

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

Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. ‘We gave you a formal warning,’ he said ‘not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man’s death on us.’ In reply Peter and the apostles said, ‘Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.’ They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Second reading

Rv 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, ‘The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.’ Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, ‘To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.’ And the four animals said, ‘Amen’; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel

Jn 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, ‘I’m going fishing.’ They replied, ‘We’ll come with you.’ They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, ‘Have you caught anything, friends?’ And when they answered, ‘No’, he said, ‘Throw the net out to starboard and you’ll find something.’ So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord.’ At these words ‘It is the Lord’, Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, ‘Bring some of the fish you have just caught.’ Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, ‘Who are you?’; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?’ He answered, ‘Yes Lord, you know I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He replied, ‘Yes, Lord, you know I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Look after my sheep.’ Then he said to him a third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and said, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. ‘I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.’ In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, ‘Follow me.’



Reflection: WHAT’S NEXT?

After the joy of celebrating our first anniversary as a worshipping community last Sunday, some may be asking, “Well, what comes next?” Our Advisory Group have looked at ways we can help deepen our faith and also reach out to others. Two initiatives that will help this are coming up between now and the end of the year. Firstly, from June 16 to September 1, Couples for Christ will run their Christian Life Program after Mass each Sunday with lunch included. There will be guest speakers and discussion time to help deepen our commitment to following Christ. You will hear more about this in coming weeks. And then in September and October on each Saturday evening we will offer the Alpha program – an opportunity to come together as a community for a meal, to watch an engaging video and then discuss in small groups the most important aspects of life. It will be a family-friendly program with child-minding provided. In fact, we are thinking of calling it the ‘Date Night Alpha Program’ – a chance for spouses to have some quality time together while enhancing their life in Christ. For our young members, we have youth group resuming after the Easter Holiday break on Friday, May 17 at 7pm. We are also looking forward to the celebration of First Holy Communion on [May 16](#), the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in July/August and then Confirmations in October. So, there is plenty happening at St Luke’s. We hope you will get fully involved.

- Deacon Tony Hoban
Pastoral Director

12th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Juanita

Hospitality: Couples for Christ

Acolyte: Volunteer needed

Servers: Feba Abby

Readers: Merlyn Ferrao (F), Volunteer (S), Volunteer (I)

Eucharistic Min: Volunteers needed

Children's Liturgy: Sinta, Nina, Annette

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 Luis Herrera

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 federal election pastoral statement

Bishop Vincent has released a pastoral statement on the 2019 Australian federal election that will be held on Saturday 18 May. The pastoral statement can be found at parracatholic.org/election2019

Join St Patrick's Cathedral Choir

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta is recruiting singers! For further information visit 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. For more information, contact Deb Woolacott 0418 114 055 or deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

Solo Parent Services Seminar: 7 May

Solo Parent Services, part of CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains, is holding a seminar on "Annulments in the Catholic Church" at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta on 7 May from 7pm to 9pm. Registrations are essential – contact Rita on 02 8843 2575 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

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

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

Permanent Diaconate Info 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 or contact Deacon Willy Limjap 0428 332 619 or Deacon George Bryan 0408 440 769.

Good Shepherd Sunday: 12 May

Today is the World Day of Vocations and Good Shepherd Sunday. The Catholic Church invites you to pray for those you might know whom God may be calling to a priestly vocation and would benefit from your prayers. To learn more about priestly vocations, the priesthood and seminary life in the Diocese of Parramatta visit www.parracatholic.org/vocations

Mary in my life Retreat: 17-19 May

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are running a retreat for women aged 18 to 35 who want to deepen their relationship

with Jesus and Mary at the Holy Spirit Convent, Plumpton, from 17 May at 6pm to 19 May at 1.30pm. This retreat is meant to help participants slow down, collect and centre themselves, and explore the peace available in each and every moment. RSVP to Sr Paula – vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

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 this weekend we will pray for Australia and its protection. Also for our political leaders and the spiritual leaders of our church, our Cardinals, Bishops and Priests. To register: facebook.com/OZROSARY53 or ozrosary53@gmail.com or contact Jane on 0476 535 595.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT PHOTOS OF YOURSELF OR YOUR CHILDREN TAKEN OR PUBLISHED PLEASE FORWARD AN EMAIL TO marsdenpark@parracatholic.org ADVISING US OF THIS!



SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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

Baptisms available most Sundays after Mass. Apply via email.

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