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**First Reading**

Is 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips

and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 137:1-5. 7-8

*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*

**Second reading**

1 Cor 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the

one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

**Gospel**

Lk 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

**Reflection: Inspiration for us all**

Today's Gospel is one that we should all find inspiring. Of all the people Jesus could have chosen to be his "wing men", he didn't choose learned scholars or highly pious religious figures. No, he chose a bunch of ordinary fishermen. Jesus saw something in them that others may not have seen. He

being slow to 'get' his teachings, of being fearful under attack, of not getting his core



message that the Messiah would be a person of love, not a dominating military figure. And, in the same way, Jesus knows us and chooses us to follow Him. He knows that we are not perfect, but he knows what is in our heart. He sees our goodness. He calls on us to follow him, as he did with Peter, James and John. Can we do what the disciples did? Can we drop everything and follow Jesus? Leaving everything and following Jesus seems like a daunting thing to do. But Jesus, more than anyone, knows the reality of our life situations. He will not ask of us anything beyond our capacity. No, not all of us are in a position to leave everything behind and go off on a mission somewhere. But that is not what Jesus calls most of us to do. Most of us are called to be the best followers of Christ that we can be right where we are - in our family, our neighbourhood, in the groups we belong to, in our workplaces. We can change the world for the better right where we are. Let's pray that we are open to the prompting of Jesus in our hearts and minds and souls as to how we should do this.

- Deacon Tony Hoban

17<sup>th</sup> February – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord Time

### MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Volunteer needed

Hospitality: International Food Fair

Acolyte: Volunteer needed

Servers: Jessica, Feba & Tissa

Readers: Aileen Sebastian, Maree Raymundo & Corrie Merdigio

Eucharistic Min: Arvin Joya

Children's Liturgy: Sindhu, Sinta, Cristina, Annette

**We welcome this week as our  
Celebrant: Fr Francis**

### 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/>

### IFM Reflective Ministry Program

Are you serving in and through Catholic communities? The Reflective Ministry program offered by the Institute for Mission is a great opportunity to learn and explore ideas of pastoral theology to benefit you and those you serve - and it's now open for registration.

Visit [www.ifm.org.au/reflectiveministry](http://www.ifm.org.au/reflectiveministry) for

### Red Mass: 13 February

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta will be hosting a Red Mass on Wednesday 13 February at 7:30pm. This Mass is held in thanksgiving for the work of those who serve the law and is also an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith. The colour red refers to the vestments worn by the celebrants to signify the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

### Youth initiative at St Luke's

We are very pleased to announce that a new initiative for our youth will commence at St Luke's this month. On Friday, February 15, between 7 - 9pm, high school aged students (12-18yrs) are invited to attend our first youth group gathering. It will be held at our new office at 2 Springdale St, Marsden Park (off Frontier Avenue and opposite St Luke's Catholic College). The night will feature food, games and activities, prayer, reflection, and exploration of faith. For catering purposes, we ask that the youth or their parents RSVP via email to:

[marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org). We thank Dinease and Dinuka for agreeing to lead this initiative, following their experience with youth ministry at Quakers Hill Parish.

### Catholic Charismatic Renewal: 15-17 February

Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Parramatta is holding a "Restoring Reverence" event. From Friday 15 – Sunday 17 February at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills. Further information can be obtained on 0404 093 118 or 0425 607 227. Entry by donation, Children's Ministry available, coffee and tea provided, BYO lunch.

### Bishop's Lenten Appeal: 23-24 February

The Ephpheta Centre, supported by the Parramatta Catholic Foundation, gives hope, compassion, connectivity and care to the deaf and hard of hearing. Your kind-hearted support will provide chaplaincy and pastoral care for the vulnerable and isolated, in homes, hospitals, prison and aged-care facilities. Please be a channel of hope and give generously via the Appeal envelopes or online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal).

### Bereavement Support Program: 21 February – 16 May

### SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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

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[www.stlukesmarsdenpark.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stlukesmarsdenpark.catholic.edu.au)

commencing a Bereavement Support Program for men or women whose spouse or partner have died. The program will be run at Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair (5 Todd Row, St Clair) on Thursdays fortnightly from 10am to 12 midday in the Pioneers Room of the Parish, commencing 21 February to 16 May. To secure a place on this program please ring the Parish on 02 9670 8222 or email to [stclair@parracatholic.org](mailto:stclair@parracatholic.org)

### Ordination to the Diaconate: 22 February

Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the principal celebrant for the Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate of Roque Dias, John Cinya, Thong Nguyen and Roderick Pirota on Friday 22 February at 7.30pm. The ordination will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshments to follow.

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands of Jordan and Israel, escorted by Father Peter Blayney, Parish Priest, St Patrick's Guildford, 30 October – 13 November 2019. Organised by Olive Tree Travel (Melbourne). For details of itinerary, cost etc., please contact the Parish Secretary, Guildford, on 9632 2672 or [patricksguilford@bigpond.com](mailto:patricksguilford@bigpond.com) or Olive Tree Travel on 03 8488 9696.

### Communion to the Sick at Blacktown Hospital

We urgently require people to take Holy Communion to patients in Blacktown Hospital on Sundays. Volunteers are



**Sunday, February 10, 2019**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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 building. You can find donation envelopes on the Welcome Table in the foyer.