

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

Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. “Here is your God, Israel,” they have cried, “who brought you up from the land of Egypt!” I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.’ But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.’ So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18
I will rise and go to my father.

Second reading

1 Tm 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them;

and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen

Gospel

Lk 15:1-10

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them: ‘What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” he would say “I have found my sheep that was lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

‘Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” she would say “I have found the drachma I lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.’

Reflection: What gives you life?

Annette and I have a regular discussion with a woman who acts as a sounding board for us in our ministry roles. We spoke with her this week of our disappointment at needing to stop having our Saturday Mass, as at the end of this month, due to the uncertainty of supply of priests. She acknowledged this disappointment and sadness. But she also encouraged us in the midst of this disappointment, to see the joy of our roles – the things that give us life. And there is much to be joyful about:

- the continued growth of this community
- the culture of hospitality that is growing here
- a great start to our Alpha program
- the large number of people who regularly support the community in a variety of roles, and much more.

And, so I share this with you as something that may be helpful in your own life. We all face things that weigh us down. And it is only natural to feel the pain of disappointment, loss, sadness, even anger, that comes with such events. But our Christian faith also calls us to be people of hope. To look for those things that are giving us joy and life in the midst of difficulties. I pray we all can be able to focus every day on at least three things we are grateful for in our life. And to then give thanks to God for them.

- Deacon Tony Hoban
Pastoral Director

**We welcome this week as our Celebrants:
Fr Meng/Fr Ever**

21st & 22nd September

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers:

Sat – Volunteers req’d

Sun – Anne Commarmond

Acolyte:

Sat – James Irudayaraj

Sun – Volunteer req’d

Servers:

Sat – Denver, Rohit

Sun – Volunteers req’d

Readers:

Sat – Gabrielle (1) Lavanya (2)

Monique (Int)

Sun – Volunteers req’d

Eucharistic Min:

Sat – Gari de Guzman

Sun – Ruwanal

Hospitality: Volunteers req’d

Children’s Liturgy: Sinta, Annette

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.

Plenary Council 2020

The National Centre for Pastoral Research has just published *Listen to what the Spirit is saying*, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process. Access at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

Diocesan Forum Resources

You are invited to view the resources from the recent Diocesan Forum at www.parracatholic.org/forum2019. Read the address from Bishop Vincent Long, materials prepared for the forum, data collated from the forum and images from the day. There will be further opportunities to engage in deanery and diocesan initiatives following the Forum as we continue to go out into the deep to become the community Christ calls us to be.

Parramatta Catholic Foundation Gifts in Wills Campaign

What will be your legacy of Faith, Hope and Charity? During 'Include a Charity Week', we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider leaving a Gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in Parramatta Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will:

yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills

CatholicCare Blacktown Neighbourhood Aid Volunteers Needed

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you can help contact Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

Half a Million Steps Special Screening: 19 September

Parramatta Mission is hosting a special screening of the documentary *Half A Million Steps* on 19 September at the Leigh Memorial Church, Parramatta from 6.30pm. A special panel discussion will be held afterwards. The documentary is part of the Fair Treatment campaign – www.fairtreatment.org. To RSVP by 16 September, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/half-a-million-steps-screening-at-parramatta-mission-tickets-66978284853>

OLMC Parramatta 50 Year Reunion: 21 September

Did you commence Year 7 at OLMC in 1964, or attend any year thereafter, such that you did your HSC in 1969, or your SC in 1967? It's OK if you left before your exams, you're still welcome at our 50th Reunion! Contact Jennifer Newton email: * fiftyyearsonolmc64-69@hotmail.com or Facebook page OLMC Parramatta 1964-1969 50th Reunion (September 2019).

St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Feast Day: 22 September

Everyone is invited to the Feast Day of St Padre Pio at St Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park on 22 September. The procession will start at 9.30am, followed by the feast day Mass, veneration and blessing by St Padre Pio's Holy Relic and other festivities. A Triduum will precede the feast day from 19 to 21 September. For more information, please contact the parish office on (02) 4737 9735.

Discernment Retreat: 27 September - 29 September

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are offering a discernment retreat "The Compass of the Discernment" for women (aged 18-35) to reflect on that most important of questions: "Lord, what are you asking of me? How are you calling me to give?" It is a great opportunity to meet and spend time with the sisters. Holy Spirit Convent, 120 Capuchin Way, Plumpton. RSVP Sr Paula vocationscsfn@gmail.com or 0449 656 406.

Social Justice Sunday: 29 September

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has launched its 2019/20 Social Justice Statement: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'. The Statement shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. For further details about the Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

Spirit of Jesus Community Healing Mass: 17 October

The Light of Jesus Family Sydney, part of the Jesus Light of the World Communities, are hosting a Healing Mass on 17 October from 7.30pm at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. For more information, please contact Jaime on 0410 292 047 or Hydie on 0430 671 918, email jlowcommunity@gmail.com or visit www.jlowcom.org

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 27 October

All married couples and their families are warmly invited to the Diocese of Parramatta's Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass and Lunch on Sunday 27 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. A light lunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow. Please register your names and numbers of years married, and the numbers attending the lunch by contacting the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 02 8838 3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org.

Youth Corner



The next 'Saints in Training' gathering will be on Friday 27th September 7pm at 2 Springdale St. For any enquiries send us an email saintlukesyg@gmail.com and to keep up with everything follow us on Instagram: saintlukesyg

WEEKEND MASS

Sunday 10.00am

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

Baptisms available most Sundays after Mass. Apply via email.

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