

First Reading

Dt 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

I love you Lord, my strength.

Second reading

Heb 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel

Mk 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him anymore.

Reflection: HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT OUR CHURCH

It is rare that everyone in the Church (and beyond the Church) is given the opportunity to state their views on matters related to the Catholic Church. But that is what the 2020 Plenary Council is all about. The key question being asked is: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" As the Plenary web site says: "Together, we are on a journey of listening to God by listening to one another. We invite all Australians to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. "Your voice is needed – join in! Speak boldly and with passion, listen with an open and humble heart. With faith, and guided by God's Holy Spirit, we journey together, toward the future." You may have seen the signs about the plenary at Mass or on the fence of St Luke's Catholic College.



The Listening and Dialogue Encounter can happen in many ways. You can get a few of your friends and family together at a time and place that suits you. We used the Plenary Process at our recent Welcome Night and issues such as encouraging faith in the family, encouraging youth in the church and how we can be people of tolerance and accepting of differences came out of these discussions.

So, please get involved.

Let me know if you would like support to have a group Listening and Dialogue session in your street or another one here at St Luke's.

Go to the website to learn more: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

- Deacon Tony
Pastoral Director

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| 11 th November – 32 nd Sunday Ord Time |
| MINISTRY ROSTER |
| Welcomers: Volunteers needed |
| Acolyte: Volunteer needed |
| Servers: Rohit Joseph |
| Readers: Quintina & Rufino Reyes |
| Eucharistic Min: Volunteer needed |
| Hospitality: Volunteers needed |
| Children's Liturgy: Sinta Velasco, Sindhu Tholath |

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 Dado**

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**

National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse

The Prime Minister of Australia and the Leader of the Opposition delivered the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse on Monday 22 October at Parliament House, Canberra. A response from the Diocese of Parramatta can be found here:

<https://parracatholic.org/national-apology/>

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

Palms Australia – Information night 5 November

Vulnerable communities overseas are seeking qualified and/or experienced professionals, trades and business people willing to volunteer as mentors to local personnel. Assignments are available in Asia, Africa, or the Pacific. Information evening to be held on 5th November at the Aquinas Academy, Level 5, 141 Harrington St, Sydney 5.30pm-7pm. For more information phone 9560 5333.

St Anthony Relic Procession and Novena: 6 November

All are welcome to a candle light procession with the first-class relic of St Anthony of

Padua, 'the Miracle Worker' every first Tuesday at 7pm, followed by "bread blessing" and social gathering. St Anthony of Padua Church, 7-33 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie.

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.

**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.

Our Lady of the Nativity Parish, Lawson: 11 November

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv will preside at our 90th Anniversary Mass at 8.30am on Sunday, 11 November followed by Morning Tea. There will be a Photographic, Memorabilia, History display.

Men Alive: Growing Good Men: 15-18 November

A weekend for fathers and teenage sons (13-15) at 'Lutanda', Yarramundi, 15 minutes south west of Richmond. An experientially-based program which encourages and enables fathers and sons to strengthen their relationship and to explore important issues of growing into manhood. www.trybooking.com/417468

Memorial Mass for those bereaved by suicide: 20 November

CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains together with the Diocese of Parramatta invite those bereaved by suicide to a Mass to honour loved ones who have taken their lives. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Chris de Souza VG PP. St Oliver Plunkett Church, 35 Wigram Street, Harris Park. RSVP 16 November Ph: 02 8843 2530 or rita.chater@ccss.org.au

Presbyteral Ordinations: 30 November 7:30pm

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv will be ordaining Deacons Galbert Albino, Jessie Balorio, Chris del Rosario and Jack Green to the priesthood on Friday evening, 30th November at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta.

Thanksgiving and Farewell Mass: 7 December

Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, a thanksgiving Mass for the service of Fr Peter Confeggi as he moves into retirement, Fr Luis Herrera as he returns to Columbia and for the service of all those in ministry at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. Fellowship after Mass. 7.30pm St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. For catering purposes, RSVP to 9622 1125 or admin@mqofblacktown.org.au

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.

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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