















St Luke's Catholic Identity

Welcome

At St Luke's Catholic Parish School, we believe that our gift of faith calls each of us (staff, students and families) on a journey of seeking, discovering and celebrating 'Christ in our Living'. The prayer, liturgical and symbolic aspects of school life here at St Luke's complement our formal Religious Education programs and integrate with the sacramental life of our local parish to sustain and nurture a distinctively Catholic atmosphere. This, in turn, supports the spiritual growth of students and the school community as a whole.



Patron Saint:

St (uke.

Saint Luke was a Greek and a Gentile from Antioch, Syria, who lived in the first century A.D. He grew up to be a physician; known today as the first Christian physician and venerated as the Patron Saint of physicians and surgeons. Later in life, Luke converted to Christianity and was known to be a travelling companion of St Paul; probably providing medical assistance to Paul and his companions. Luke learned about Jesus and Christianity from St Paul and soon became well-versed in Jewish history and customs. Tradition says that Luke lived a long life, passing away at the age of eighty-four.

St Luke the Evangelist is best known as the writer of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. His writings have been proven to be historically accurate and well detailed. Luke wrote his gospel around 60 A.D and composed the Acts of the Apostles approximately three years later. From his gospel writings, it can be said that Luke was a compassionate and spiritual man who was inclusive of all: Gentile and Jew, the poor and the rich, women and men, the outcast and the privileged. His writings contain eighteen of the parables of Jesus that are not mentioned by the other apostles and also six miracles that Jesus performed during His life. The Holy Spirit, prayer and women also have an important place in Luke's Gospel; writing about the women who accompanied Jesus such as Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and Martha. Luke also writes about the birth of Christ from Mary's point of view and she is especially important in Luke's gospel. St. Luke's Gospel also gives Catholics the basis for the Hail Mary prayer. This is not mentioned in the other Gospels.

St Luke's feast day is celebrated on 18 October.

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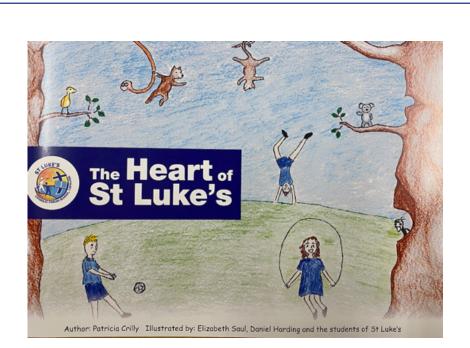


Our Story:

St Luke's Catholic Parish Primary School

Set amid pockets of natural bushland, St Luke's School embodies the indigenous roots of the Yugarabul name 'Capalaba', which means 'ring tail possum' with local flora and fauna visible around the school grounds.

St Luke's School evolved from the parish community wanting to provide a quality Catholic education and to nurture the faith life of their children. Under the leadership of Father Gerard Kalinowski (Parish Priest), St Luke's School began its development in 1988. In that same year, Sister Lynn Albury of the Presentation Order was appointed founding Principal. With the support of the Catholic community and Brisbane Catholic Education, stage one of the building process began. In January 1989, St Luke's School opened with 12 staff members and an initial intake of 98 students from Preschool to Year 3.



In 2017, a book entitled 'The Heart of St Luke's' was written and illustrated by a small group of staff and students outlining the history of the school's opening and highlighting its beautiful, natural surrounds. This book is now given to all families as their child begins their Preparatory year of schooling.

Today, St Luke's Catholic Parish School caters for children from Prep through to Year 6. In partnership with our families, our Parish, Brisbane Catholic Education and wider community, St Luke's offers a curriculum which supports the growth and development of the whole child: socially, emotionally, spiritually, intellectually, physically. Our staff respects the uniqueness and dignity of each child; basing teaching and learning programs on sound educational theory and practice.

Principals over the years

Sr Lyn Albury Col O'Brien Tim Devlin Brendan Schostakowski Tim Lomas John Cameron Denita Castley 1989-1990 1991-1996 1997-2007 2008 (Acting Principal) 2009-2015 2016-2019 2020-



School Motto

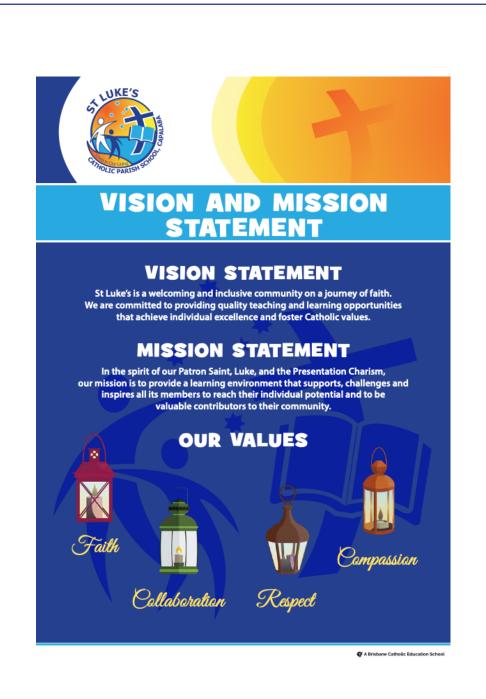
Christ in our Living

When the school was first established, members of the parish and school were asked to write down their ideas for a school motto, and after much collaboration, "Christ in our Living' became the guiding principle for our school community. This motto calls us to engage the teachings of Jesus Christ through our words and actions.

School Logo



Our logo provides a visible articulation of the school connection to the community, and to the school's religious identity. The Southern Cross highlights our Australian heritage. The people on the pathway reminds us of our Presentation Charism and the Emmaus Story that is unique to Luke's Gospel. The St Luke's Cross and Bible remind us of God's love for us and the mission to live out our school motto, "Christ in our Living".



In 2020, the St Luke's Vision and Mission Statement was updated to reflect a more contemporary, Catholic, world view. The mission was realigned with that of our Patron Saint and the charism of the school, helping to articulate our values clearly.



Spiritual Identity

Charism

A Catholic Christian school derives its identity and culture from its Catholic Christian character, known as its charism. The word, charism, in the tradition of the Church, refers to the spiritual gifts used for the service of the whole community. A charism is a deep awareness of a Gospel value or values linked to a special need in the world. The central influence on the charism of the school is the person of Christ.

At St Luke's, the charism of the Presentation Sisters is adopted as Sr Lyn Albury, our founding Principal, was a Presentation Nun. The founder of the Presentation Sisters, Nano Nagle, offered hope to those less fortunate. Nano visited the homeless and sick in their homes, bringing them her compassionate presence and offering whatever help she could; putting her life at risk as she trod the unlit alleyways of Cork, Ireland, at night by the light of a dim lantern. Today, her work is carried on through the Presentation Sisters as they bring support, compassion and comfort to the poor and those most in need. Staff and students recall Nano's great work and are reminded to assist those in need and reach out to those who are less fortunate. Symbols are an important part of how we celebrate at St Luke's. The sense of community between parish and school is lived out through our liturgies and masses held in the Church and within our sacred spaces throughout the school. We have a special connection to our environment, a connectedness to the land, and to the original inhabitants of the land on which our school and church are built. St Luke's school liturgical celebrations and masses often begin with a procession of symbols, words and actions:

Symbols

A Cantern

the symbol of the Nano Nagle and our Presentation charism

Acandle

a symbol that Jesus is the light of the world

The Bible

The word of God- reminding us to live out the Gospel values

The Treasure chest

a symbol of the gifts God has given us

School prayer

In 2020, a recontextualised School prayer was written in consultation with staff, students, the Parish Priest and the wider community. The prayer encompasses the importance of our faith journey, our school motto and our Presentation Charism.



SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God,

Thank you for the gifts of our school: our students, families, friends, staff and beautiful environment.

Be with us each day as we journey together as a learning community.

Fill our hearts with compassion and our minds with wonder.

Help us to live out our school motto, "Christ in our Living", by acting with care, respect and love.

Amen.

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School song

"CHRIST IN OUR LIVING"

Chorus:

We've got Christ in our living, Christ in our hearts, As we journey together, one body many parts, With smiling faces, open arms, We welcome everyone. Christ in our living, kingdom come. Christ in our living, kingdom come

We share God's beauty in everything we see, The magic of the bushland, koalas in the trees. The place of ringtail possums: Capalaba, A place of love and learning, St Luke's is who we are!



Class Prayer

Daily prayer is celebrated, and students have the opportunity to engage in and lead various types of age appropriate formal and informal prayer and meditative experiences.

Staff Drayer Each week a staff member is rostered on to lead a staff prayer celebration at Staff Meetings. This prayer might reflect the weekly Gospel reading, the work being covered in class, a special liturgical event of the calendar year or a specific focus. Each teacher is expected to plan and celebrate a prayer about three times per year. The AP:RE is available to plan with teachers and resources are readily available. During 'Wellness Week', staff prayer groups guide a prayer reflection to highlight spiritual wellbeing.





Mary Garden

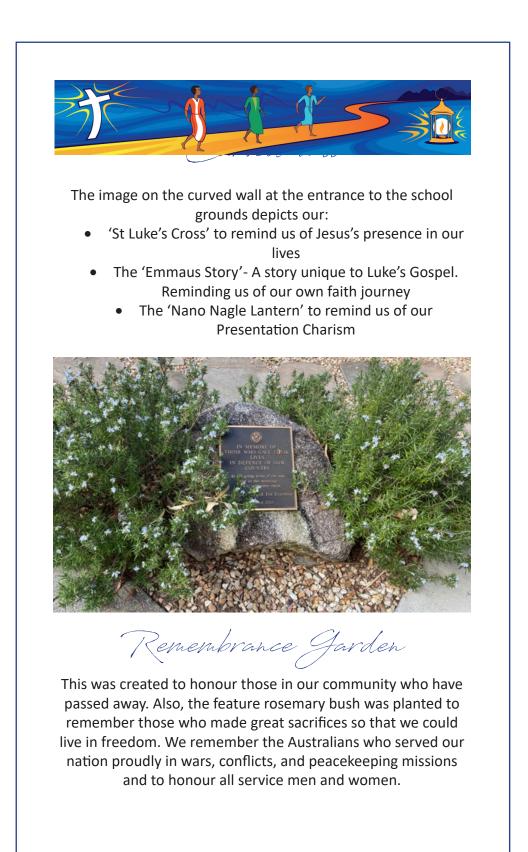
The Mary garden was established as a place of quiet contemplation in honour of Mary, Mother of Jesus.



Bush Tucker Jarden

The Bush Tucker Garden was created to pay respect to indigenous people past, present and emerging; particularly the Quandamooka, Jagera and Turrbal people- on whose land our school is situated. This garden is used as a sacred gathering space during NAIDOC week celebrations. Its winding pathway and native plants are often visited by classes as they learn about indigenous stories and traditions.







Parish History

St Luke's Parish began in March 1987 with the first Mass being celebrated in the Police Community Youth Club (PCYC) building adjacent to the Parish property. Fr Gerard Kalinowski was appointed as the inaugural Parish Priest of the new parish and weekly Eucharistic celebrations continued at the PCYC until it was decided that masses would be moved to the recently purchased Presbytery. From then on, weekend masses were celebrated in the presbytery carport and the mid-week masses were celebrated in the presbytery meeting room. As the number of parishioners continued to increase, the presbytery struggled to contain those attending masses. As a consequence, the need arose for a more conducive place of worship and the St Luke's Church was designed. This multi-functional building was officially built, blessed and opened in 1988 by Archbishop Rush.

Due to the dwindling number of priests and regular mass attendees in parishes of the Archdiocese, a major change in the parish administration occurred in 2004, when St Luke's and St Anthony's began to share one pastor and were administered jointly by Fr Peter McCarthy. In 2010, Fr Emmanuel Aguiyi was appointed as Administrator of St Luke's and St Anthony's, officially replacing Fr Peter. During his time, members of the two parishes expressed the desire to merge into one parish for administrative and pastoral conveniences. In 2012, under the pastoral leadership of Fr Emmanuel Aguiyi, the two parishes amalgamated into one. Fr Emmanuel then became appointed the inaugural Parish Priest of the new St Anthony and St Luke's Catholic Parish, Alexandra Hills/Capalaba. Today, the two Parishes continue joint administration under the leadership of Fr. Emmanuel Ayankudy (CMI) who joined the parish in late 2018.

Parish Priests

Fr Gerard Kalinowski 1987-1996 Fr Peter McCarthy 1996-2009 Fr Mauro Conte 2010 Fr Emmanuel Aguiyi 2010- 2018 Fr Emmanuel Aykudy 2019- present

Connections with our Parish

At St Luke's, we gather with our St Luke's parishioners at various times throughout the year to celebrate weekend Parish Masses. Classes are also rostered to participate in the Celebration of the Eucharist, held in the Church on Friday at 9.00am. Occasionally, when we have large school prayer celebrations, we use the Emmaus Centre instead of the Church. Families are most welcome at all celebrations. Rosters are set up at the beginning of the year by the AP:RE in consultation with the Parish Office.



Sacramental education programs, Catechesis, occurs at various times every year. Primary school students are invited to prepare for the reception of Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist and Reconciliation. This program is run through the Parish with the assistance of the AP:RE. For information regarding the Parish Sacramental program, please contact the Parish Office on 3820 0100. At St Luke's we strive for punctuality and ask parents, family members and friends attending to try and arrive ahead of time and stay for the entire celebration so as to honour all of us with their presence and support. The following information acts as a guide to ensure that parents and friends feel welcome and comfortable when attending our special prayer celebrations:

When we all gather at Church we do so with the values of respect and reverence.

We gather, not as spectators, but as active participants.

Therefore, we follow the actions of the assembly, standing and sitting where appropriate.

All attendees are invited to respond to the acclamations if they feel comfortable doing so.

Younger children are always welcome.

In order to receive communion, a person must have been received into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist.

Therefore, if you have not received these sacraments, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

The common practice is to fold your arms across your chest as you approach the Priest/ Special Minister of the Eucharist who is distributing communion.

