

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

Am 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money. Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, ‘When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.’ The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, ‘Never will I forget a single thing you have done.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second reading

1 Tm 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel

Lk 16:10-13

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The one who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the one who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?’ ‘No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first

and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.’

Reflection: True riches

Our Gospel story today reminded me of a story I once heard told by Fr Ron Rolhesier:

“A number of years ago I attended a funeral. The man to whom we were saying goodbye had enjoyed a full and rich life. He’d reached the age of 90 and was respected for having been both successful and honest. But he’d always been a strong man, a natural leader, a man who took charge of things. He’d had a good marriage, raised a large family, been successful in business, and held leadership roles in various civic and church organizations. He was a man who commanded respect although he was sometimes feared for his strength.

His son, a priest, was presiding at his funeral. He began his homily this way: ‘Scripture tells us that seventy is the sum of a man’s years, eighty for those who are strong. Now, our dad lived for ninety years. Why the extra ten years? Well, it’s no mystery really. It took God an extra ten years to mellow him out! He was too strong and cantankerous to die at eighty! But during the last ten years of his life he suffered a series of massive diminishments. His wife died, he never got over that. He had a stroke, he never got over that. He had to be moved into an assisted living complex, he never got over that. All these diminishments did their work. By the time he died, he could take your hand and say: ‘Help me’. He couldn’t say that from the time he could tie his own shoelaces until those last years. He was finally ready for heaven. Now when he met St. Peter at the gates of heaven he could say: ‘Help me!’ rather than tell St. Peter how he might better organize things.”



That story says something to me about the essence of today’s Gospel.

We can easily get big-headed about some of the successes we have in life. But God seeks from us not this type of success but hearts and minds willing to do God’s work on earth. Few of us will get to our deathbed and say: “I wish I’d spent more time at work.”

But many will regret that they didn’t focus more on relationships. Our relationships with God, other people and those in need.

- Deacon Tony Hoban
Pastoral Director

**We welcome this week as our Celebrants:
Fr Bong/Fr Daddo**

28th/29th September
MINISTRY ROSTER
Welcomers:
Sat: Volunteers req’d
Sun: Volunteers req’d
Acolyte:
Sat: James
Sun: Arvin
Servers:
Sat: Volunteers req’d
Sun: Volunteers req’d
Readers:
Sat: Lavanya (1), Luanshya (2), Volunteer req’d (1)
Sun: Geraldine (1), Volunteers req’d
Eucharistic Min:
Sat: Volunteer req’d
Sun: Volunteer req’d
Hospitality: Volunteers req’d

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.

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.

Vigil Mass: 28 September

Saturday evening 28th September will be our last Vigil Mass for the time being. We understand that this will cause some sadness and inconvenience for some of our community members. It is regrettably a decision we have had to make at this time.

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.

Broken Bay Bible Conference: 11 – 12 October

The Broken Bay Diocese Bible Conference – 'The Holy Spirit Through the Pages of Scripture' – will be held from 11 to 12 October at the Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills. \$88 for the conference, or \$44 per day. Lunch and morning/afternoon tea is included. RSVP by 4 October through www.trybooking.com/BCKBE. For enquiries, contact Tania Rimac on 02 8379 1629, faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au or visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/bible

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

Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Perth: 7 – 11 December 2019

Time is running out to register to join Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta at ACYF19 in Perth. ACYF19 is a biennial national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Bishops of Australia. If you are a school student that missed out on being selected, you can register to join a diocesan small group with a guardian. Free twin-share hotel accommodation is still available, but for a limited time. For more information and to register www.catholicyouthparramatta.org



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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