

**OUR VISION:**

**“WE ARE CONTINUALLY ATTRACTING PEOPLE TO ST LUKE’S AND EVERYONE WHO COMMITS TO BEING A MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY IS TRANSFORMED IN EVERY AREA OF THEIR LIFE BY HAVING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.”**

**First Reading**

Dt 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: ‘The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

“My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.” You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.’

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15

*Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.*

**Second reading**

Rom 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**Gospel**

Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry.

Then the devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.’ But Jesus replied, ‘Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.’ Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, ‘I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.’ Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. ‘If you are the Son of God’, he said to him ‘throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.’ But Jesus answered him, ‘It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.’ Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

**Reflection: Lives of Compassion**

My name is Peter. I’m blind and I like doing the things that everybody else likes doing, like going to places just like everybody else including restaurants. I have thought of a couple of incidents in recent years where I have faced difficulty because of my blindness. I travel with a guide dog and in restaurants in particular I sometimes get staff and management who refuse me entry, even though the law, I think in all states in Australia says that they must permit me to enter the restaurant. I can remember one particular incident, not too long ago when a very good friend and I were working in Melbourne and on a Friday night had decided to go and have dinner at a local restaurant. We entered and the staff member who greeted us told us we couldn’t come in because of the dog. My friend in particular argued with her and said that the law requires them to let me come in to the restaurant. And as we continued to argue she called over the manager who also said we couldn’t come in with the dog.

I was very moved when my friend started to launch a campaign action, literally, on my



behalf. He challenged the manager and the staff member by pulling out his phone and starting to record what he was saying. He reported the incident, told people where we were and what had happened and wanted people to know that this restaurant was refusing me entry. And it was even more wonderful when one of the women who was dining in the restaurant had overheard what was going on and she intervened too and she called out to the manager telling him that yes! We’re right. By law you have to let me eat in this restaurant. He reluctantly agreed to let us sit and dine but you can imagine that I was feeling a bit upset. But we had a lovely a meal and when we were leaving the staff started to talk to us and apologised for what had happened and thanked us for helping them to learn what their responsibilities were under the law. It all ended very well. It ended well because my friend and that unknown person in the restaurant decided to stand alongside me in what I think was an act of great compassion. Often we think about compassion as somebody doing something nice for somebody who’s in trouble - cooking them a meal when big things are happening in their lives or helping them when they’re injured and so on. But I think it’s just as much an act of great compassion when people are prepared to stand up and fight for fairness and justice for somebody when they’re under difficulty and feeling pressured and treated unfairly. I’m very grateful to my friend and that woman who called out to support me, and there have been other people who do that too. It’s a great example, I think, of compassion in action.

Peter Arndt (Reflection from Evangelisation Brisbane’s Lent 2019 website: [www.lentprogram.com](http://www.lentprogram.com))

**We welcome this week as our  
Celebrant: Fr Regie Lavilla**

## 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.

17<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Juanita Cruickshank

Hospitality: International Food Day

Acolyte: Volunteer needed

Servers: Ryan, Feba, Tissa

Readers: Celine Tholath, Rufino &  
Quentina Reyes

Eucharistic Min: Randy Hipolito

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

### SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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

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## Affordable Housing Assembly: 14 Mar

Join 2,000 leaders and citizens on 14 March at Sydney Town Hall to stand together for the common good. Together we will be seeking clear, concrete commitments on affordable housing, household energy and rental reform from both state and federal politicians. The Diocese of Parramatta Social Justice Office, Sydney Alliance, Vinnies NSW and the Everybody's Home Campaign are jointly working on this campaign. For more information: [www.sydneycastle.org.au/housing](http://www.sydneycastle.org.au/housing)

## Dr Laurie Woods: 15 March Dates:

Fridays Mar 15, 22, 29, Apr 5, 12

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in the Diocese of Parramatta has engaged Dr Laurie Woods to present on the Gospel of St Luke. At: IFM Marion St Blacktown  
Time: 10am - 2pm

All are welcome. BYO lunch.

Register with Maree on 02 8838 3486

## St Luke's Youth Group: 15 March

The next youth gathering will be on Friday evening 15<sup>th</sup> March from 7-9pm. 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. RSVP for catering purposes by 14 March to:

[marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

## Fridays during Lent: 15 March

Stations of the Cross will be held this Friday night 15 March, starting at 7.00pm, at 2 Springdale St, Marsden Park. All are welcome!

## St Luke's Lenten Retreat: 6 April

Come and join us for a special Lenten Retreat morning on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. The morning will include prayer and reflection, discussion and community. We will start at 9.30am and conclude with lunch at 12.30pm. It will be held at our new office at 2 Springdale St, Marsden Park (off Frontier Avenue and opposite St Luke's Catholic College). Expressions of interest to: [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

## First Communion: 19 May

We will celebrate First Holy Communion at St Luke's on [Sunday, May 19](#) at our usual 10am Mass. Preparation classes for children and their parents will be held on Wednesdays April 3 and 10 and then May 8 and 15 at 6pm at St Luke's Catholic College (Hub). This is available for children who have made the First Reconciliation and are aged 9/in Year 4. Please take a Sacraments

of Initiation enrolment form from the Welcome Table and return it asap.

## Volunteers Urgently Needed for Visiting Residents of Aged Care Facility

Are you interested in visiting an elderly person in a nursing home who has no or very few visitors? You will be matched with a resident in a nursing home within 10km of your home. The visit is within the nursing home. For more information, contact Deb Woolcott on 0418 114 055 or [deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au).

**LENT 2019** | Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving.

### TUESDAY MARCH 12

Start reading through the Gospel of Luke. Just take a Chapter each day and then meditate on a word or phrase that sticks with you.

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 13

How often do you spend time in prayer in the presence of the Eucharist? Find out when and where Adoration of the Holy Eucharist is offered or stop by a church. Spend time in prayer before Our Lord in the Tabernacle.

### THURSDAY MARCH 14

Make going to confession a priority during Lent this year.

### FRIDAY MARCH 15

It is no longer compulsory for Catholics in Australia, but you still might abstain from eating meat today as a Lenten sacrifice.

Consider attending Stations of the Cross at 7pm tonight at our office at 2 Springdale St, Marsden Park.

### SATURDAY MARCH 16

St. Patrick's feast day is tomorrow but will not be celebrated in the church then, as it is Sunday. Instead it will be celebrated on Monday the 18th. In honour of the saint who was once captured and sold into slavery, pray for all victims of human trafficking today.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS ON REQUEST –  
PLEASE SEE ACOLYTE BEFORE MASS**

**IF YOU DO NOT WANT PHOTOS OF  
YOURSELF OR YOUR CHILDREN TAKEN OR  
PUBLISHED PLEASE FORWARD AN EMAIL TO  
[marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org) ADVISING  
US OF THIS!**