



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

## Sunday Reflection

The On the evening of the resurrection, the disciples are hiding behind locked doors, afraid and confused. Jesus doesn't wait for them to sort themselves out—He comes to them. This is what grace looks like. God doesn't wait for us to be ready or strong. He meets us right where we are. And His first words are: "Peace be with you." This peace isn't just comfort—it's the deep, healing peace that only God can give.

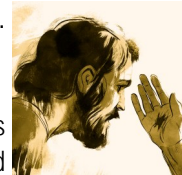
Jesus then shows them His hands and side. The scars are still there. He doesn't erase the suffering—He transforms it. His wounds become proof of His love. That's what the resurrection does: it doesn't pretend pain never happened. It shows that love is stronger than pain, stronger than death.

Then Jesus breathes on them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." It's like a new creation. Just as God breathed life into the first human, Jesus now breathes new life into His followers. They aren't being sent because they're perfect. They're being sent because they are loved, forgiven, and filled with the Spirit. That's how God works—He turns fear into mission.

Thomas wasn't there. He hears the story and doubts it. But instead of rebuking him, Jesus returns just for him. He says, "Put your finger here." Jesus meets Thomas in his doubts, not with anger but with kindness. That's how real faith often begins—not with perfect certainty, but with questions that lead us to a real encounter.

When Thomas sees Jesus, he says, "My Lord and my God." It's the

clearest confession of faith in the whole Gospel. Not just belief in an idea, but trust in a person.



*God Bless ~ Fr Gayan.*

### Vale Papa Francesco

17th December 1936 ~ 21st April 2025

Pope Francis died on Easter Monday, April 21, 2025, at the age of 88 at his residence in the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta. May He Rest In Peace



### ANZAC DAY WEEKEND

LEST WE  
FORGET  
— ANZAC DAY —



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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.

**College Principal:** Kelly Bauer

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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.*



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Second Sunday of Easter Year C

#### First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

#### Responsorial Psalm - Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.

(R) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

#### Second Reading - Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold

the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

#### Gospel Acclamation - John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

#### Gospel - John 20:19-31

The In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

## 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).

**Healing Mass** – the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated every First Friday of the month during the 6.30pm Mass.

##### 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:

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#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

During School Term at Saturday Vigil & Sunday Mass. As the school term is ending, children's liturgy will return 3rd & 4th May after this weekend.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY:

Every 2nd Friday.

Next Meetings: 2nd, 16th & 30th May.

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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.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIS WEEKEND IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** ~ Join us on Sunday, 27 April, at 3pm in the Parish Chapel to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited, followed by the Rosary and Benediction. Fr Gayan will also be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this time.

**WALKING WITH CHRIST** ~ During Lent, a group from our community began meeting on Thursday nights to reflect on Scripture together. These gatherings, now called "Walking with Christ," became powerful moments of shared faith, dialogue, and spiritual growth. We're excited to announce that Walking with Christ will continue fortnightly from Thursday, 8th May, guided by Fr Gayan. If you're seeking a space to grow in faith, engage in Scripture, and walk alongside others in our parish community — this is your invitation. Please express your interest by filling out the Google Form or scanning the QR code before 1st May. Everyone is welcome — especially our enthusiastic youth! <https://forms.gle/4MDsUvtZ2k5jeCx68>



**PROJECT COMPASSION**~ Please return your Project Compassion boxes or envelopes to a Minister at the Altar after Mass. Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

**INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY**~ Celebrate St Luke's 7th Founding Anniversary. We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in celebrating St Luke's 7th Founding Anniversary with a joyful International Food Day!

**Day/Date:** Sunday, 4 May 2025

**Time:** After 10 AM mass

**Location:** Outside the Performance Hall

Please bring a plate to share — a dish from your culture or country of origin — as we come together to enjoy the wonderful diversity of our parish family.

Let's celebrate with food, fellowship, and thanksgiving!

All are welcome. Feel free to wear cultural attire and invite friends and family to join in the celebration.

**MOTHER'S DAY VIDEO**~ As a tribute to the mother's of our community, a pictorial tribute will be created to be shown during our Mother's Day Masses.

We invite parishioners to submit photos of St Luke's parish mum's no later than 4th May. This can be sent via email to [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org) or by scanning the QR code.

Please include the first name of the mother in the photo.



## NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

**Bookings now open: Diocese of Parramatta's Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage** ~ Young people (18-35 years) from Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are invited to join an 18-day pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Youth in Rome from July 19 – August 5, 2025, including a visit to Greece to trace the footsteps of Saint Paul and a celebration of the canonisation of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati in Rome. With only 45 spots available, secure your place by booking before May 10, 2025, with a deposit of \$800, and find out more or book at [parracatholic.org/jubilee2025/](http://parracatholic.org/jubilee2025/)

## 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/>. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

### SUPPORT DONATIONS

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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 & Dahlia Wingo. Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased: Mary Louise Braun Jimenez. ... and those we remember at this time: Rafael Tiotuico (1st death anniversary) & Arsenio Jamir (20th yr Death Anniversary). Francisco Angeles.

## THANK YOU

Thank you once again to all who helped make our Easter celebrations so meaningful.

## POPE FRANCIS - A HEART THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

Pope Francis didn't lead the Church from a throne. He led from the streets. From refugee camps, prisons, slums, and soup kitchens.



He walked with the poor. Sat with the broken.

Listened to the young. He reminded the world that the Church is not a museum for saints, but a hospital for sinners. That faith isn't about being perfect – it's about being real, being kind, being brave enough to care. He told us, "Go make a mess." Not a reckless mess – but the kind that comes when you stir things up for justice.

When you speak out for those no one listens to. When you live with purpose, not just for yourself, but for something greater.

Pope Francis didn't just talk about love – he lived it. Love for creation. Love for the forgotten. Love for the whole human family. He's gone now. But his mission? That's not over. It's ours to pick up. So let's not just remember Pope Francis. Let's live like he did. With heart. With hope. With guts. That's how we honour his legacy – not with statues or silence, but with action.

Source <https://liturgicalprayer.com/liturgy-of-remembrance-for-pope-francis-secondary-2025/>





# 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 5.30pm or Sunday August 3rd 10am or Saturday August 9th 5.30pm or Sunday August 10th 10am.</b>	<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/Riz7ygy1yWTgjd118">https://forms.gle/Riz7ygy1yWTgjd118</a>	<b>First Holy Communion</b> Closes 20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Saturday May 24th 5.30pm or Sunday May 25th 10am or Saturday May 31st 5.30pm or Sunday June 1st 10am</b>	<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/fhs4T4DSDemZhnJ7">https://forms.gle/fhs4T4DSDemZhnJ7</a>	<b>Confirmation</b> Closes 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>(Saturday August 23rd 5.30pm or Sunday August 24th 10am or Saturday August 30th 5.30pm or Sunday August 31st 10am</b>	<b>Classes Commence from 27<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>St. Luke's Catholic College Friday 24th October, 7pm Mass.</b>

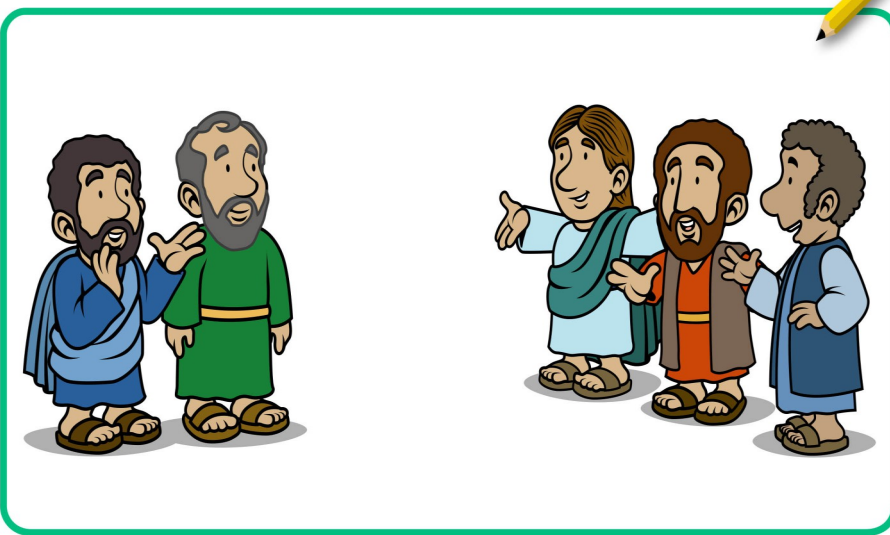
## WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

### What's that little light?

Christ is the light of the world! That little red light you see glowing on the sanctuary near the tabernacle indicates the presence of Christ in the form of eucharistic bread. We acknowledge this eucharistic presence when we genuflect (kneel on one knee). In our Christian tradition, genuflection is an act of adoration of Jesus Christ as Lord.



A week after Jesus died he appeared to his disciples. They were very happy to see him. Draw the risen Jesus.



## COMMUNITY SPONSORED DIRECTORY

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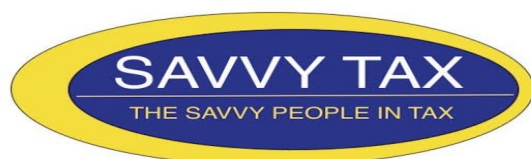
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