

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

Wis 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second reading

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel

Lk 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. ‘If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers,

sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, “Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.” Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’

Reflection: Saturday Night Mass

I am sad to advise that our Saturday night Mass will not continue beyond this month. While we have had good attendance at these Masses, unfortunately, we cannot guarantee a supply of priests. This decision is one for now – there will come a day when we can make ongoing arrangements for an extra Mass - but that time is not now. There has been a suggestion that we might have at least a few Saturday night Masses each month – say, on the first and third Saturdays. However, experience in other parishes has been that this becomes too confusing for people and, as a result, they go elsewhere. There has also been a suggestion that, instead of having a Mass, we conduct a Liturgy of the Word. However, as a Catholic community gathered around Eucharist and the sacraments the substitution with the liturgy of the Word is always a poor second for a Vigil/Sunday celebration. We are Catholic after all, and a Sacramental people. Our community is formed around Eucharist. The celebration of the liturgy of the Word is an essential part of the whole celebration of the Sunday Liturgy and splitting the Liturgy of the Word away from the Sunday Eucharist does enormous damage to the integrity of the celebration of the Eucharist. Eucharist is not a “bonus” but an essential part of a Catholic Community.



This suggestion makes sense in remote parts of the world where access to the Eucharist is difficult and the community comes together once a week to break open the Word of God with prayer and perhaps Communion, or is used to sustain the community between opportunities for the celebration of Mass. However, this cannot be argued for a suburb like Marsden Park with many other Mass centres available nearby. I am aware that there is a convenience factor with the Saturday night Mass but, as this Sunday’s Gospel reminds us, our faith should simply not be a matter of convenience. Losing the Saturday night Mass is a cross that this community must endure for now.

- Deacon Tony Hoban
Pastoral Director

**14th & 15th Sept
MINISTRY ROSTER**

Welcomers:

Sat – Youth Group
Sun – Juanita Cruikshank

Acolyte:

Sat – Youth Group
Sun – Volunteer req’d

Servers:

Sat – Youth Group
Sun – Denver, Andrei

Readers:

Sat – Youth Group
Sun – Geraldine Santos (1) Meli Savea (2)

Eucharistic Min:

Sat – Youth Group
Sun – Jasmine

Hospitality: International Food
Children’s Liturgy: Sinta, Nina, Annette

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

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

Child Protection Sunday: 7 September

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support

survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults. You can find out more about the Church's work at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Sherry Weddell: 14 September

Author of the Intentional Disciple series and co-founder of the Catherine of Siena Institute, Sherry Weddell, is presenting on the topic *Making Disciples in the Catholic Parish: Discerning Our Mission* at the Caroline Chisholm Centre in Pennant Hills on 14 September from 9.30am to 4pm. For more information and to register, please call Natalie Moutia on (02) 9379 1626 or email faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au.

Jesuit Mission Indian Bazaar: 14 September

Come and join in the fun and festivities at Jesuit Mission's Indian Bazaar on Saturday 14 September, 9am to 5pm at St Ignatius' College, Riverview. There will be rides, stalls, auctions and more. The annual fundraiser supports Jesuit Mission's work in over 13 countries, empowering the most vulnerable people to transform their lives and build brighter futures. More details at <https://jesuitmission.org.au/indian-bazaar/>

Divine Mercy and Rosary Prayer Session: 15 September

St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith, is hosting an intercessory prayers session on Sunday 15 September from 3pm in the PMR1 Room. People of all backgrounds are welcome to unite as God's family and pray. For more information, please contact Steffi Sequeira on 0436 395 763 or steffi.parry.sequeira@gmail.com

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.

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.

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



Important dates to put in your calendar:

*13th September ~ Youth Group for high school saints in training (7pm- 8:50pm in the Church office)

*14th September ~ Youth Mass (Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass)

For any further 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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