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## MASS INTENTION

WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASSES - 2023

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

9.00am: Mass - English

With adoration until 10.30am

10.30am: Baptism - Eddy

11.30am: Baptism - Shanul

6.30pm: Mass - English

Roland L'Oiseau (24anni)

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

8.30am: Mass - English

Silvestro, Luigi & Antonietta D'Amore; Vittorio & Irma Gizzi, Lucia Varrasso, Pasquale Marinelli, Carmine Marinelli, Sebastiano Pepi, Sebastiana Pepi, Anton & Rosemary Tisseverasinghe, Rita Cignelli (1mth) and the Deceased names on the Good Shepherd Shrine

10.00am: Mass - Italian

Rosina Barbuto, Franco Faraci, Famiglia Cutrale, Famiglia LoGuidice, Carmine Francesco Restraino, Nicholas Francesco Cangialosi, Elsa Larubina, Maria Napolitano, Angerami Rocchina (recentemente deceduta in Italia), Giovanni e Luigina Mascaro, Antonio Torcasio (1mth), Rosa de Maio (1anni), Rita Cignelli (1mth)

11.30am: Mass - English

Andrew Nguyen Dang Quang (7anni), Roland L'Oiseau (24 anni), Jose Soares

4.00pm: Mass - Vietnamese

6.00pm: Mass - English

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am: Mass - English

Charlie Coleiro

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Decmber

9.00am: Mass - English

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am: Mass - Italian

Antonio Lancuba

7.00pm: Memorial - Nicola Petrasso (1anni)

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

9.00am: Mass - English

11.00am: Rosary & Funeral - Virgilio Carnovale

7.00pm: Christmas Carols

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Immaculate Conception

9.00am: Mass - English

11.00am: Funeral - Santo Candido

7.00pm: Mass - Vietnamese

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

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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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3rd December 2023- 1st Sunday of Advent

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.

### UNA CHIESA SVEGLIA

Le prime generazioni cristiane vivevano ossessionate dalla venuta imminente di Gesù. Il Risorto non poteva tardare. Vivevano così attratte da lui che volevano trovarlo di nuovo quanto prima. Incominciarono i problemi quando videro che il tempo passava e la venuta del Signore ritardava.

Presto si resero conto che questo ritardo comportava un pericolo mortale. Si poteva spegnere l'ardore degli inizi. Con il tempo, quelle piccole comunità potevano cadere a poco a poco nell'indifferenza e nell'oblio. Le preoccupava una cosa: «Che, al ritorno, Cristo non ci trovi addormentati».

La vigilanza divenne la parola chiave. Gli evangelisti la ripetono costantemente:

«Vigilate», «state all'erta», «vivate svegli». Secondo Marco, l'ordine di Gesù non è solo per i discepoli che lo stanno ascoltando. «Quello che dico a voi, lo dico a tutti: Vegliate». Non è un richiamo in più. L'ordine è per tutti i seguaci di tutti i tempi.

Non dobbiamo recuperare il volto vivo di Gesù, che attrae, chiama, interpella e risveglia? Come possiamo continuare a parlare, scrivere e discutere tanto di Cristo, senza che la sua persona ci innamori e ci trasformi un po' di più? Non ci rendiamo conto che una Chiesa «addormentata» che Gesù Cristo non seduce e a cui non tocca il cuore, è una Chiesa senza futuro, che si andrà spegnendo e invecchiando per mancanza di vita?

Non sentiamo il bisogno di svegliare e intensificare la nostra relazione con lui? Chi come lui può risvegliare il nostro cristianesimo dall'immobilità, dall'inerzia, dal peso del passato, dalla mancanza di creatività? Chi potrà contagiare la sua gioia? Chi ci darà la sua forza creatrice e la sua vitalità?



### A CHURCH AWAKENED

The first Christian generations lived obsessed by the immediate coming of Jesus. The Resurrected One can't be far off. They were living so drawn by him that they wanted to meet up with him again as soon as possible. Problems began when they saw that time was passing and the Lord's coming was delayed.

They soon realized that this delay was deadly. It could dampen their early enthusiasm. With time those small communities could fall little by little into indifference and amnesia. They were worried about one thing: "What if the Christ comes and he finds us asleep".

Keeping awake became a key phrase.

The Gospels repeat it constantly: "Keep watch", "Be ready", "Stay awake". According to Mark, Jesus' order isn't just for the disciples who are listening to him. "What I'm saying to you I say to all: Stay awake". It's not a new calling. It's an order for all his followers for all times.

Don't we need to recover the living face of Jesus that attracts, questions and awakens? How can we keep talking, writing and discussing so much about Christ, without falling in love with him and letting him transform us a little bit more? Aren't we aware that a 'sleeping' Church in which Jesus doesn't seduce anyone or touch anyone's heart, is a Church without future, one that goes on burning out and growing old because of its lack of faith?

Don't we feel the need to wake up and intensify our relationship with him? Who but he can free our Christianity from its paralysis, its inertia, the weight of the past, the lack of creativity? Who can infect us with his joy? Who will give us his creative energy and vitality?

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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 (Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8)**

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19)**

*(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. *(R.)*
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. *(R.)*
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. *(R.)*

**Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:3-9)**

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!* Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. *Alleluia!*

**Gospel (Mark 13:33-37)**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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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.*

**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 9.00am. **We pray for him and all the Scalabrinian Community.**

*Welcome Guests*

Also this weekend, **Bishop Terry Curtin** will be attending our 11.30am mass to conduct Ferdinand Correya for admission to the candidature; the next step on his journey towards ordination for the permanent diaconate.



If you would like more information on the permanent diaconate, please visit: [www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate](http://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate)

From Monday 4th December, the Neo-Catechumenate community will be conducting the **Liturgy of the Hours** at 6.30pm, Mon-Fri in the Church. *Come join in this daily prayer of the Church.*



**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 Eddy & Shanul.*

**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!

**EFTPOS machine now available**

If you would like to make a cashless donation to the parish, the eftpos machine is available at the back of the church near the picture of Saint John Baptist Scalabrini.

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We are so grateful for your continued generosity to our parish.



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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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