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CATHOLIC PARISH
MARSDEN PARK



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WEEKLY BULLETIN

25TH MAY 2025

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY YEAR ~ C



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

Sunday Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives" (John 14:27). That raises an important question: what kind of peace does the world give, and how is Jesus' peace truly different?

The peace the world offers usually depends on things going well around us. We feel peaceful when our health is good, our plans work out, or people treat us the way we want. But that peace is fragile and temporary. One bad day, one bit of bad news, or a sudden problem, and it can all vanish in an instant. It is often a peace based on comfort and control, something that can easily be shaken.

Jesus, however, offers a different kind of peace—one that goes much deeper. His peace is not based on our external circumstances, but on His constant presence within us. He promises that when we love Him and keep His word, He and the Father will make their home in us. This is a powerful and beautiful image. God does not simply visit us now and then—He chooses to move in and live with us. His Spirit dwells within, reminding us of our true identity and the unchanging truth of His love, even when life feels uncertain or painful.

This is the kind of peace Jesus Himself lived with. On the night before His crucifixion, when everything seemed about to fall apart, He was calm and comforting to His disciples. His peace came from knowing the Father, trusting fully in God's plan, and resting in a love that could never be broken or shaken.

That same peace is offered to each of us. It doesn't mean we will never experience sadness, pressure, or pain. But it does mean we do not have to be controlled by fear or anxiety. We can face the unknown with steady hearts because we know who walks with us.

When we live with this peace, we become different people. We are slower to panic, quicker to forgive, and more generous with others. We become living signs of God's peace in a world that desperately longs for it. His peace brings a quiet strength, deeper than any fear or trouble.

How does the world's version of peace fall short in your life?

God Bless ~ Fr Gayan.

STAGE 1 CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE



Commencing of Gyrocking of internal walls.

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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.



St Luke's
Catholic College

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29 ~ Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v.4

(R) O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading - Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 ~ In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed

me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation - John 13:34 ~ Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel - John 14:23-29 ~ In Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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: 30th May.

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.

NEXT: June 8th & July 15th

WEEKEND FOOD STALL:

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

NEXT: May 24th & 25th, 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

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

Ministers at the Alter : Wednesday 28 May at 7.30pm in the Hub at the school.

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.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT UPDATE ~We've recently updated the Church Building Fund account details. Some donors may not be aware of this change, causing scheduled EFTs to be rejected.

Please update your banking details with the new account information below: **BSB: 067 950 Account Number: 1000 05720**

Account Name: Marsden Park St Luke's Parish

Reference: (Your name) ~ BF

For assistance, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together for the future of our parish.

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. Enrolment Masses for all children and parents preparing for First Holy Communion this year will take place on the weekends of 24/25 May and 31 May/1 June at all parish Masses. Attendance at one of these Masses is an important step in your child's preparation journey. After Mass today we will be giving out prayer cards with a candidate's name on it. We kindly invite you to pray for this candidate and their family as they prepare for this sacrament.

PARISH DINNER DANCE ~ You're Invited! St Luke's 3rd Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser. 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.

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

BSB: 067 950 Account: 100005720

Account Name: Marsden Park St Luke's Parish

Reference: (Your name)



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 Wingco & Bernardo Quintana. Grant Eternal Rest to the recently

GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL



HELP OUR SEMINARIANS TO BE 'PILGRIMS AND SOWERS OF HOPE'

Our seminarians at Holy Spirit Seminary have heard God's call and now they need your support to answer Him fully.

With your prayers and generosity, they can continue to grow in faith and formation, as they prepare to become priests who will sow hope, faith and love in the hearts of God's people.



Scan to give to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal

parracatholic.org/appeal



Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal supporting our Seminarians will be held this weekend 24th/25th May. Envelopes are available on the welcome table and the Church. Thank you for your support.

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 on the 31st May. 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.



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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 |
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| 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/Riz7ygy1yWTgid118 | 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/fhs4T4DSDemZhnwJ7 | 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?

Part II. The Church Year
Why do we have 'ordinary' Sundays?

In between all the special festive occasions that occur in the life of a family there are many days which we might call 'ordinary'. Filled with daily rituals - preparing meals, fronting up for work, dropping the kids at footy practice - they are an essential dimension of family life. Our Church calendar, too, has periods called Sundays in Ordinary Time or Sundays of the Year which are numbered consecutively. In between all the 'special occasions' (the various Christian feasts and seasons) they are the sustaining celebrations of our life together as a faith family.

St. Luke's Weekend Food Stall – New Menu!

We warmly invite you to visit the St. Luke's Weekend Food Stall after each Mass this weekend. Enjoy a variety of delicious offerings while supporting our Church Building Fund!

This weekend's menu includes: New Savoury Selections: Mutton (Goat) Biryani

Kebab Platter (Tandoori Chicken, Adana Lamb, Mint & Yogurt Sauce, Salad, and Naan) Pancit Palabok Chicken Mayo Rolls

For Those with a Sweet Tooth: Brazo de Mercedes Chiffon Cake Assorted Brownies New Additions: Chocolate Cake Slices and Ube Macapuno Cake Slices

Cash and card payments are accepted. Thank you for your continued support — all proceeds go directly towards the Church Building Fund.

WEEKEND FOOD STALL
ACCEPTING CASH & CARD PAYMENTS

- MUTTON (GOAT) BIRYANI \$20 BOX
- MINI KEBAB PLATTER (CHICKEN, LAMB, SALAD, NAAN) \$18 BOX
- CHOCOLATE CAKE SLICE \$8 EACH
- UBE MACAPUNO SLICE \$12 EACH
- BRAZO DE MERCEDES \$10 EACH
- PANCIT PALABOK CHICKEN MAYO ROLL \$12 BOX
- CHIFFON CAKES \$8 EACH
- ASSORTED BROWNIES \$3 EACH
- ASSORTED BROWNIES \$2 EACH

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ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS OUR CHURCH BUILDING FUND

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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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