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First Reading

Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen! Then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-10. 15

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Second reading

Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel

Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And

'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

3rd February – 4th Sunday Ord Time

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Volunteer needed

Hospitality: Volunteer needed

Acolyte: Volunteer needed

Servers: Jessica Thompson

Readers: Josh & Varuni Emerson, Nidarshi Fernando

Eucharistic Min: Arvin Joya

Children's Liturgy: Sinta, Sindhu, Rowena



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 Ed Kenny

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

An Update from our Advisory Group

St Luke's Catholic Faith Community has an advisory group to support the leadership of this community. At our recent meeting, there were plenty of things to discuss as we look forward to an exciting and full year. Please let me know if you would like further information about any of these points:

- We will hold a Liturgy workshop in the next few months to assist liturgical ministers undertake their roles.
- We will hold a Lenten 'Retreat' afternoon (3 hours on a Saturday afternoon) during Lent. Date to be confirmed.
- We will look to have 'Stations of the Cross' on the Friday evenings during Lent at our offices (2 Springdale St, Marsden Park).
- We will have a full Holy Week of liturgies with Masses on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday as well as Stations of the Cross on Good Friday Morning and 3pm Good Friday service.
- We are grateful that Couples for Christ have volunteered to provide morning tea once a month and will also assist with music ministry.
- We are still looking for someone to lead our Welcoming Ministry. This involves coordinating the roster of welcome before Mass as well as ensuring someone is at the Welcome Table after Mass each Sunday.
- We will have a full Sacramental Program this year – First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation. We are looking for people to assist in being on a Sacramental Ministry team.

people willing to be part of a committee to help establish and run this program.

- We are looking to start a Youth Ministry program and are talking to potential leaders.
- We will hold a special celebration to commemorate our 1st anniversary. It will take place on Divine Mercy Sunday, 28th April 2019. We are looking for people to assist in coordinating this activity.
- We will have some consistency with our Celebrants soon with Fr John Hogan (Rector of the Seminary for the Diocese of Parramatta) to be with us from mid-February until the end of April. After that we will be utilising Priests from Blacktown and Marayong Parishes.

So, as you can see, there is plenty planned for 2019 in our new community. But we will need a lot of help to make it happen. Please consider assisting us.

Deacon Tony Hoban
Pastoral Director

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/>

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

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

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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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.

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 7.00pm. The ordination will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Refreshments to follow.

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

COMMUNITY OF THE RISEN LORD SYDNEY SUMMER RETREATS 2019

Drawing the Power of God



Sunday, January 27, 2019

Third 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

