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First Reading

Dn 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.

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.’

Therefore, it was wonderful to hear that you survived quite well without Annette and I last weekend.



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 92:1-2. 5.

*The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.*



The wonderful people on our Advisory Group and in our ministries all stepped up and kept things functioning last Sunday. Thank you to you all. While we are still a very young worshipping community, we have a great community spirit and are developing great leaders within our ranks.

- Deacon Tony
Pastoral Director

Second reading

Rv 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.

Reflection: GREAT COMMUNITY SPIRIT
I often listen to a podcast called Divine Renovation.

It is named after a book by Fr James Mallon, a Canadian Catholic Priest. One of the recurring themes on this podcast is the need to develop leadership skills within each parish community. The days of the lone ranger Priest need to be a thing of the past. So, creating a culture where people can develop into leadership roles is something that I am very focussed on. From day one at St Luke’s we have had an advisory group of local people to guide decision making – whether it be about our first Mass or buying our office/house or the Christmas carols event planning.

Not only that, we have encouraged people into a wide range of ministry roles.

Gospel

Jn 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

2nd December – 1st Sunday of Advent

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Volunteer needed

Acolyte: James Irudayaraj

Servers: Volunteers needed

Readers: Rohit Joseph, Lavanya Ambrose

Eucharistic Min: Arvin Joya

Hospitality: Volunteers needed

Children’s Liturgy: Sinta Velasco, Annette Hoban

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**

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

Ordination to the Priesthood: 30 November 7:30pm

Diocese of Parramatta deacons Jessie Balorio, Jack Green, Chris del Rosario and Galbert Albino will be ordained to the priesthood by Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. All are welcome, however, due to the anticipated size of the celebration, an outside broadcast with seating will be provided in the Cathedral cloister for those wishing to attend. Parking options may be available in the carpark next to Western Sydney (Parramatta) Stadium, O'Connell Street and streets surrounding the Cathedral.

Details of each ordinand's Mass of Thanksgiving ('First Masses') are as follows:
Galbert - Saturday 1st December at 5.30pm at St Anthony's, Toongabbie
Jessie – Sunday 2nd December 10:30 at St Aidan's, Rooty Hill, Saturday 8 December at 5:30pm at Holy Family, Luddenham

Chris - Saturday 1st December at 10.00am at Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill

Jack – Saturday 1st December, 12pm at St John Vianney's, Doonside

'Laudato Si' in Action' Ecology Workshop for Parishes: 1 December

A workshop for parishioners interested in linking, learning and sharing together, sowing the seeds for a green parish. Holy Family Parish, 254 Luxford Rd, Emerton 10:30 – 12:30 (then stay for lunch if you can). For more information
sue.martin@parracatholic.org To register:
<https://bit.ly/2Qmk9PX>

Advent Festival of Readings and Songs: 2 December

Mount St Benedict Centre is holding a festival of readings and songs that gives expression to the Advent themes of watching and waiting, expectancy and hope, helping us to ponder the coming of Christ in history, in mystery and in glory. 2 December from 3.30pm. RSVP via
mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or 02 8752 5390.

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

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2019: Thirsting for Justice

A wonderful opportunity for a faith formation experience for parishioners, leaders, teachers, catechists ... all people in ministry and all people who would like to enrich their faith! Join this pilgrimage group to attend the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 18-30 March 2019. Cost of pilgrimage \$4350 for 12 days with some additional expenses. Please contact Lisa Bright on 9622 1125 or
lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au for an information pack.

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.

Parramatta Catholic Foundation thanks Parishioners for their kind-hearted, generous support which raised \$1.2 million in the last year for vital ministry and works of Faith, Hope and Charity. Annually, the Diocese of Parramatta contributes over \$3.6 million to sustain the charitable works of CatholicCare, Holy Spirit Seminary, special religious ed in schools, and more.
www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au

Family Christmas celebration in Marsden Park: 14 December



All Welcome! Join our Catholic Faith community, in conjunction with St Luke's Catholic College, on Friday 14th December 6.00-8.00pm for Christmas Carols and a Nativity play. There will be LIVE animals, BBQ food and drinks available for purchase, and a possible visit from Santa (if he's not too busy!) Entry via Frontier Avenue carpark.

**Christmas Mass Times for St Luke's
24th December:** Join Bishop Vincent Long as celebrant for Mass at 7.00pm.

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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

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Sunday, November 25, 2018

The Feast of Christ the King

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25th December: 10.00am Mass.