

**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.”**

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

**Gospel**  
Lk 19: 28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, ‘Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” you shall say this, “The Lord has need of it”’. So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ And they said, ‘The Lord has need of it’. And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!’ And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, ‘Teacher, rebuke your disciples’. He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out’.

**First Reading**  
Is 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am

untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

**Second reading**  
Phil 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Lent Reflection: Make it a week to remember!**

We have a great opportunity this week to immerse ourselves in some of the most beautiful liturgies our Church offers. From today's commemoration of the Passion of Jesus, all the way through to the glory of the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil on Saturday and on Sunday morning. And the great news is that you can experience it all here at St Luke's. It is a joy to be part of our first Holy Week and Easter at St Luke's. Although, it has not been without its challenges. Because it's our first time, we've had to look at stocking up on everything from palms for today to electric candles for the Easter Vigil, a new Cross for Good Friday, new banners and much more. But it has shown what a rich week it is – and how the various liturgies have their own special parts. The washing of the feet on Holy Thursday (Mass at 7.30pm) allows us to see the model of service Jesus left for us. The empty Tabernacle that night prepares for the empty tomb on Sunday. On Friday we are thrilled that students of St Luke's Catholic College will present a moving and contemporary version of the Stations of the Cross at 10am. This will be



followed by the equally special and moving Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3pm. And then on Saturday we begin outside, before our 6pm Mass, with a fire from which we will light the Paschal Candle. We will commence Mass in darkness, lit only by candles, before we joyfully re-introduce the light for the Gospel of Jesus' Resurrection. And then on Sunday morning at 10am we will again celebrate the joy of the Resurrection – the event which rocked the world. So, please immerse yourself in this week. It is a great blessing to be part of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) to show our love and thanks for a God who loves us so much. Thank you to everyone who is supporting Annette and I to make it all happen. May the blessings of Holy Week and Easter be abundantly realised by your family and all you love.

- Deacon Tony Hoban  
Pastoral Director

21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Sunday

**MINISTRY ROSTER**

Welcomers: Volunteers needed

Hospitality: Volunteers needed

Acolyte: Volunteer needed

Servers: Volunteers needed

Readers: Ofelia Lumba (F), Celine Tholath (S)

Eucharistic Min: Arvin Joya

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](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

**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.

### Bishop Vincent's Pastoral Letter

Bishop Vincent's pastoral letter to the people and clergy of the Diocese of Parramatta can be found at:

[catholicoutlook.org/bishop-vincent-pastoral-letter](http://catholicoutlook.org/bishop-vincent-pastoral-letter)

### Join St Patrick's Cathedral Choir

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta is recruiting singers! For further information visit [stpatscathedral.com.au/music](http://stpatscathedral.com.au/music) or contact the Music Director, Bernard Kirkpatrick on 0430 431 884

### 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 would visit on average once every two weeks, with CatholicCare providing training and other support. We will match you with a resident in a nursing home within 10km of your home. For more information, contact Deb Woolacott 0418 114 055 or [deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au).

### St Luke's International Food Day

For this month only, our St Luke's International Food Day will be held on the fourth Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> April) to coincide with our First Anniversary celebrations! Next month we will return to every third Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> May).

### Palm Sunday Procession: 14 April

The annual Palm Sunday procession is on again. Process with Bishop Vincent from Parramatta Town Hall to St Patrick's Cathedral for a World Youth Day Mass and Event on Palm Sunday. Starting at 5:20pm. Register at: [parracatholic.org/cyp](http://parracatholic.org/cyp)

### Office of Tenebrae: 15 April

The Office of Tenebrae 2019 is part of Holy Week celebrations with a reflection liturgy including Scripture, psalm chanting and

motets. Tenebrae will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 7:30pm on 15 April 2019 and will be led by Bishop Vincent Long.

### Chrim Mass: 17 April

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will be the Principal Celebrant at this year's Chrim Mass at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The Mass will be concelebrated by the priests of the Diocese of Parramatta, assisted by the deacons. During the Mass, the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed and the Oil of Chrim consecrated. These holy oils will then be given to the parishes for use during the year. During the Mass, the priests renew their commitment to priestly service.

### Good Friday Night Walk: 19 April

Join over 1,500 youth and young adults on Good Friday from 10pm on one of two overnight 'routes of reflection' from either Guildford Parish or Blacktown Parish, through five parishes to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Registrations are mandatory. More details at:

[parracatholic.org/cyp](http://parracatholic.org/cyp)

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### Bishop's Lenten Appeal

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 give generously via [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal).

### The Good Friday Collection

Our Pope's world-wide Good Friday Collection offers us an opportunity to contribute to the Holy Places in the Middle East. Monies raised will go to support parishes, schools, homes for orphans, pilgrims, employment and residences for the Arab Christians most in need, as well as the upkeep of ancient sanctuaries. At St Luke's, we will take up a collection at the end of both the 10am and 3pm service.

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### MONDAY APRIL 15

Holy Week is here. If your Lenten journey has been difficult, remember that willing sacrifice helps us grow. Giving of ourselves during our suffering and self-denial helps us to love like Christ.

### TUESDAY APRIL 16

Say a prayer for all the elect, who are waiting to be baptized into the Church on Holy Saturday.

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 17

With the Mass of the Lord's Supper tomorrow, Lent ends and we come to the summit of the liturgical year. Our long fast is followed by the greatest of feasts. Before long, we will be sharing Easter joy!

### THURSDAY APRIL 18

#### Holy Thursday

Sunset today marks the end of Lent and the beginning of the Triduum—the 3 most solemn days of the liturgical year. Begin the Triduum by attending Mass this evening.

### FRIDAY APRIL 19

#### Good Friday

Today is Good Friday, when we commemorate the death of Christ on the Cross. If you are unable to attend a liturgy today, take time to pray the Stations of the Cross.

### SATURDAY APRIL 20

#### Holy Saturday

"We, by Baptism, are immersed in that inexhaustible source of life which is the death of Jesus, the greatest act of love in all of history." Pope Francis

### SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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

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