

**First Reading**

Dn 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 15:5. 8-11

*Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.*

**Second reading**

Heb 10:11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

**Gospel**

Mk 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his

chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'



**Reflection: A PLACE TO CALL HOME**

This week our Catholic Faith Community took possession of a building which will serve as our community 'home'.

Located straight across the road from St Luke's Catholic College, at 2 Springdale Street (the single-storey house right in front of you as you exit the car park), this house will serve a number of purposes:

- Our formal office space
- A place for small groups to meet for Bible studies, Alpha groups, playgroups and the like.
- Meetings associated with our community
- Potentially, a Blessed Sacrament Chapel

While we have been so lucky to be able to utilise the College as our place for Mass and some Sacramental Program preparation sessions, we are unable to use the college during the working week.



So, we now have an ongoing presence. This is another step in our journey as a faith community.

We are thankful that money was set aside when the former Schofields Catholic Church building was sold some years ago for a future parish in this area.

As I have mentioned before, it will be many years before we can save enough money for a church building of our own, so this building will be an important base for our community for now and into the future.

We look forward to having an open day soon when you can visit the new community 'home'.

- Deacon Tony  
Pastoral Director

25<sup>th</sup> November – 'Christ the King'

**MINISTRY ROSTER**

Welcomers: Conol family

Acolyte: Volunteer needed

Servers: Feba Abby, Tissa Thomas

Readers: Genesis Raymundo, Corrie Merdegia, Aileen Sebastian

Eucharistic Min: Maria Raymundo

Hospitality: Volunteers needed

Children's Liturgy: Sinta Velasco, Annette Hoban, Sindhu Tholath

**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](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)**

**We welcome this week as our Celebrant: Fr Ever from Quakers Hill**

## 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.

## LOW GLUTEN HOSTS ON REQUEST – PLEASE SEE ACOLYTE BEFORE MASS

### National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse

The Prime Minister of Australia and the Leader of the Opposition delivered the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse on Monday 22 October at Parliament House, Canberra. A response from the Diocese of Parramatta can be found here: <https://parracatholic.org/national-apology/>

### **Plenary Council 2020**

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"* Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### **Memorial Mass for those bereaved by suicide: 20 November**

CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains together with the Diocese of Parramatta invite those bereaved by suicide to a Mass to honour loved ones who have taken their lives. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Chris de Souza VG PP. St Oliver Plunkett Church, 35 Wigram Street, Harris Park. 6.45pm for 7pm start. Ph: 02 8843 2530 or [rita.chater@ccss.org.au](mailto:rita.chater@ccss.org.au)

### **Reflection Day for Women - Preparing our Hearts for Advent: 24 November**

As we approach the end of the year things seem to speed up around us. Don't get caught in it, take some time out for prayer and reflection. Cost \$25 BYO own lunch, tea & coffee provided. To register or for more

information [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au) or Ph: 4773 8338

### **Rosary Group gathering: 24 November**

On the last Saturday of each month the local Rosary group meet for prayer and food! This month it will be held at the new St Luke's office at 2 Springdale St, starting at 7:30pm. For further information call 8605 2623 or email [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org).

### **Ordination to the Priesthood: 30 November 7:30pm**

Diocese of Parramatta deacons Jessie Balorio, Jack Green, Chris del Rosario and Galbert Albino will be ordained to the priesthood by Most Rev Vincent Long OFM Conv at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. All are welcome, however, due to the anticipated size of the celebration, an outside broadcast with seating will be provided in the Cathedral cloister for those wishing to attend. Parking options may be available in the carpark next to Western Sydney (Parramatta) Stadium, O'Connell Street and streets surrounding the Cathedral.

Details of each ordinand's Mass of Thanksgiving ('First Masses') are as follows:

Galbert - Saturday 1st December at 5.30pm at St Anthony's, Toongabbie

Jessie – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10:30 at St Aidan's, Rooty Hill, Saturday 8 December at 5:30pm at Holy Family, Luddenham

Chris - Saturday 1st December at 10.00am at Our Lady of the Angels, Rouse Hill

Jack – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 12pm at St John Vianney's, Doonside

### **Thanksgiving and Farewell Mass: 7 December**

Celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, a thanksgiving Mass for the service of Fr Peter Confeggi as he moves into retirement, Fr Luis Herrera as he returns to Columbia and for the service of all those in ministry at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. Fellowship after Mass. 7.30pm St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St Blacktown. For catering purposes, RSVP to 9622 1125 or [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au)

### **Los Angeles Religious Education Congress 2019: Thirsting for Justice**

A wonderful opportunity for a faith formation experience for parishioners, leaders, teachers, catechists ... all people in ministry and all people who would like to enrich their faith! Join this pilgrimage group to attend the Los Angeles Religious

Education Congress 18-30 March 2019. Cost of pilgrimage \$4350 for 12 days with some additional expenses. Please contact Lisa Bright on 9622 1125 or [lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au) for an information pack.

### **Can you support St Luke's to grow?**

St Luke's Catholic Faith Community is Australia's newest Catholic worshipping community. Please consider helping us with your time and talents by volunteering for one of our many ministries. And please support us by sharing some of your treasure through our giving program to help facilitate our weekly worship and form part of the foundation of a future church building. You can find donation envelopes on the Welcome Table in the foyer Sunday. please pass these to Dcn Tony or include them on one of the collections during Mass.



### **Vinnies Christmas Appeal Hamper item suggestions:**

Coffee, tea or hot chocolate mix, Sugar, salt and pepper, Biscuits, Gravox, Pasta and pasta sauces, Drinks (soft-drink, fruit juice or cordial) Jam, honey or Vegemite, baked beans. Gifts for babies, children, women and men including: Clothing, socks, warm blankets, toys, colouring books, learning books, handbags, wallets, sanitary items, make-up (new), underwear, hankies, toiletries, Coles or Woolworths vouchers, movie tickets. The St Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your generosity in helping to make this festive season special for families in need! **PLEASE BRING ALL DONATIONS NEXT SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER!**

### **SUNDAY MASS**

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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

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