



St Luke's
CATHOLIC PARISH
MARSDEN PARK

WEEKLY BULLETIN

9th FEBRUARY 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Sunday Reflection

Dear one and all,

“They Left Everything and Followed Him” – Luke 5:11

When Jesus called His first disciples, they left everything—their boats, their nets, their livelihoods—and followed Him. It wasn't a calculated decision. They didn't ask for a roadmap or a guarantee. They simply trusted. And in that moment, their lives were forever changed.

This is what discipleship looks like. It's not just about adding Jesus to an already full life; it's about reordering everything around Him. That's the challenge we face today. What is He calling us to leave behind? For some, it's the pursuit of comfort and success. There are people who feel a pull toward something deeper—a mission, a vocation, a way of life that reflects the Gospel more radically—but the fear of losing stability holds them back. Others struggle with attachment to possessions, knowing that generosity requires sacrifice. And then there are the more subtle, but no less significant, invitations: a parent setting aside distractions to be truly present with their children, someone caught in bitterness being asked to let go and forgive, a person trapped in destructive habits hearing the call to break free.

Peter, James, and John left behind their fishing business, but what did they gain? They became part of God's plan to change the world. They saw miracles, experienced a love unlike any other, and found a purpose beyond what they could have imagined. This is the pattern of God's calling. Whenever He asks us to release something, it is never for less—it is always for more.

Perhaps the hardest part of following Jesus is the uncertainty. Like the disciples, we don't always know where He will lead us. But we do know who is leading us. And that is enough.

So the real question isn't just “What do I need to leave behind?” but “Do I truly believe that Jesus is worth more than what I'm clinging to?” The only way to know is to take the step, to let go, to trust that what He has for us is far greater than anything we might lose. And when we do, we will find that He is not only enough—He is everything.

God Bless ~ Fr Gayan.

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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.



St Luke's
Catholic College

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was

born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

PARISH 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: 4.45pm 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 15th/16th February

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Every 2nd Friday of the month. Commencing 14th February
All enquiries please email: marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Thank you to everyone who provided their feedback in regards to our weekday Mass times. Based on the feedback we received our week day Mass times will be as follows:

Wednesday: 7.30am
Friday evening: 6.30pm

This will commence from Wednesday 12th February.

Our weekday Masses will be celebrated in the demountable next to the temporary parish office and access to this will be through the office.

CATECHESIS ON MASS

Starting next 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children's Liturgy will be recommencing next weekend. This will now take place at both of our Masses on the weekend and will run during the school term.

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS FOR 2025

The sacramental process dates for this year are now available. Please see the below link to view the program for the dates.
<https://shorturl.at/U10Qy>

Online registration forms for each of the sacraments can also be completed by using the below links:

First Eucharist: <https://forms.gle/Riz7ygv1yWTgjd118>

First Reconciliation: <https://forms.gle/qGEWqgRto3bvaz9H9>

Confirmation: <https://forms.gle/fhs4T4DSDemZhwnJ7>



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.

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. We're also hoping to add some pot plants to brighten up the parish office area. 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://stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au/donate/>

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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.

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:
Wellington Lim Yu; Gabriela Llarenas.
... and those we remember at this time:
Jasmin Fernando (1st Year Death Anniversary)
Jude Ranasinghe (2nd Death Anniversary)
Justina Perera (4th Death Anniversary)

CONTINUE THE MARIST SPIRIT

Continue the Marist Spirit at St Patricks - Sunday Feb 23
We invite you to be part of an important conversation on how we can continue the Marist Spirit in St Patricks Church Hill community. With the Marist Fathers set to leave St Patrick's in December 2025 after 157 years, this is an opportunity to reflect on their legacy and explore ways to develop the Marist spirit. Join us for a discussion led by Marist Laity Australia as we discern the future of the Marist presence at St Patrick's. Time 10 am to 11 am in the Crypt of St Patrick's Church Hill. All are welcome! For more information - www.maristlaityaustralia.com

HOLY WATER AVAILABLE

Holy Water is available for you to take home. Bring a bottle to fill from the marked container located at the entrance to the Performance Hall during Mass times.





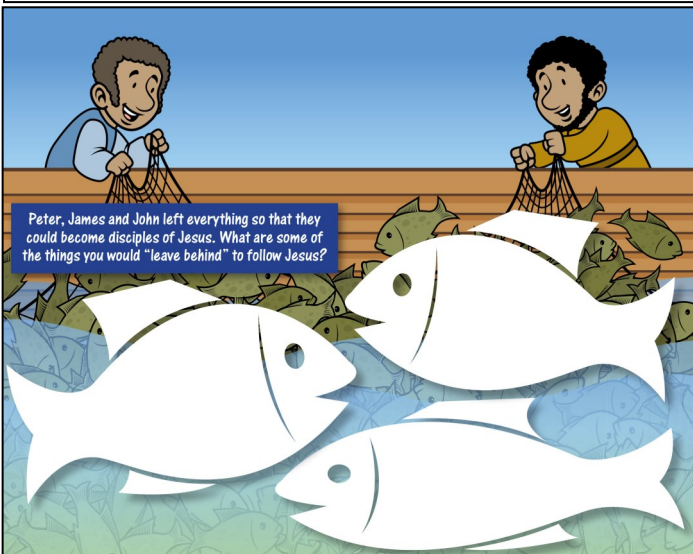
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Notices from our Diocese...

Diocesan World Day of Prayer for the Sick: 11 February - A World Day of Prayer for the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Tuesday 11 February 2025 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2025 via paracatholic.org/world-day-prayer-feb11

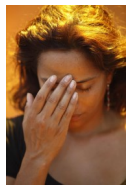
Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities: 15 February - The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 15 February at St Monica's Richmond for Cycle 1 (Modules 1-3). More training opportunities will be available throughout February and May. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings online gathering: 13 February - "Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings" are quarterly online gatherings for everyone interested in social justice, care for creation, or global peace. They are an opportunity to connect, meet like-minded people, and discuss what's currently happening in the Peace, Justice & Ecology space. In February, the PJE Sharing will focus on raising the age of criminal responsibility in NSW and Caritas' Project Compassion. You are invited to join Thursday 13 February 2025, 6:30-8:00pm. To receive a zoom link, please RSVP to met@parracatholic.org



WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Why do we make the sign of the cross?



Do you rush through the sign of the cross as if swatting a fly? Don't! This gesture contains powerful symbolism connected with the Trinity and with your baptism. Indeed, it can be viewed as a prayer in itself. By making this sign you are declaring: I am completely under the power of the risen Christ, our Redeemer. You are identifying yourself with generations of Christians, for the common usage of the familiar formula - In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen - can be traced back to the second century.

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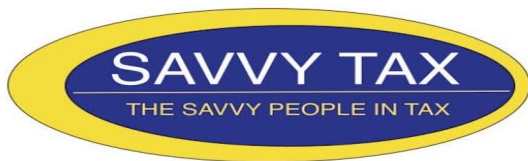
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