



*St Luke's*  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
MARSDEN PARK

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

16th FEBRUARY 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.*

## Sunday Reflection

In this passage, Jesus teaches about true blessing. He says that those who are poor, hungry, and sad are blessed, while those who are rich, comfortable, and well-liked should be careful. Jesus wants us to focus on what matters most—God and His kingdom.

Jesus blesses the poor, not just those without money but also those who know they need God. True riches come from trusting in Him. Many people who don't have much still find joy because they rely on God. We can learn from them by being grateful, content with what we have, and trusting that God will provide.

Jesus also blesses those who hunger and cry. This hunger is not just for food but for justice and goodness. He reminds us to ask ourselves: Do we truly desire God's will, or are we too focused on comfort? Those who struggle now will find joy in God's promises. We can live this out by standing up for what is right, comforting others in sadness, and sharing hope with those in need.

Then Jesus warns those who are rich, full, and praised by others. These things are not wrong, but they can make us forget about God. Jesus calls us to share what we have and not just seek more for ourselves. We can practice this by being generous—giving money, time, and kindness to others.

Another important lesson is that Jesus turns the world's values upside down. Success in God's kingdom is not about money or fame but about humility, kindness, and faithfulness. This means choosing to serve instead of seeking power and focusing on eternal rewards instead of temporary success.

This passage asks us to think about what truly matters. Are we chasing after worldly success, or are we living for God's kingdom? Let's trust in God's love, be generous, and stay faithful, knowing that real blessings come from Him.

*God Bless ~ Fr Gayan.*



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**Parish Office:** Currently open on Thursdays & Friday from 9.30am to 2.30pm - Temporary Office in demountable building at western end of carpark within St Luke's Catholic College, Frontier Avenue entrance.



### OUR VISION

"We are continually attracting people to St Luke's and everyone who engages as a member of our community is transformed in every area of their life by having a deeper relationship with Jesus."

**Parish School:** St. Luke's Catholic College, Marsden Park.

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**School Motto:** "Live the Good News".

*In a place where 'Learning = Infinite Possibilities', staff and parents work in partnership to nurture faith-filled, curious children to become creative contributors and innovative problem solvers for our changing world.*



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Catholic College

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

#### First Reading - Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

#### Responsorial Psalm - Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

#### Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

#### Gospel Acclamation - Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

#### Gospel - Luke 6:17. 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you,

denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your

reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors

treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are hav-

ing your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now:

you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall

mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of

you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'



## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

#### PARISH MASS TIMES:

##### Weekday Mass Times:

Wednesday 7.30am

Friday 6.30pm

- Weekday Mass at temporary Parish Chapel access through parish office.

##### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

Sunday 10.00am at St Luke's Catholic College

- Performance Hub (On Saturdays enter via Northbourne Drive only and on Sundays Frontier Avenue and Northbourne Drive carpark).

#### RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturdays: 4.30pm to 5.25pm

or by appointment.

#### BAPTISMS:

Every 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Booking & Preparation are essential. Contact Parish office to register.

#### MARRIAGES:

Strictly by appointment. A minimum of 6 months notice is required. All enquiries please email: marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

#### SACRAMENTAL PROCESS:

First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. All enquiries please email: marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

During School Term at Saturday Vigil & Sunday Mass. Commencing this weekend.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY:

Every 2nd Friday.

Next Meeting: 28th February

All enquiries please email:

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#### SRE-SCRIPTURE PROGRAM:

Every Tuesday at Public schools during school term. Volunteers required. All enquiries please email: marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

#### MORNING TEA:

Every 2nd Sunday after 10.00am Mass,

#### MARSDEN PARK CARE COMMUNITY MASS

2nd Friday of each month at 11am. If you would like to join Fr Gayan, please contact the Parish Office in advance, as spaces are limited.

#### ROSARY BLOCK:

Welcome the statue of Our Lady of Fatima to your home. Take the statue home after the Sunday 10am Mass and return before Saturday 5.30pm Mass. Register your interest on the roster on the information tables outside the performance hub.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORDS OF APPRECIATION:

*What a joyful celebration!*-Thank you once again to all who helped and participated in the Installation ceremony of Fr Gayan as our parish priest by Bishop Vincent last Sunday. It was a joyous and historic occasion, and it was wonderful to celebrate as a Parish family, with representatives from the Parishes of Windsor, Richmond, and the Diocese in attendance. We were treated to a lavish morning tea, with food provided by our parishioners. Thanks to you all.

*Weekday Mass*-Thank you to everyone who assisted in preparing the demountable for our weekday Masses—your support is greatly appreciated! Mass is now celebrated every Wednesday at 7.30am and Friday at 6.30pm.

### CATECHESIS ON MASS

Starting this weekend 15th & 16th February, we will present short 2-3 minute video clips by Archbishop Mark Coleridge during weekend Masses. This 16-session series will focus on various parts of the Mass, helping us to deepen our appreciation of the Eucharist and fully participate in this great gift of the Church.

### FRIENDLY PHONE CHATS WITH FR GAYAN

To help meet and connect with parishioners in a quicker way than through traditional house visits, Fr Gayan will be calling people on the parish contact list for a friendly chat in the coming weeks. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up and get to know each other a little bit better. Please look out for his call!

### TIME FOR PRAYER IN THE PARISH CHAPEL

You are warmly invited to spend time in prayer and reflection in our temporary chapel, located next to the parish office. The chapel will be open on Thursdays and Fridays from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

### PRAYING FOR OUR RCIA CATECHUMENS

Our parish is blessed with nine RCIA catechumens preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. As part of their journey, they will participate in the Scrutinies on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent—sacred rites of prayer and healing, helping them turn away from sin and embrace Christ's grace.

Please keep them in your prayers as they take these final steps toward full communion with the Church.

Join us in witnessing their journey!

### ADOPT A GARDEN – YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

We're looking for parishioners to help care for the presbytery garden by adopting one of its four sections. Each section is a small, manageable area. This is a great way to contribute to our Parish and enjoy some time outdoors. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

## STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

Donations can be made using the bank details below, or via the Tap-and-go machine and online donations which are accepted through our parish website at <https://stlukemarsdenpark.org.au/donate/>

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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### AN ALTERNATIVE TO OUR TAP DEVICES

Contribute to our St Luke's collections by scanning this QR code. 30% of funds support the living costs of our clergy and 70% goes to the operating costs of St Luke's.

## COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

If you would like to include the name of a loved one who is sick or recently deceased in the bulletin, please contact the Parish Office.

We pray for those in our Community who are sick:

Daisy Pangilinan

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

*Gabriela Llarenas.*

... and those we remember at this time:

*Jasmin Fernando (1st Year Death Anniversary)*

*Anthony Xuereb*

*Victor & Margaret Muscat*

## OUR PARISH PREPARATIONS FOR EASTER

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, 5th March, at 7pm in the Performance Hall at St Luke's Catholic College. ***Please note that there will be NO 7.30am Mass on that day.***

### PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM

We appreciate all those who registered their interest for participating, in our Lenten program. Fr Gayan will be leading a Lenten discussion groups on Thursday evenings at 7pm for five weeks commencing on 6th March in the Parish Office. If you wish to take part please contact the parish office as soon as possible so we can organise the resources.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday during Lent following the 6.30pm Mass, starting on Friday, March 7th.

All are invited to join in this special time of reflection and prayer as we journey through the passion of Christ.



# Sacramental Process 2025




Available for	Enrolment closing Date	Enrolment Mass Dates	Weekly Groups Begin	Ceremonies
For Children who are already Baptised (Catholic) and aged 7 or above Link to Registration Form: <a href="https://forms.gle/qGEWgqRto3bvaz9H9">https://forms.gle/qGEWgqRto3bvaz9H9</a>	<b>Reconciliation /Penance</b> closes 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Saturday August 2nd</b> 5.30pm or <b>Sunday August 3rd</b> 10am or <b>Saturday August 9th</b> 5.30pm or <b>Sunday August 10th</b> 10am.	<b>Classes Commence 30th July</b>	<b>St Luke's Catholic College 20<sup>th</sup> August (6pm &amp; 8pm)</b>
For children 8 or 9 years old who have already been Baptised and made their First Reconciliation Link to Registration Form: <a href="https://forms.gle/Riz7ygv1yWTgid118">https://forms.gle/Riz7ygv1yWTgid118</a>	<b>First Holy Communion</b> Closes 20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Saturday May 24th</b> 5.30pm or <b>Sunday May 25th</b> 10am or <b>Saturday May 31st</b> 5.30pm or <b>Sunday June 1st</b> 10am	<b>Classes Commence from 28th May</b>	<b>St. Luke's Catholic College Saturday, June 21 (5.30pm) and Sunday, June 22 (10am – and possibly 11.30am extra Mass, depending on numbers) – Feast of Corpus Christi.</b>
For children 10 years old who have already been Baptised and made their First Reconciliation & First Eucharist. Link to Registration Form: <a href="https://forms.gle/fhs4T4DSDemZhnwJ7">https://forms.gle/fhs4T4DSDemZhnwJ7</a>	<b>Confirmation</b> Closes 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>(Saturday August 23rd</b> 5.30pm or <b>Sunday August 24th</b> 10am or <b>Saturday August 30th</b> 5.30pm or <b>Sunday August 31st</b> 10am	<b>Classes Commence from 27<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>St. Luke's Catholic College Friday 24th October, 7pm Mass.</b>

Fill in the missing words for each of Jesus' teachings using the pictures as clues. Draw Jesus preaching.


God will bless you people who are \_\_\_\_\_.

His \_\_\_\_\_ will belong to you.




God will bless you \_\_\_\_\_ people.

You will have \_\_\_\_\_ to eat.



God will bless you people who are \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ . You will \_\_\_\_\_ !



## WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

### The Penitential Rite



'To prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins,' says the celebrant at the penitential rite. Far from being a negative focus, the emphasis of this prayer is the infinite love of our compassionate God, personified in Jesus. In a healthy family, members are not afraid to recognize that they are always in need of forgiveness. Similarly, for our faith family, the penitential rite is one way of acknowledging that we always stand in need of reconciliation. This part of the Mass often includes the 'Kyrie eleison' ('Lord have mercy') which is one of the most ancient of Christian responses.


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