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**First Reading**

Is 40:1-5. 9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double unishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30.

*Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!*

**Second reading**

Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the

Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

**Gospel**

Lk 3:15-16. 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

**Reflection: Baptised into a family**

Last Sunday Mia Camerino joined our Catholic Church through Baptism. We welcome her and congratulate her parents, Grace and Errol. So, what has Mia joined? An organisation? A club? An institution? I'd like to think she has joined a family.



The family of God. The family of God's people. A family of people who journey together, guided by the light of Christ. A family who know that they, alone, cannot make the journey. But, sustained by the Sacraments, by God's grace and by the support of their fellow travellers, they can keep going. Since day one, we have aimed to create within the St Luke's Catholic Faith Community a sense of family - a place of welcome, inclusion and hospitality. Our morning teas, name tag Sundays, community evenings and monthly international food fairs are all examples of this. We want to continue to develop in this way, but we need your support to help us to do so. We all have a role to play in making St Luke's all it can be. Please volunteer your thoughts on how we can best be a family that supports one another on our journey of faith.

- Deacon Tony  
Pastoral Director

20<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ord Time

**MINISTRY ROSTER**

Welcomers: Volunteer needed

Hospitality: Volunteer needed

Acolyte: John Missio

Servers: Jessica Thompson

Readers: Maree Raymundo, Corrie Merdigia, Aileen Sebastian

Eucharistic Min: Varuni Emerson

**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 Mick O'Callaghan**

### 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**

### Time is running out for Plenary Council 2020

Submissions to Plenary Council 2020 close on Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019. YOUR voice matters! Make a personal submission now or join a small group. Our question is for everyone: "What you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" To make a submission or to find out more visit:

<https://parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020/>

### St Patrick's Gift Shop

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta is bringing Christmas cheer by opening an on-site gift shop. Opening hours will be 10am – 3pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. For more information visit: <https://stpatscathedral.com.au/>

### Follow our pilgrims attending World Youth Day Panama!

The Diocese's World Youth Day 2019 will take place 15 January to 1 February 2019. The Diocese of Parramatta has 171 pilgrims attending. Please remember to pray for the pilgrims. Follow the pilgrim's progress online at [parrawyd.org](http://parrawyd.org)

### St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Upper Blue Mountains

We will be celebrating two special Masses early this year: Sunday 20 January Santo Niño holy Mass and celebration according to the Filipino tradition (English language). The Mass will take place at St Canice's Church, Katoomba at 12.00 pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Sunday 10 February Holy Mass in Spanish. The Mass will take place at St Canice's Church, Katoomba at 12.00 pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

### COMMUNITY OF THE RISEN LORD SYDNEY SUMMER RETREATS 2019

Healing Service with adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament

**Friday, 25 January 2019: 7.30pm to 9.30pm**

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Kellyville  
8 Diana Ave, Kellyville

**Four Steps to Healing (Weekend Retreat)**

**Saturday, 26 January 2019: 9.30am to 4.30  
pm**

**Sunday, 27 January 2019: 10.00am to  
5.00pm**

Our Lady of Czestochowa Queen of Poland  
Church Hall

116-132 Quakers Road, Marayong

**Family Retreat:**

**Discover the true purpose of family life  
and thereby the path of happiness**

**Monday, 28 January 2019: 10.00am to  
4.00pm**

John XXIII Catholic Primary School Hall  
160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens

**Drawing the Power of God**

**Tuesday, 29 January 2019: 7.30pm to  
9.30pm**

St. Luke's Catholic College Hall  
Northbourne Drive & Frontier Avenue,  
Marsden Park

**Living in the Spirit**

**Wednesday, 30 January 2019: 7.30pm to  
9.30pm**

Our Lady of Dolours

94 Archer Street, Chatswood  
**Freedom through God's Love**

**Thursday, 31 January 2019: 7.30pm to  
9.30pm**

St John XXIII Catholic Church

### SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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

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### NAPPA Conference 2019

The NAPPA Conference will be held on Tuesday 26 February 2019. You can register via this link: [www.nappa2019.wixsite.com/conference](http://www.nappa2019.wixsite.com/conference) or contact Tanya Quinn on 02 8838 3441.

### 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 for information or [lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:lbright@mqofblacktown.org.au)

### 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



Sunday, January 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord

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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. Please pass these to Deacon Tony or include them on one of the collections during Mass.

**Walk the Camino Portugués**

Walk the Camino Portugués. Catholic Mission are holding 17-day Pilgrimages: Lisbon, Fatima, Porto, Santiago de Compostela. Two pilgrimages: May 2019 and June 2019. Small group led by Sr Veronica OP, (0451 387 906). See <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/immersions/camino-portugues>

