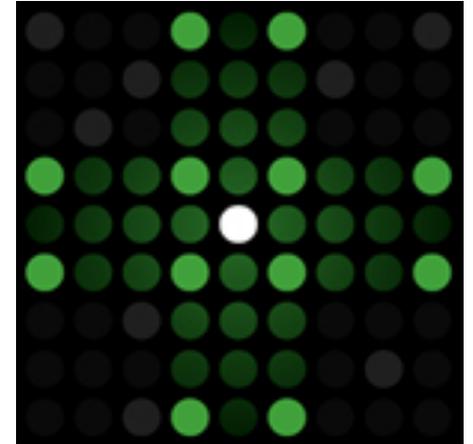
Reflection: The story of St Luke's

This week Annette and I visited our former parish of Christ The King, North Rocks, to farewell the former pastor, Fr Eric Burton, who died recently at the age of 92.

Fr Eric was a wonderful man of God, a pastoral role model for many. Amidst the memories and sadness of Fr Eric's passing, there was great interest from the people of North Rocks about how things are going here at St Luke's. They were thrilled to hear that we have a growing worshipping community. They loved the idea of our international food fairs.

Given the newness of our community here, many people there were recalling

how Fr Eric actually started that parish in the 1970's and they had Mass in the



local community hall for some years before they were able to build an original church, which is now the parish hall, and later a new church. We have been so fortunate to have had the use of this wonderful St Luke's Catholic College hub building for our Sunday Mass from day 1. I noticed in going back to the current Church at North Rocks that the space in their Church is probably no bigger than the space we have for Mass here. Annette and I were able to tell our former parishioners that we are loving our time at Marsden Park and fortunate to have such an engaged community to work with us to help build the presence of the Church in Marsden Park and surrounding areas.

- Deacon Tony
Pastoral Director

30 September – 26th Sunday in Ord Time

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Volunteers needed

Acolyte: John Missio

Servers: Yanisha Rodrigo, Jessica Thompson

Readers: Chris Laroche, Luanshya Naidoo, Aileen Sebastian, Marie Raymundo

Eucharistic Min: Donna Missio

Hospitality: Volunteer needed

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 our Celebrant from the Holy Family Parish, Emerton

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.

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)

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Position Vacant

Aid to the Church in Need is hiring! Are you a confident public speaker? Are you looking for flexible ongoing part time work? Will you share the stories of suffering Christians? Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney. For all details visit, www.catholicjobsonline.com.au.

Volunteer Overseas - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Dob Bosco

We are seeking volunteers for January 2019 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Zambia & Solomon Island. Applications close October 15th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au

Social Justice Sunday: 30 September

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 September. This year, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land'. The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

Adult Confirmation for 2018

Adult Confirmation for 2018 will be held on Friday 12 October, 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Any adult over 16 years of age wanting to be confirmed please see your Parish Office for information. Alternatively, you can contact The Office for Worship on 02 8838 3456 or ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

OZ Rosary and The Global Rosary: 7 October

Australia will 'Light the Match' to the Global rosary! The World Rosary takes place on Sunday 7th October, when a global

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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

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rosary will be said. To register your location on the world map. Go to <http://holyleagueofnations.com>, or for info phone 0467 535 595

Oz Rosary will also take place on May 12 next year!

Little Mother Eileen O'Connor: 13 October

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish would like to invite all women to join an evening retreat focused on the spirituality and the life of Little Mother Eileen with renowned author and researcher of Eileen's life, Jocelyn Hedley. This is a free event and Jocelyn's books will be available for purchase for \$15 on the night. Please send RSVPs or any dietary requirements or questions to events@stpatscathedral.com. Saturday October 13 from 7:00pm until 9.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Function Room, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

Holy Family Fair: 13 October

Holy Family Fair on Saturday 13 October, from 10am – 3pm. The event will be held at the Holy Family Carpark via 254 Luxford Rd, Emerton NSW 2770. Calling for stallholders! Applications close on Monday 8 October. Please contact Malia for more info: (02) 9628 7272; enquiry@holyfamily.org.au

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 28 October

All married couples are warmly invited to the 'Celebrating the Journey' Mass at 11am on Sunday 28 October 2018. Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate this Mass of blessing at



Sunday, September 23, 2018

25th Sunday in Ordinary
time

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta and warmly invites you to join him for a photo and light lunch in the Parish Hall after Mass. Significant Wedding Anniversaries will be acknowledged with a certificate for 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and any year over 50 years. To register your attendance and number of family members attending please contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 02 8838 3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org

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 donation envelopes on the Welcome Table in the foyer Sunday. Please pass these to Dcn Tony or include them on one of the collections during Mass.