

**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.”**

Easter Vigil

**Gospel**

Lk 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, ‘Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?’ And they remembered his words. When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The omen were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them. Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

Easter Sunday

**First Reading**

Acts 10:34. 37-43

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23.

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

**Second Reading**

Col 3:1-4

**Gospel**

Jn 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’ So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran

together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**Lent Reflection: A Big Few Weeks!**

It is a blessed time at St Lukes, with our First Holy Week and Easter being celebrated. And next Sunday, April 28, we will celebrate our First Anniversary Mass and Expo. I was speaking to Bishop Vincent before one of the Holy Week liturgies this week and, as usual, he was keen to hear how things are going for our new community here in Marsden Park. It was, of course, the Sunday after Easter Sunday (also known as Divine Mercy Sunday) last year (April 8) when Bishop Vincent said our first Mass. We have decided to keep our anniversary Mass day on the first Sunday after Easter. That means it will change every year, but it also means we have a clear day when he will take time to be grateful for the blessings bestowed on our community. There will be more to say about our anniversary next week but this weekend we are, of course, focussing on the joy of Easter. The incredible fact that Jesus died and then rose, so that we can follow him one day and rise to His Father’s Kingdom - a great gift to us that we need to grab onto enthusiastically. The Resurrection is the foundation of our faith. If Jesus could do THAT, he can do anything, and everything else he said could be taken to be true. We believe in something that almost seems too good to be true. That God, who created everything, and needs nothing from anyone, had so much love for us that he chose to become one of us and then die an horrendous death so that he could make right the fractured relationship between God and wayward humans. What a great deal - something worth celebrating! In fact, we have six weeks to keep celebrating it – because Easter doesn’t end on Easter



Sunday. Please make time each day in this Easter season to thank Jesus for this great gift he has given you.

- Deacon Tony Hoban  
Pastoral Director

**We welcome this week as our Celebrants:  
Fr Mick O’Callaghan & Fr Luis Herrera**

28<sup>th</sup> April – Divine Mercy Sunday

**MINISTRY ROSTER**

Welcomers: Volunteers needed

Hospitality: International Food Day

Acolyte: Volunteer needed

Servers: Jessica, Feba

Readers: Aileen Sebastian (F), Luanshya Naidoo (S), Ofelia Lumba (I)

Eucharistic Min: Maria Raymundo

**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)**

**Happy Birthday to Us!**

Our First Anniversary Mass and Expo will be celebrated next Sunday, April 28. Join us for 10am Mass and then an Expo in the Market place. We will also have an anniversary cake to share. And, remember to bring your food to share for our International Food Fair on that Day – food from your culture of origin. So, block out 10am to 12noon in your diary for next Sunday.

## 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).

### IFM Workshop: 24 April

The second half of life enrichment at the Institute for Mission offers an encouraging workshop for men and women who are over 50 years of age "From Invisible to Invincible - Embracing God's gift of years." Held on 24 April from 10am to 1pm and 1 May from 6pm to 9pm. Registration and questions welcome to Sr Grace 02 9296 6369 or [grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au](mailto:grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au).

### Inspire Women's Afternoon Tea: 27 April

At Holy Spirit Parish St Clair on Saturday 27 April at 5 Todd Row St Clair, 2.45pm for a 3pm start. Cost: Free (donations welcome). Bring a plate to share. Special guest speaker: Rosemary Downes from The Catholic Guy Ministry. Come and enjoy the company of like-minded women and challenge yourself as a mother, daughter, sister and friend. Enquiries [admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au](mailto:admin@holyspiritstclair.com.au)

### Divine Mercy Devotion: 28 April

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions will be held at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith. Starts at 2.30pm 28 April and includes: Blessing of Divine Mercy Image; Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Stations of the Cross; Homily and Benediction; Reconciliation until 4pm; Afternoon tea 4.15pm - 5.15pm; Divine Mercy Mass at 6pm.

### 1 million rosaries: 3 - 5 May

The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for 3, 4 and 5 May this year. Persons participating will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

### Raising Lazarus Retreat Day: 7 May

The Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat and the IFM present a retreat day on 7 May with Dr Bonnie Thurston on *Raising Lazarus: Contemplative Living & Our Inner Journey from Death to New Life*. Held at the IFM Blacktown from 10am to 2pm. BYO Lunch. To register, please contact [mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org](mailto:mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org)

### Interfaith Relations after Christchurch: 10 May

CCD invites all parishioners and friends to attend "Christian-Muslim Relationships after Christchurch - Our Responsibility," presented by Rev Dr Patrick McInerney, Director of the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations on Friday 10 May at the IFM Blacktown. Please register with Maree on 02 8838 3486.

### Reflection Day for Women: 11 May

Sr Mary-Louise Walsh presents a Reflection Day for Women on Mary – Mother and Educator at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd Mulgoa, on 11 May 9.30am to 3pm. \$25 entry, BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided. To register call 47738338 or email [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au)

### Permanent Diaconate Information Session: 11 May

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about

this Vocation will be held at the IFM Blacktown on 11 May 2019 from 10am to 12pm. For further information, visit [www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate](http://www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate) or contact Deacon Willy Limjap 0428 332 619 or Deacon George Bryan 0408 440 769.

### Exploring *Laudato Si*: 24 May

CCD invites all parishioners and friends to attend a presentation by Sr Valda Dickenson RSM exploring aspects of Pope Francis' Letter on Our Common Home – *Laudato Si*. Friday 24 May at the IFM Blacktown 10am to 2pm. Register with Maree on 02 8838 3486 and BYO lunch.

### Oz Rosary: 24-26 May

Oz is happening again! On the weekend of the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians pray for Australia and its protection. This year we are praying also for our political leaders and the spiritual leaders of our church, our Cardinals, Bishops and Priests. To register: [facebook.com/OZROSARY53](https://facebook.com/OZROSARY53) or [ozrosary53@gmail.com](mailto:ozrosary53@gmail.com) or contact Jane on 0476 535 595.

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## SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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

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