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MASS INTENTION

WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASSES - 2023

My God! I recommend to Thee the souls of my relations, my benefactors, my friends and my enemies, and of those who are in Purgatory on my account. I recommend to Thee the souls of evangelical labourers, of Religious and priests, and especially of those who had charge of my soul. I recommend to Thee the souls of those who were most devout to the passion of Our Lord, to the Blessed Sacrament, to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the souls who are most abandoned, those who suffer most, and those who are nearest to the entrance into paradise.

During November, we pray for all those remembered by our parishioners on the red bulletin board and all the names inscribed on the Good Shepherd shrine.

Saturday 25th November

- 9.00am: Mass - English
- 10.00am: Baptism - Michael
- 1.00pm: Baptism - Blair
- 2.00pm: Baptism - Leilanie
- 4.00pm: Baptism - Evie
- 6.30pm: Mass - English

Sunday 26th November - Christ the King

- 8.30am: Mass - English
- 10.00am: Mass - Italian
- 11.30am: Mass - English Emil Skok (1anni)
- 1.00pm: Baptism - Nikolas
- 3.00pm: Baptism - Gabriel
- 4.00pm: Mass - Vietnamese
- 6.00pm: Mass - English

Monday 27th November

- 9.00am: Mass - English

Tuesday 28th November

- 9.00am: Mass - English St John XXIII Grade 5&6 mass
- 11.00am: Funeral - Carmelo Popotto

Wednesday 29th November

- 9.00am: Mass - Italian

Thursday 30th November - St Andrew

- 9.00am: Mass - English
- 11.00am: Rosary & Funeral - Francesco Mercuri

Friday 1st December

- 9.00am: Mass - English Hyacinth Fernando (1anni)
- 6.00pm: Vietnamese Adoration & Mass

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.

Our Parish Office Hours

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

Phone Number: 03 9465 2180

Parish Website: <https://www.stlukesparishlalor.com>

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



WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

The Parish Community of ST LUKE'S CHURCH

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26th November 2023- Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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.

LA COSA DECISIVA

Il racconto non è propriamente una parabola, ma un'evocazione del giudizio finale di tutti i popoli. Tutta la scena si concentra in un lungo dialogo tra il giudice, che non è altro che Gesù risorto, e due gruppi di persone: quelli che hanno alleviato la sofferenza dei più bisognosi e quelli che hanno vissuto negando ad essi il loro aiuto.

Questo amore si traduce in fatti molto concreti. Per esempio, «dar da mangiare», «dar da bere», «accogliere l'immigrante», «vestire l'ignudo», «visitare l'infermo o il carcerato». La cosa decisiva davanti a Dio non sono le azioni religiose, ma questi gesti umani di aiuto ai bisognosi. Possono venire da una persona credente o dal cuore di un agnostico che pensa a quelli che soffrono.

Il gruppo di quelli che hanno aiutato i bisognosi incontrati sul loro cammino non lo hanno fatto per motivi religiosi. Non hanno pensato a Dio né a Gesù Cristo. Semplicemente hanno cercato di alleviare un poco la sofferenza che c'è nel mondo. Ora, invitati da Gesù, entrano nel regno di Dio come «benedetti dal Padre».

Perché è così decisivo aiutare i bisognosi e così condannabile negar loro aiuto? Perché, come rivela il giudice, quel che si fa o non si fa a loro, lo si sta facendo o non facendo allo stesso Dio incarnato in Cristo. Quando abbandoniamo un bisognoso stiamo abbandonando Dio. Quando alleviamo la sua sofferenza lo stiamo facendo a Dio.

In ogni persona che soffre, Gesù ci viene incontro, ci guarda, ci interroga e ci interpella. Nulla ci avvicina di più a lui che imparare a guardare distesamente il volto di quelli che soffrono con compassione. In nessun luogo potremo riconoscere con più verità il volto di Gesù.



WHAT'S DECISIVE

The story isn't actually a parable, but a recalling of the final judgment of all the peoples. The whole scene is focused on a lengthy dialogue between the judge, who isn't anyone but the risen Jesus, and two groups of people: those who have eased the suffering of the most needy and those who denied them help.

This love is translated into very concrete deeds. For example, «give food», «give drink», «welcome the immigrant», «visit the sick or imprisoned». The things that are decisive for God aren't religious actions, but these human gestures of help for the needy. They can come out of a believer or from the heart of an

agnostic who's concerned about those who suffer. The group of those who have helped the needy they met in their journey didn't do it for religious motives. They haven't thought about God or Jesus. They simply have sought to alleviate a little the suffering in our world. Now, invited by Jesus, they enter into God's reign as those «blessed by the Father».

Why is it so decisive to help the needy and so condemnable to deny them help? Because, according to the judge, what is done or not done to the needy is done or not done to the very God incarnate in Christ. When we abandon a needy person, we are abandoning God. When we ease someone's suffering, we are doing so for God.

In each person who is suffering, Jesus comes out to meet us, he looks at us, questions us and challenges us. Nothing brings us closer to him than to learn to gaze carefully on the faces of those who are suffering without compassion. There's no place we could recognize more truly the face of Jesus.

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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-Catechumens Mass

Saturday at 8:00pm (in
Hall)

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday morning
from 10:00am - 11:30am

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 (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17)

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22:1-3, 5-6)

(R.) *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28)

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! *Alleluia!*

Gospel (Matthew 25:31-46)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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Catechist and Sacramental Program 2024

Please take the Form from the church or the Parish office to enrol your child for a Sacrament in 2024.

Catechist Program Our Catechist program is designed to prepare children who do not attend a Catholic school to receive the Holy Sacraments:

Reconciliation The Sacrament of Reconciliation is for children in grade 3&4 who have already been baptised.

First Eucharist The Sacrament of the First Eucharist is for children who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Sacrament is usually received in grade 4&5.

Confirmation The Sacrament of Confirmation is usually received by children in grades 6 to 8.

If you have more than one child receiving a Sacrament in 2024, please fill out two separate forms.



Global Gifts Christmas cards are a great way to spread joy and hope this Christmas season and to make a life-changing impact.

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Let peace flow like a river! Service of Solidarity with Gaza and the Holy Land

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing. Let us come together in love, prayer, and support. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all as we share messages of hope. The Australian Catholic Bishops have said: 'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.'

Everyone is welcome. Please join us:

Monday 27 November, 4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT

Please register in advance for this webinar:

https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg#/registration

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information on how to join the webinar.

CHRISTMAS ROSTER

Could all *Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*, please fill-out the roster for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses at the back of the church. Please write your name ONCE ONLY for the service you are available for.



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 Michael, Blair, Leilanie, Evie, Nikolas & Gabriel.

When You Sing, You Pray Twice



Christmas Carols

@ St Luke's Church
1A David St, Lalor
7th December, 2023
7.00pm - 8.30pm
Multicultural and family friendly
All welcome!

Adoration every 1st Saturday of the Month



Thank you to those who joined us this week - mark your diary, to join us **2nd December**, for one hour of Exposition after Morning mass. Prayers in front of the Holy Eucharist are very powerful, and personal prayer is essential to the life and mission of our parish. Reconciliation available as well. All welcome.

Canonical Visitation of Fr. Ignacio Gutierrez to our Community. It is the duty of our Provincial Superior to visit our *Scalabrinian Community* at least once every three years. He is going to take part in the Vietnamese Mass at 4.00 pm and Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm, on the 3rd December. Also on Tuesday morning (5th Dec) at 9.00 am. **We pray for him and all the Scalabrinian Community.**

St. Luke's gift Shop

is offering a variety of Christmas Gifts. Religious items are part of our Faith. We invite you to have a look and share a religious gift to you family or friends. At the same time, you are helping the St. Luke's Parish.



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