

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 6:1. 4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second reading

1 Tm 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel

Lk 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was

buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." 'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Reflection: HELPING CREATE A SYMPHONY OF PRAYER

The public prayer of the church, what we call priestly prayer, works exactly like that. It's a symphony intended for the benefit of everyone and open to everyone. This has a number of ramifications: First of all, it clarifies some age-old questions about who benefits from our prayer and who doesn't. Imagine two people, both in pain and in need of prayer: The first is a very well-loved individual, part of a big community and he has many people praying for him. The second person is alone, without family and friends with nobody to pray for her. Are we to believe that the first person has drawn a lucky straw and will benefit from all the prayers offered for him, while the second will languish alone, without the benefit of prayer since she has nobody to pray for her?

No. That's not the way prayer works, at least not the "priestly" prayer of the church. It creates a symphony that's intended for everyone, includes everyone, and benefits everyone, the loved, the



unloved, the lucky, and the unlucky, all equally.

In its explicit expression, our "priestly" prayer might sometimes be directed towards the needs of one particular person, but everyone is given the benefit of the symphony. Our public prayers on a Sunday are not so much intended for some individual who's ill and in pain, as for the whole world in all its ills and pains. That's how "priestly" prayer works, it makes a symphony of prayer for the benefit of everyone. That's the intent of all Sunday services and all liturgical prayers of the church.

What constitutes "priestly" prayer? It's the public prayer of our churches, the Eucharist, the Sacraments, Services of the Word, Sunday worship. It's also the Office of the Church (the Liturgy of the Hours, the Breviary).

All of these, by essence and definition, are public prayers, intended first of all not for the private nourishment of those praying them, but as a symphony of prayer for the benefit of the whole world.

- Fr Ron Rolheiser, OMI

6th October

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers:

Juanita

Acolyte:

Sun: James

Servers:

Denver, Gab, Andrei

Readers:

Maree (1), Genesis (2) Corrie (3)

Eucharistic Min:

Aileen

Hospitality: Volunteers req'd

We welcome this week as our Celebrants:
Fr Meng/Fr Peter Williams

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.

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 as we cannot guarantee a supply of priests for this Mass.

ACBC Social Justice Statement 2019/20

The Australian Catholic Bishop Conference has launched its 2019/20 Social Justice Statement: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world,' ahead of Social Justice Sunday on 29 September. The Statement shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. Order the Statement online at bit.ly/socialjusticeshop. For further details about the Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website, or call 83063499 www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

OLQP Greystanes Old Testament Sessions: 3 – 31 October

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes is hosting a series of five talks on 'The Old Testament' every Thursday through October from 7.30pm to 9pm at the St George Preca Centre in the parish. The talks will be presented by assistant priest Fr Joseph Lam. Please register your details with the parish office on 02 9631 8135 or parishoffice@olqp.org.au.

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 11th October 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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