



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

Sunday Reflection

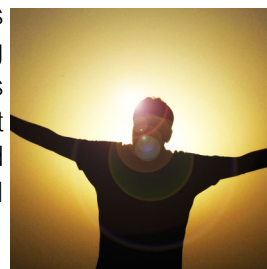
The Ascension of Jesus can feel like a strange moment. We see Jesus lifted up and disappearing from sight, and it's natural to wonder, "Has he really left us?" But this event isn't about Jesus leaving—it's about Jesus taking his rightful place of authority and power.

When Jesus ascends, he is crowned King and Lord over all creation. His resurrection was just the start; now he is ruling in heaven. This means Jesus is no longer limited by time and space. He is present everywhere, and his rule is universal and eternal. From this place of power, he sends his followers out with a mission: to preach repentance and forgiveness in his name to all nations.

The disciples move from confusion and fear to boldness and joy because they understand that Jesus' ascension signals the beginning of God's kingdom breaking into the world in a new way. They are called not just to remember what happened but to be witnesses—living out and sharing the good news of Jesus' victory over sin and death.

Living as a follower of Jesus means living between two realities. We live after his ascension but before his return. This can be difficult because we do not yet see the fullness of his kingdom. Yet, the promise is that Jesus is reigning now, and he is with us through the Holy Spirit. This reality invites us to live with hope and purpose, knowing that God is at work even when we don't see it.

So today, the Ascension challenges us to worship the risen and reigning King and to step boldly into our role as his witnesses. Our lives are meant to reflect the joy and power of the Ascended Lord, as we share his love with a world still waiting to hear the good news.



Ponder this: How can I live today as a confident witness of the Ascended Lord, trusting that he is with me even when I can't see him?

God Bless ~ Fr Gayan.

STAGE 1 CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Lock Up Stage— Internal View.

Bottom right image: Exterior View.



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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.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Ascension of the Lord ~ Year C

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11 ~ In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

(R) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading - Ephesians 1:17-23 ~ May the God of our Lord

Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 28:19. 20 ~ Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 24:46-53 ~ Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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: marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

During School Term at Saturday Vigil & Sunday Mass. (Kindy to Year 4)

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Every 2nd Friday. 7pm in the St Luke's Hub.

Next Meeting: 13th and 27th June.

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.

NEXT: June 8th & July 15th

WEEKEND FOOD STALL:

Proceeds of this fundraising activity goes towards the parish building fund.

NEXT: June 14th & 15th

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.

WALKING WITH CHRIST:

Fortnightly on Thursdays at 7.00pm in the Parish Office. Next session: 5th June. Looking for space to grow in faith, explore Scripture, and walk with others in our parish community? Come and join us! For more information, email: marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST WEEKEND (7 & 8 JUNE) – A TIME FOR PRAYER~ This Pentecost, we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit. After each Mass, parishioners are invited to come forward for personal prayer. Members of our prayer team will be available to pray with you—for healing, guidance, peace, or any intention on your heart. All are welcome.

PARISH CENSUS – 14/15 JUNE ~ We will be conducting a Parish Census during all Masses on the weekend of 14/15 June. This is an important opportunity for us to update our parish records and ensure we can better serve our growing community. Each household will be invited to complete a short form during Mass. Please be assured that all information collected will be kept safe within the parish and will not be shared with third parties. Thank you in advance for taking part and helping us strengthen our parish family.

MINISTRY FORMATION SESSIONS~ We will be holding sessions for the following ministries:

Readers and Commentators: Wednesday, 4 June at 7.30pm in the Hub at the school.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMOHC): Wednesday, 11 June at 7pm in the Hub at the school.

Altar Servers: Wednesday, 18 June at 7.30pm in the Hub at the school.

These sessions are for all current members, those who expressed interest during our recent ministry recruitment drive, and anyone else who would like to get involved. We look forward to seeing you there!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ~ We invite school aged children (Kindy to Year 4) to join in at Children's Liturgy. Where below school aged children would like to join, we request the attendance of parents or adult guardians along with the children to meet our safeguarding requirements. Thank you for your support.

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES~ Children from our parish will be receiving their First Holy Communion during all Masses on the weekend of 21/22 June. Please remember them and their families in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey. Please note that we will have an additional Mass on 22nd June at 11.30am for First Eucharist candidates which we invite parishioners to attend to support these families.

PARISH DINNER DANCE ~ You're Join us for an unforgettable evening of fun, food, and fundraising at our third Annual Dinner Dance!

Date: Saturday, 26 July 2025

Time: 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Location: The Performance Hall

This year's theme: A Taste of Italy

Come solo, with friends, or as a couple and enjoy a delicious Italian-inspired menu, featuring freshly made pasta and wood-fired pizza cooked onsite.

Reserve your tickets today!

Email the St Luke's Fundraising Team to book your spot.

Want to get involved?

Sponsor the event: Cash donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and go directly toward event costs.

Volunteer with us: We're looking for helping hands for setup, food and drink service, and more. If you have an RSA license, we'd love your support.

Contact the St Luke's Fundraising

Team at StLukesfundraisingteam@gmail.com to donate, volunteer, or find out more.

Let's make this our best year yet—see you there!

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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Account Name: Marsden Park St Luke's Parish

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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; Tony Yu; Dahlia Wingco & Bernardo Quintana. Recently Deceased: Dra. Corazon Francisco. We Remember: Conrado Lorico~ 2nd Death Anniversary Lani Gara-Elegino ~ 1st Death Anniversary

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

SING A NEW SONG!
SCHOOL HOLIDAY MUSIC WORKSHOP
COME ALONG FOR A FUN DAY OF SINGING AND EXPLORATION OF SACRED MUSIC

SESSION DATES & TIMES

Primary School Years 4-6	High School Years 7-12
TUESDAY 16 JULY 9:30am – 2pm	WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 9:30am – 2pm

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, CLOISTER HALL
MORNING TEA & LUNCH PROVIDED

STUDENTS WILL FORM A CHOIR TO LEAD THE SINGING AT THE 11AM SOLEMN MASS WITH BISHOP VINCENT
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL SUNDAY 20 JULY

FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION
SCAN THE QR CODE
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 9 JULY

YOUTH FOR CHRIST AUSTRALIA

Please help support our Youth For Christ Australia members. Will be selling baked goods as well as plants after 5.30pm Mass this weekend. Don't forget to bring your cash and thanks for your support. All funds raised will go towards YFC programs and initiatives.

NOTICES FROM ST LUKE'S COLLEGE

**Enrolling now
for Kindergarten to Year 12 for 2026.**



Please visit our website for enrolment information.

<https://www.stlukesmarsdenpark.catholic.edu.au/enrolment>



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: https://forms.gle/qGEWgqRto3bvaz9H9	Reconciliation / Penance closes 29 th June	Saturday August 2nd 5.30pm or Sunday August 3rd 10am or Saturday August 9th 5.30pm or Sunday August 10th 10am.	Classes Commence 30th July	St Luke's Catholic College 20 th August (6pm & 8pm)
For children 8 or 9 years old who have already been Baptised and made their First Reconciliation Link to Registration Form: https://forms.gle/Riz7ygy1yWTgjd118	First Holy Communion Closes 20 th April	Saturday May 24th 5.30pm or Sunday May 25th 10am or Saturday May 31st 5.30pm or Sunday June 1st 10am	Classes Commence from 28th May	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.
For children 10 years old who have already been Baptised and made their First Reconciliation & First Eucharist. Link to Registration Form: https://forms.gle/fhs4T4DSDemZhnJ7	Confirmation Closes 20 th July	(Saturday August 23rd 5.30pm or Sunday August 24th 10am or Saturday August 30th 5.30pm or Sunday August 31st 10am	Classes Commence from 27 th August	St. Luke's Catholic College Friday 24th October, 7pm Mass.

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Why do we celebrate the Ascension?

On Ascension Sunday we celebrate Christ's final appearance after the resurrection whereby he was taken up into heaven. To some ears this might sound like celestial theatrics! As Christians we understand it to be a profound affirmation of the fact that Jesus is indeed the Son of God who lives on forever beyond the material confines of this world. We are led to reflect on our own humanity from the perspective of the promise of eternal life. Christ has shown us God's love, and God's love is forever - limited by nothing, not even death. As Christians, our belief in this 'tomorrow' allows us to live 'today' with hope and courage.

Thank You for Your Incredible Support!

We are deeply grateful to all our generous food donors, dedicated fundraising team volunteers, and enthusiastic supporters who helped make last week's Weekend Food Stall a resounding success!

Thanks to your kindness and support, we raised nearly \$1,600 in one weekend. For the month of May, we have raised nearly \$2,800 toward our future Church building. From the delicious meals to the vibrant sense of community, it was a beautiful expression of faith, unity, and generosity.

Every contribution brings us one step closer to building not just a church, but a stronger Parish community!



COMMUNITY SPONSORED DIRECTORY

Advertise in Our Parish Bulletin

Do you own a business or know someone who does? We are offering the opportunity to advertise in our parish bulletin. This is a wonderful way to support our parish and connect with the local community. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office.

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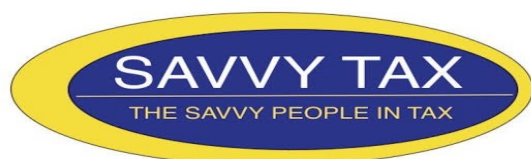
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