

**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**

Is 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 125

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

**Second reading**

Phil 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come;

I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel**

Jn 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin anymore.'

**Lent Reflection:**

Lent is a time for engaging with the God of compassion and letting go of judgement of others. A woman encounters Jesus and because of this encounter with the face of compassion she is transformed. The moment changed her.

• What would an encounter with Jesus be like for you?

Jesus bent down and wrote in the sand ... he took a moment before responding.



When you are tempted to bite back at people, take a moment before you respond. Stop, breathe, think, respond.

- Am I quick to condemn others?
  - Am I quick to condemn myself?
  - How can I offer compassion and mercy to others this week? Can I be the face of Christ to another?
  - How can I offer compassion and mercy to myself? Can I gaze upon myself with the same love that God does?
- Go into the week consciously seeking out what you can learn from others.
- What are the gifts the people I come across offer me, through their words, their actions, their way of being?
- From Evangelisation Brisbane.  
[www.lentprogram.com](http://www.lentprogram.com)

14<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday

**MINISTRY ROSTER**

Welcomers: Dominique & Gabrielle De Guzman

Hospitality: Couples for Christ

Acolyte: Volunteer needed

Servers: Denver Remo

Readers: Gari De Guzman (F), Monique De Guzman (S), Dominique De Guzman

Eucharistic Min: Varuni Emerson

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 Florito Apalias**

**Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross. 7pm at 2 Springdale St.**

### 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)

### Bishop Vincent's Statement on the Christchurch Attack

Bishop Vincent has issued a statement on the Christchurch attack. The statement can be found here:

[catholicoutlook.org/christchurchattack](http://catholicoutlook.org/christchurchattack)

### Join St Patrick's Cathedral Choir

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta is recruiting singers! This is an exciting opportunity to join a group of highly talented musicians. 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? This service is organised through CatholicCare. You would visit on average once every two weeks with CatholicCare providing training and other support. After talking with you about your interests, we will match you with a resident in a nursing home within approximately 10km of your home. The visit is entirely within the nursing home – you do not take the person on outings or shopping etc. For more information, contact Deb Woolcott 0418 114 055 or [deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au](mailto:deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au).

### 2nd Rite Confession/Reconciliation: 9 April

Good Shepherd Parish, 136 Hyatts Rd, Plumpton at 7.30pm

### 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.

### 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)

### 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.

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

### MONDAY APRIL 8

"In every act we do, in every step we take, let our hand trace the Lord's cross." St. Jerome

### TUESDAY APRIL 9

"I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt." Pope Francis

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 10

As we journey with Jesus towards Holy Week, remember all those in our world today who carry heavy crosses of poverty, homelessness, and hunger. Pray for the poor and vulnerable today.

### THURSDAY APRIL 11

Born into a wealthy family, St. Stanislaus, a Bishop and martyr, gave away all of his inheritance to the poor when his parents died. How have you given alms this Lenten season?

### FRIDAY APRIL 12

The Lenten season will soon come to a close. Take time today to reflect on how the sacrifices you made this season can make others' lives better throughout the Easter season.

### SATURDAY APRIL 13

"Cast away from you all the crimes you have committed, says the LORD, and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit." Ez 8:31



### SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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

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