

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

Is 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second reading

Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at

Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. ‘Where is the infant king of the Jews?’ they asked. ‘We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.’ When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ‘At Bethlehem in Judaea,’ they told him, ‘for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.’ Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. ‘Go and find out all about the child,’ he said ‘and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.’ Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Reflection: Continuing to look for Jesus

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany today we hear again the story of the Magi visiting the child Jesus. These men had to make a specific journey out of their own country to look for the mysterious child whose presence they had seen foretold in a

star. These men show us that we too can journey to Jesus.



Even if we are already followers, we are always spurred on by Jesus to continue following him. Like the journey of the wise men, we too may sometimes find distractions on the way. Like the wise men we will come across enemies of Jesus on the way.

But, like Jesus we can know that we can defeat hatred with love. If you want to find enemies of Jesus today, just try posting something on social media that is supportive of Jesus or the Church. You will quickly find opposition. I recently read a quote that while God is slow to anger and full of mercy, many people today are quick to anger and empty of mercy. This can sometimes be very evident on social media. So, perhaps we can have an epiphany moment by realising that Jesus is the God of love and mercy and he calls us, his followers, to walk in his ways. To meet hatred with love. To fill the lack of mercy in our world with his mercy extended through our actions and words. That is a journey – like that of the Magi – that is worth taking.

- Deacon Tony
Pastoral Director

13th January – Baptism of the Lord

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Volunteer needed

Acolyte: James Irudayaraj

Servers: Volunteers needed

Readers: Ofelia & Qwayn Lumba

Eucharistic Min: Volunteers needed

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

We welcome this week as our
Celebrant: Fr Jamie Calder

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/>

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 NSW 2155](#)

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 NSW 2148](#)

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 NSW 2768](#)

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 NSW 2765](#)

Living in the Spirit

Wednesday, 30 January 2019: 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Our Lady of Dolours
[94 Archer Street, Chatswood NSW 2067](#)

Freedom through God's Love

Thursday, 31 January 2019: 7.30pm to 9.30pm

St John XXIII Catholic Church
[160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens NSW 2768](#)

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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/conferece 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

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>

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

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

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

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