

Parish Life

OCTOBER 2018

St Luke's Patronal Festival

Sunday 21 October

10am Patronal Eucharist

12 noon Patronal Luncheon



Our annual St Luke's Mosman Patronal Festival celebrations will take place on Sunday 21 October. A Patronal Festival is an opportunity for our parish to gather together and give thanks to God for all the wonderful people who contribute to our faith community and the blessings we have received. It is also an opportunity to remember the saint who is our patron and after whom our church is particularly named – St Luke, evangelist and martyr.

Tradition maintains that Luke was a Gentile, the author of the third gospel

and the Acts of the Apostles. In his Letter to the Colossians, Paul refers to, "Luke, the beloved physician" (4:14). This reference to his profession is the origin of Luke as the patron saint of physicians and surgeons.

The Reverend Stephen Williams, former Dean of Newcastle, will be the guest preacher at our Patronal Festival. Reverend Williams was ordained in 1974 and has served in a mixture of rural, outback and city parishes, as well as ministries in the area of community welfare. In the Diocese of Sydney, he served at Christ

Church St Laurence and was Rector of St Luke's Enmore. He established St Laurence House in Sydney and the Samaritans Diocesan agency in the Diocese of Newcastle. He retired last year as Dean of Newcastle and now lives at Bolwarra near Maitland with his wife Sue. They have four adult children and nine grandchildren. The theme for his sermon will be: *The brilliance of Luke – the stories and parables we could not do without.*

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The Rector, Wardens and Parish Councillors invite you to join with them in celebrating our

Patronal Festival of St Luke

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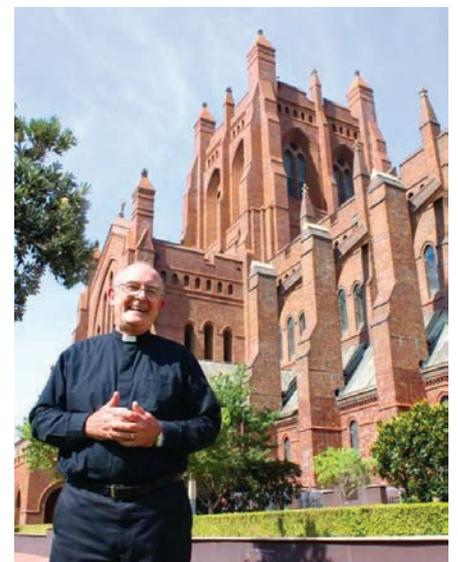
Sung Eucharist 10am • Luncheon 12 noon

Family Affair Gourmet Carvery will again be catering for lunch, which will be served in the Seddon Hall, after pre-lunch bubbles in the Lower Hall.

BYO beverages.

Lunch Tickets: \$40 per head (\$10 children)

Available Sunday mornings or from the Parish Office Monday – Friday



The Revd Stephen Williams

Recent Social Events

Our two most recent Parish social events were well attended and raised a combined total of over \$3,700 towards our general mission giving this year.

Our *Outback BBQ* was held in July. All who attended embraced the outback theme by wearing their R. M. Williams' boots and Akubra hats, especially Ninny Park and Fr Max, who were awarded the "Best Dressed" prizes. This was the first



major St Luke's fundraiser to be held in our Lower Hall, which was decorated with Australian soft toys and native plants; we even had a campfire and camping chairs to create an outback atmosphere.

An *Elegant Afternoon Tea* was held in September, heralding the beginning of Spring. Jann Johnston won the Grand Raffle Prize of a Sparkling High Tea for four people at Boronia House. The two "Best Dressed" ladies were each awarded a \$50 voucher from Fella Hamilton. This year's winners were Ann Neil and Mary Champion. Phillip Seale and Jack Champion won the "Best Dressed" male prizes. We were thoroughly spoilt with delicious homemade cakes and special treats. Everyone was very generous with their raffle donations, too. It was a lovely afternoon.



*Left & top: Aussie Outback BBQ
Centre: Sparkling High Tea
Above: Sunshine, flowers and special treats*



Mission News

On Sunday 23 September, we welcomed the Reverend John Deane, Executive Director of the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) as our Guest Preacher. Reverend Deane spoke about his personal experiences of the valuable work being done through ABM's Language and Training Centre at St Peter's Bible School in Myanmar, which St Luke's is supporting through its general mission giving this year.



Geographically, Myanmar is the largest country in South-East Asia.

It is also one of the poorest nations in the region. Its ethnically diverse population was estimated at 53.9 million in 2016, almost half of whom are under the age of 15. Life in Myanmar has changed rapidly in recent years and there are many demands on young people.

In the Diocese of Taungoo, the Church of the Province of Myanmar has committed to an education program for the many young people and children from low income families desperate to access English language courses and computer and music training for better opportunities.

Funding from this project, and from supporters like St Luke's, enables St Peter's Bible School to provide an English Language Centre, offering language, computer and musical training for young people from different parishes. Project

Coordinator, the Rev Aung Khaing Nyunt said, "English language becomes an essential language for young people not only for their further education but also for job opportunity. Your generous gifts will allow the employment of professional trainers, as well as the purchase of teaching aids, musical instruments and computers, offering the young people of Myanmar hope for the future."



*St Peter's Bible School.
© St Peter's Bible School, 2016.*

St Luke's Mosman Music Association



In the past month we have had two delightful concerts.

The first was held at the Mosman Community Hall on Sunday 12 August, and included a trio of performers, Philip Murray (*flute*), Bradley Gilchrist (*piano*) and Tessa Hayward (*soprano*). It was the soaring soprano singing by Tessa, supported seamlessly by the flute and piano that made this a most memorable concert. Make sure you see them next time round!

The next concert featured pianist Bernard Walz on Sunday 16 September in St Luke's Church. Bernard delighted the audience with his virtuoso playing of classical and modern pieces. The medley from the musical West Side Story was a stand out.

Our next concert will also be held at the church on **Saturday 10th November at 4pm** when pianist Chris Cartner will reprise his successful Berlin concert premiere entitled 'Persecution and Hope' which will include items from composers Bartók, Rachmaninoff, Shostakovich and Zemlinsky.

Next year we have a Youth Concert being prepared for primary and secondary students in the Mosman area to showcase local musical talent. This will be held at the Mosman Community Hall on **Sunday 24 February at 3pm**. Let your children and grandchildren know about this upcoming event.

Phillip Seale
Treasurer and Public Officer
St Luke's Mosman Music Association



Philip Murray Trio



Bernard Walz



Christmas 2017 saw over 400 churches, youth groups, schools and businesses come together to contribute food, gifts and cash to help those who would have otherwise gone without.

As a community, we supported over 4,500 families throughout Sydney and the Illawarra. Close to 3,000 children experienced the excitement of waking up to gifts on Christmas morning. Because of your generosity, thousands of families had a special Christmas and enjoyed a special festive meal.

St Luke's is supporting *Toys n Tucker* again, this year. Please place your donations of new books, toys, clothes and festive food items in their carry bags on the side pews at the back of the church through until Sunday, 9 December.

SHOPPING LIST

Food

Here are the things suitable for the food hampers. *Standard sizes (as indicated) are preferred to help fit everything in neatly.*

Christmas cake
Christmas pudding
Tinned ham (450g)
Tinned salmon (415g)
Tea (50pk) or Coffee (100g)
Milo (small tin)
Packet of biscuits
Dried pasta (500g)

Pasta sauce
Long-life milk, custard or cream
Tinned fruit and vegetables (425g)
Jam (500g)

Gift ideas

Pre-school

Age-appropriate games
Educational toys
Picture books

Children

Good-quality toys
Outdoor games
Sporting equipment

Teenagers

Gift cards/vouchers
Sporting equipment
Toiletry packs

N.B. Sadly we can't include chocolate as it's likely to melt.

To Mend Broken Crystal

A Note from our Director of Music

Premiere of Elena Kats-Chernin "To Mend Broken Crystal..."

There was a recital in the church on Saturday 29 September, featuring the premiere of a new work by renowned Australian composer Elena Kats-Chernin.

To Mend Broken Crystal was commissioned by Jocelyn Chey to mark the 80th anniversary of her birthday and that of her late husband Hans Moon Lin Chey. It commemorates the anniversary of Kristallnacht in Germany in November 1938, as well as other disasters in the same year such as the deliberate breaching of dams on the Yellow River in China by Chiang Kai-shek, leading to the drowning of hundreds of thousands of civilians. The work expresses a hope for reconciliation between faiths and peoples and for a peaceful future for the world. Jocelyn's lifetime work has been for reconciliation and cultural understanding, particularly between Australia and China.

It was performed by Brendon Lukin (*organ*), Daniel Mendelow (*trumpet*)



L to R: Brendon Lukin, Jocelyn Chey, Daniel Mendelow, Elena Kats-Chernin, Catherine Lukin

and Catherine Lukin (*soprano*). Catherine Lukin commented, "Such a powerful work, it was an honour and a privilege to be part of this project. I hope it resonates as intended as a remembrance of our collective humanity's darkest past and hope for our brightest future."

A lasting legacy for peace; thank you, Jocelyn. Warmest birthday wishes from all at St Luke's, Mosman.



The Rector and Jocelyn

DIARY NOTES DECEMBER 2018

16 7pm Nine Lessons and Carols

24 5pm Christmas Eve Family Service

25 9am Christmas Day Sung Eucharist

St Luke's is a place of rich and diverse liturgy, where life and faith connect.

We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of gender, age, race, sexual orientation or religion.

We support the full and equal role of women in society and in the ministry of the church.

The Parish is in association with the Mosman/Neutral Bay Inter-church Council and the NSW Ecumenical Council.

It is hard to believe that two months have already passed since beginning as Director of Music at St Luke's! I am very much enjoying my time and getting to know all of you in the parish and it is wonderful to work with Fr Max, Fr Peter, Helen and all those who provide such important roles and ministries in the vibrancy of St Luke's. Music has always been an important part of my life and I am thrilled to be able to share my passion for music, particularly liturgical music, with our choir and you, the congregation.

As we move to a busy time in the church's year, there are a lot of exciting musical things coming up. This includes our Patronal Festival, where we will be joined by members of Willoughby Symphony Orchestra, who will be playing *Ralph Vaughan Williams's Old Hundredth* as the anthem. As we approach Christ the King and Advent, we will be exploring the mystery of the incarnation and Christ's coming among us through music. I am particularly looking forward to Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 16 December- as a service, it sits as the crown jewel in the year.

If you would like to join the choir, or would like to come and see what we do, please get in touch and don't forget about Come and Sing Sunday on Sunday 28 October!

Callum Close
Director of Music



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