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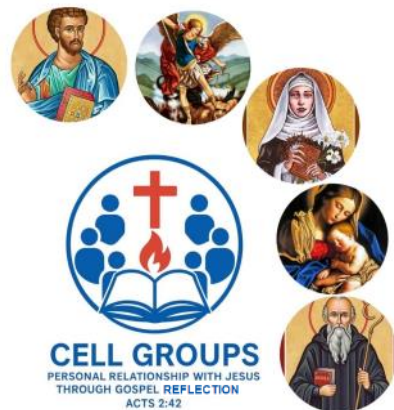
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St Luke's Parish Cells
of Evangelisation



"For where two or three are
gathered in my name, there am I
among them." - Matthew 18:20

Our Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Phone Number: 03 9465 2180

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Parish Email: lalor@cam.org.au

(For urgent matters please contact the priests any time.)

WE ARE A SAFE, HOPE-FILLED AND WELCOMING CHURCH



MASS INTENTION

WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASSES - 2026

Saturday 29th August - The Beheading of St John the Baptist

9.00am: Mass - English followed by adoration until 10.30am

11.00am: Baptism - Rose

12.00pm: Baptism - Patrick

6.30pm: Mass - English Rocco & Caterina Labozzetta, Freddy Montano Revilla (75th birthday in heaven), for the healing of Slawek's mother and in thanksgiving for Leo

Sunday 30th August

8.30am: Mass - English Borg Family, Camilleri Family, Louis Zahra and all departed souls

10.00am: Mass - Italian Carmela Patti, Nicola & Maria Del Popolo, Innocente Visona, Famiglia Del Popolo, Famiglia Armillotta, Faraci Franco, Famiglia Cutrale, Famiglia Lo Giudice, Gaetano Greco, Nuccia Greco, Salvatore Rao, Francesco Paolo Siragusa (19anni) and for the healing of Frank Bistricic

11.30am: Mass - English Ilde Ciamacco, Jovita & Paulino Exposto, Maria Lemos (1anni) and the Deceased Names on the Good Shepherd's Shrine

1.00pm: Baptism - Ariana

4.00pm: Mass - Vietnamese

6.00pm: Mass - English Youth Healing Mass
Brian Miller (4anni)

Monday 31st August

9.00am: Mass - English

7.00pm: Memorial - Vincenza Pascuzzi (1mth)

Tuesday 1st September

9.00am: Mass - English St John XXIII Grade Prep mass

10.30am: Funeral - Ida Bauce

Wednesday 2nd September

9.00am: Mass - Italian

Thursday 3rd September - St Gregory the Great

9.00am: Mass - English

7.00pm: OCIA (RCIA) begins

Friday 4th September

9.00am: Mass - English St Luke Grade 3&4 mass

St John XXIII Celebration mass for Frank Vetrone

6.00pm: Divine Mercy Mass - Vietnamese

7.30pm: Memorial - Valenti Anthony Loreta

If you would like to have your loved one remembered in our prayers each week, consider a **memorial plaque on our Shrine of the Good Shepherd**. Please contact the Parish office.

Cover reflections condensed from <https://www.gruposdejesus.com/>



WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

The Parish Community of ST LUKE'S CHURCH

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30th August 2026 - 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

RISCHIARE TUTTO PER GESÙ

Non è facile affacciarsi al mondo interiore di Gesù, ma nel suo cuore possiamo intuire una duplice esperienza: la sua identificazione con gli ultimi e la sua fiducia totale nel Padre. Da una parte soffre per l'ingiustizia, le disgrazie e le infermità che fanno soffrire tanti. Dall'altra confida totalmente in quel Dio Padre che nulla vuole di più che strappare dalla vita quel che è male e fa soffrire i suoi figli.

E, come è naturale, voleva trovare tra i suoi seguaci lo stesso atteggiamento. Se seguivano i suoi passi, dovevano condividere la sua passione per Dio e la sua disponibilità totale a servizio del suo regno. Voleva accendere in loro il fuoco che portava dentro.

«Chi vuole salvare la propria vita, la perderà; ma chi perderà la propria vita per causa mia, la troverà». Con queste parole tanto paradossali Gesù li sta invitando a vivere come lui: aggrapparsi ciecamente alla vita può portare a perderla; rischiare in maniera generosa e audace porta a salvarla.

Il pensiero di Gesù è chiaro. Chi cammina dietro a lui, ma continua aggrappato alle sicurezze, mete e aspettative che gli offre la sua vita, può finire perdendo il maggior bene di tutti: la vita vissuta secondo il progetto salvatore di Dio. Al contrario, chi rischia tutto per seguirlo, troverà la vita entrando con lui nel regno del Padre.

Chi segue Gesù ha spesso la sensazione di star «perdendo la vita» per un'utopia irraggiungibile. Cosa faceva Gesù quando si vedeva turbato da questo tipo di pensieri oscuri? Identificarsi ancora di più con quelli che soffrono e continuare a confidare in quel Padre che può donarci una vita che non si può dedurre da quello che sperimentiamo qui sulla terra.



RISK ALL FOR JESUS

It's not easy to dig into Jesus' inner world, but in his heart we can sense a two-fold experience: his identification with the least and his complete trust in the Father. On one hand he suffers with the injustice, disgrace and sickness that make so many suffer. But on the other he completely trusts in that Father-God who wants nothing more than to uproot from life whatever is evil and makes God's children suffer.

And as is natural, he wanted to find the same attitude among his followers. If they followed his footsteps, they ought to share his passion for God and his complete openness to the service of God's reign. He wanted to light a fire in them that he carried within.

«Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it». With these very paradoxical words Jesus is inviting them to live as he does: blindly holding onto life can lead one to lose it; risking it generously and valiantly leads to saving it.

Jesus' thinking is clear. Whoever walks behind him but keeps holding onto security, goals and expectations that offer him life, can end up losing the greater good of all: the life lived according to God's saving project. On the contrary, the one who risks all to follow him will find life by entering with him into the Father's reign.

Whoever follows Jesus frequently has the feeling of «losing life» for an unreachable utopia. What did Jesus do when he found himself disturbed by these kinds of dark thoughts? Identify himself all the more with those who suffer and keep trusting that Father who can give us a life that can't be deduced from what we experience here on the earth.

The Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo - Scalabrinians www.Scalabrini.org
Serving the Parish and Migrants in St. Luke's since 1970.

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Weekday Mass Times

Monday - 9:00am
Tuesday - 9:00am
Wednesday - 9:00am - Italian
Thursday - 9:00am
Friday - 9:00am
Saturday - 9:00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday - 6.30pm Vigil
Sunday - 8:30am
Sunday - 10:00am (Italian)
Sunday - 11:30am
Sunday - 4.00pm (Vietnamese)
Sunday - 6:00pm
Every 2nd Saturday of month - 5:00pm (Maltese)

Neo-Catechumenate Mass

Saturday at 8:00pm (in Hall)

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday morning from 9:30am - 11:30am with Adoration 9.30-10.30am

BAPTISM

Celebrated most Saturdays or Sundays when a Priest is available.

MARRIAGE

By Appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Eucharist will be brought to those who are ill or housebound upon request. Please notify one of the Priests.

First Reading (Jeremiah 20:7-9)

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2)

(R.) *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

Second Reading (Romans 12:1-2)

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. *Alleluia!*

Gospel (Matthew 16:21-27)

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'



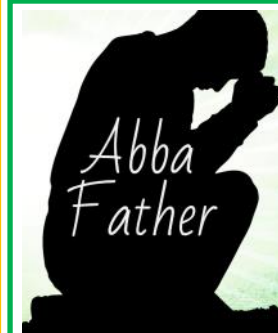
Towards Synod 2026 - Synod Corner

Preparations for a Synod in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be held on 4-6 Dec 2026 are now underway.
<https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

18. Is synodality slow?

Synodality may seem slower than top-down decision-making, but it often leads to deeper, more lasting renewal. What is discerned together is more likely to be embraced together.

Fr. Ignatio Martin Gutierrez, the Provincial Superior of the Missionaries of St. Charles, will be visiting our community from **27 to 30 August**. During these three days, he will meet with parishioners, celebrate Masses, and spend time with our community. Welcome Fr. Nacho Cs.



On Sunday, 6th September, we will be remembering **Father's Day**. All Masses celebrated over this weekend will be offered for all fathers. We warmly welcome everyone and pray for all fathers, both living and deceased.

On Sunday, 13th September, at the 10:00 am Mass, we will celebrate a **Solemn Mass in honour of Our Lady of Catena**, remembering all the years and praying for the intercession of Our Lady.



New Family Groups Are Starting at St Luke's

"Love one another as I have loved you."
JOHN 13:34



OUR FIRST GATHERING
Sunday, 13th September 2026

After the 11.30am mass
In the Parish Hall

Everyone is welcome - come along, say hello and jump on the bouncy castle!

Become a Catholic - Starts this week

O.C.I.A. (formerly RCIA)
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
3 September, 2026
7.00pm in the MMK Room
Fr. Luciano, Fr. Hoa or Trish, (03) 9465 2180

The **permanent diaconate** is open to single and married men, aged from 30 into their 50's, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting via **Zoom**
Tuesday, 22 September 2026, 19:00 – 20:00

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison - Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au



SACRIFICIAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Last Sunday Envelopes:  \$ 825
Presbytery (1st Collection): \$ 2,131
Loose (2nd Collection): \$ 996
Online Donation (inc EFTPOS):  \$ 1,120

Healing & Worship
SUNDAY, 30 AUGUST AT 6:00 PM
Main celebrant: Fr. Ignatio Martin Gutierrez
Worship led by: Kyle Correya
• Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
• Healing prayer session
Everyone is welcome!
YOUTH HEALING MASS
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PARISH BAPTISMS
We welcome the children who will be baptised this week, together with their families, into God's family and into our parish community.
Congratulations and welcome to Rose, Patrick & Ariana.