

First Reading

Nm 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!'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:8, 10, 12-14

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Second reading

Jas 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

Mk 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.'

Reflection: A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Annette and I had a very small taste of homelessness recently when we did the Vinnies Community Sleepout. Having just some pieces of cardboard to shelter us from the elements was a new experience for us. But we knew that there were security guards watching over us as we slept. We knew that when we woke up the next morning, there would be breakfast provided. We knew we could go home and have a nice, warm shower and put on some clean clothes. But, for those who are truly homeless, none of these things are guaranteed. I really can't imagine having to live with these certainties.



To feel so terribly vulnerable about my security, food supply, income, ability to utilise transportation and other services. Do you agree that if the number of people who were homeless in a "lucky country" like Australia was 10,000, that would be terrible? Well, what do we say about the fact that the number of homeless is actually 116,427? A national disgrace? So, it is appropriate that the Australian Catholic Bishops, in their Social Justice Statement for 2018, have highlighted the issue of homelessness in Australia. Please take some time to read the report at <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements>. You'll get to see something of the nature of the issue and some suggestions on how we can help make a difference.

- Deacon Tony
Pastoral Director

7 October – 27th Sunday in Ord Time

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Volunteers needed

Acolyte: John Missio

Servers: Yanisha Rodrigo, Jessica Thompson, Rohit Joseph

Readers: Tina Rafael, Lavanya Ambrose,

Eucharistic Min: Marie Raymundo

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 as our
Celebrant: Fr Meng**

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 A COLYTE 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

Position Vacant

Parish Secretary (part-time, maternity leave role) – Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair
More details at: holyspiritstclair.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

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 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 stall-holders! 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 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

Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive: 11 November

Waiting for Gabriel is an information afternoon for couples hoping to conceive. You'll hear testimonies and learn about natural options which assist fertility. For more information contact Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org 0400 427 605. Sunday 11 November at the IFM 1.30pm-4.00pm.

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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

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Sacred Heart Westmead Shopping Trip: 11

November Come shopping with us on a Full Day, Fundraising Shopping Trip on Sunday 11 November 2018. Raising funds for Sacred Heart Parish Westmead. Includes: coach travel, tea & bistro lunch, lucky door & raffle prizes. Tickets: Adults \$62, Seniors/Students \$52, Children (5 – 17 years) \$22. Tour departs: 7.00am Seven Hills Train Station & Sacred Heart Parish Westmead (14 Ralph Street). For Details, Individual or Group Bookings: 9635 9262; office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au. Bookings are essential & close: 28 October 2018

YOU'RE INVITED

TO OUR COMMUNITY/WELCOME
NIGHT
ON SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST
6.30pm – 8.30pm
AT ST LUKE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE
FRONTIER AVE, MARSDEN PARK
PLEASE BRING: A PLATE OF FOOD
TO SHARE
RSVP 19TH OCTOBER: 8605 2623 OR
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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



Sunday, September 30, 2018

26th Sunday in Ordinary
time

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.