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First Reading

Is 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named ‘Forsaken’, nor your land ‘Abandoned’, but you shall be called ‘My Delight’ and your land ‘The Wedded’; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations!

Second reading

1 Cor 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of

recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel

Jn 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ Jesus said, ‘Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, ‘Fill the jars with water,’ and they filled them to the brim. ‘Draw some out now’ he told them, ‘and take it to the steward.’ They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, ‘People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.’ This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

Reflection: Not so Ordinary Time

We begin today the ‘Sundays of Ordinary Time’ in the life cycle of the Church. They will run all the way through until Ash Wednesday when the season of Lent begins. The term ‘ordinary’ in English can imply something that is unremarkable – pretty much “ho hum”. But the Latin word

‘ordinalis’ refers to numbers in a series. It in turn comes from the Latin word ordo,



from which we get the English word order. So, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time represent the ordered life of the Church. It is not a penitential season like Lent or Advent, nor a season of the highest rejoicing, like Easter or Christmas. It is the time of living out our faith amongst our brothers and sister in Christ. But it is anything but Ordinary, as the extraordinary miracle worked by Jesus in this week’s Gospel testifies. Jesus did amazing things during his public ministry and he continues to do amazing things in our world. He offers us the opportunity to do extraordinary things in our lives if we invite him in. I pray that Jesus will not only do extraordinary things in your life but also in this new community of St Luke’s. And at both the individual and community levels we will be best aided in doing so if we follow the words of Jesus’ mother: “Do whatever He tells you.”

- Deacon Tony
Pastoral Director

27th January – 3rd Sunday Ord Time

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Volunteer needed

Hospitality: Couples for Christ

Acolyte: James Irudayaraj

Servers: Rohit Joseph

Readers: Quintina & Rufino Reyes,
Luanshya Naidoo

Eucharistic Min: Varuni Emerson

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 John McSweeney**

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**

Time is running out for Plenary Council 2020

Submissions to Plenary Council 2020 close on Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019. YOUR voice matters! Make a personal submission now or join a small group. Our question is for everyone: "What you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" To make a submission or to find out more visit:

<https://parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020/>

St Patrick's Gift Shop

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta is bringing Christmas cheer by opening an on-site gift shop. Opening hours will be 10am – 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. For more information visit: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/>

Follow our pilgrims attending World Youth Day Panama!

The Diocese's World Youth Day 2019 will take place 15 January to 1 February 2019. The Diocese of Parramatta has 171 pilgrims attending. Please remember to pray for the pilgrims. Follow the pilgrim's progress online at parrawyd.org

World Youth Day In-Sync: 27 January

Catholic Youth Parramatta and the St Patrick's Cathedral Community invite families, friends and supporters of the Panama pilgrims to WYD2019 IN-SYNC. Sunday 27 January, 6pm Mass followed by food, music and original video footage from pilgrims in Panama. 1 Marist Place,

Parramatta. RSVP by 22 January, Fr Paul Roberts connect@ifm.org.au or 9296 6369.

COMMUNITY OF THE RISEN LORD SYDNEY

SUMMER RETREATS 2019

Healing Service with adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

Friday, 25 January 2019: 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Kellyville
8 Diana Ave, Kellyville

Four Steps to Healing (Weekend Retreat)

**Saturday, 26 January 2019: 9.30am to 4.30
pm**

**Sunday, 27 January 2019: 10.00am to
5.00pm**

Our Lady of Czestochowa Queen of Poland
Church Hall

116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong
Family Retreat:

Discover the true purpose of family life
and thereby the path of happiness

**Monday, 28 January 2019: 10.00am to
4.00pm**

John XXIII Catholic Primary School Hall
160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens
Drawing the Power of God

**Tuesday, 29 January 2019: 7.30pm to
9.30pm**

St. Luke's Catholic College Hall
Northbourne Drive & Frontier Avenue,
Marsden Park

Living in the Spirit

**Wednesday, 30 January 2019: 7.30pm to
9.30pm**

Our Lady of Dolours
94 Archer Street, Chatswood
Freedom through God's Love

**Thursday, 31 January 2019: 7.30pm to
9.30pm**

St John XXIII Catholic Church
160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens

Contact Details:

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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Frontier Ave Marsden Park)

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St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains: 10 Feb

Will be celebrating a Holy Mass in Spanish at St Canice's Church, Katoomba at 12.00 pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

NAPPA Conference 2019

The NAPPA Conference will be held on Tuesday 26 February 2019. You can register via this

link: www.nappa2019.wixsite.com/conference or contact Tanya Quinn on 02 8838 3441.

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 for information or lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au

Can you support St Luke's to grow?

St Luke's Catholic Faith Community is Australia's newest Catholic worshipping



Sunday, January 20, 2019

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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. Please pass these to Deacon Tony or include them on one of the collections during Mass.

Walk the Camino Portugués

Walk the Camino Portugués. Catholic Mission are holding 17-day Pilgrimages: Lisbon, Fatima, Porto, Santiago de Compostela. Two pilgrimages: May 2019 and June 2019. Small group led by Sr Veronica OP, (0451 387 906). See <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/immersions/camino-portugues>

