



St Luke's  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
MARSDEN PARK



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# WEEKLY BULLETIN

4TH MAY 2025

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY YEAR ~ C



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

## Sunday Reflection

John 21:1-19 tells the story of Jesus appearing to His disciples after the resurrection. The disciples have gone back to fishing, but they catch nothing all night. In the morning, Jesus stands on the shore and tells them to cast their net on the other side of the boat. They do, and the net fills with fish. It's only then that they realize it's Jesus. This miracle shows that even when we feel lost or unsuccessful, Jesus is still guiding us—sometimes in ways we don't recognize at first.

One of the most important parts of this passage is what happens between Jesus and Peter. Peter had denied knowing Jesus three times during His trial. Now Jesus gives Peter the chance to say three times, "I love you." This is not a coincidence. Jesus is gently helping Peter deal with his failure and restoring him. He doesn't ask Peter to explain what he did or promise to never fail again. He only asks, "Do you love me?" That question reaches the heart. Jesus wants love more than perfection.

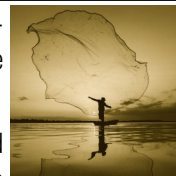
Jesus then tells Peter to "feed my sheep." That means Peter is being trusted again with the care of others. Jesus is saying, "I still believe in you. I still have a job for you to do." This shows us that failure does not disqualify us. Jesus can take our brokenness and still use us for good.

What's also beautiful is that Jesus makes them breakfast. The risen Son of God cooks for His friends. This is a picture of kindness and care. It tells us that God doesn't just want to be believed in—He

wants a relationship with us. He meets us in ordinary moments, like a meal, and invites us to come close again.

This story is for anyone who feels they've messed up or gone backwards in life. Jesus doesn't push us away—He calls us forward. He restores, forgives, and gently says again, "Follow me." Even after failure, we're never beyond His love or His plan.

*God Bless ~ Fr Gayan.*



## STAGE 1 CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE



Electrical Work & Installation of Windows

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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.

**College Principal:** Kelly Bauer

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**Phone:** (02) 9854 3100

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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

### Third Sunday of Easter Year C

**First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41** ~ The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

**Responsorial Psalm - Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v**

(R) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

**Second Reading - Revelation 5:11-14** ~ In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

**Gospel Acclamation - John 20:29**

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

**Gospel - John 21:1-1**

The Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Na-

thanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.' 'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.' 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:

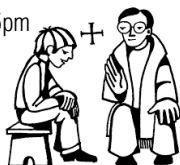
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

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. Children's liturgy recommences this weekend - 3rd & 4th May.

### YOUTH MINISTRY:

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

Next Meetings: 6th & 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,

### 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

### CELEBRATING ST LUKE'S 7TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY ~

This weekend, we joyfully celebrate 7 years since the founding of St Luke's – a journey that began in 2018 as a small faith community and, by God's grace, has grown into a Parish in 2025.

Let us give thanks for all who have been part of this story – those who planted the seeds, those who nurtured them, and those who continue to help our Parish grow in faith, hope, and love.

Over the years, we have prayed together, served one another, and built a welcoming community that reflects the love of Christ. This anniversary is not just a milestone, but a reminder of God's faithfulness and the power of unity in mission.

Thank you for being part of the St Luke's journey. May St Luke, our patron saint, continue to intercede for us as we move forward together.

**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>



**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 send 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 and submit by Wednesday 8th May.



**RESIDENTIAL CLERGY CONFERENCE ~** Fr Gayan will be attending the Parramatta Diocese Residential Clergy Conference from 20 to 23 May. Please note that there will be no Mass on Wednesday 21 May and Friday 23 May.

**CATECHESIS ON MASS ~** Continuing next weekend, we will present short 2-3 minute video clips by Archbishop Mark Coleridge during weekend Masses. This series will focus on various parts of the Mass, to deepen our appreciation of the Eucharist.

## NOTICES FROM ST LUKE'S COLLEGE

St Luke's Catholic College, Marsden Park  
School Tour - Wednesday, 14 May 4pm-5pm  
Please register via:

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

Enrolling now for Kindergarten to Year 12 for 2026.  
Please visit our website for enrolment information.

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



## 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

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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 Wingco

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased: Michael Leahay

Mary Louise Braun Jimenez.

... and those we remember at this time:

Rafael Tiotuico (1st death anniversary) & Arsenio Jamir (20th yr Death Anniversary). Francisco Angeles.

### Condolences

Our prayers and thoughts are with Christine Leahay and the family on the passing of Michael Leahay. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 6 May at 10.30am at St Andrew's Parish, Marayong.

## NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

**Positions Vacant ~** Facilities Coordinator: Diocese of Parramatta  
Property Lawyer: Diocese of Parramatta  
Communications Lead – Diocesan Pastoral Plan: Diocese of Parramatta  
More details at: <https://parracatholic.org/about/jobs/>

**Bookings now open: Diocese of Parramatta's Adult 35 years+ Jubilee Pilgrimage ~** Join a life-changing 19-day pilgrimage from 7 to 25 September 2025, exploring sacred sites in Greece, Turkey, and Rome. Open to adults aged 35 and over, this journey follows St. Paul's path and the early Church, culminating in the Jubilee Year of Hope in Rome. Bookings close on 2 May 2025, with a deposit of \$800 required at the time of booking. The final payment is due by 7 July 2025. Don't miss this incredible faith experience. For more information and to register, visit [parracatholic.org/jubilee2025/](https://parracatholic.org/jubilee2025/)

**FaithLIFE Theology Short Course:** Wednesdays in May  
Considering learning about theology? Interested in faith seek understanding? Looking to learn more about the Jubilee Year of Hope? Sign up now for the 3-session FaithLIFE Theology short course with Alison Ryan from MET on Wednesdays 7 + 14 + 21 May: [parracatholic.org/faithlife](https://parracatholic.org/faithlife)



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# Sacramental Process 2025

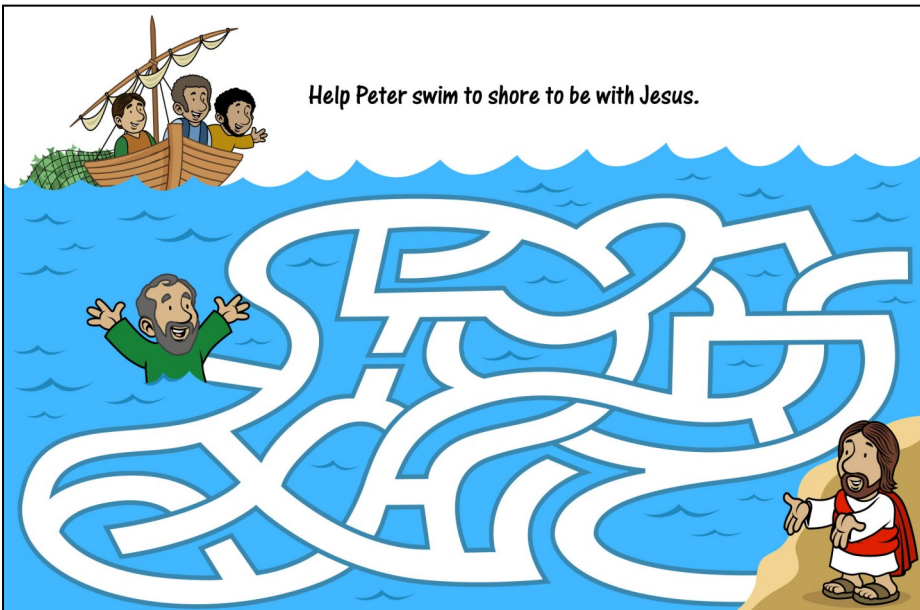


Available for	Enrolment closing Date	Enrolment Mass Dates	Weekly Groups Begin	Ceremonies
For Children who are already Baptised (Catholic) and aged 7 or above Link to Registration Form: <a href="https://forms.gle/qGEWgqRto3bvaz9H9">https://forms.gle/qGEWgqRto3bvaz9H9</a>	<b>Reconciliation / Penance</b> 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/fhs4T4DSDemZhwnJ7">https://forms.gle/fhs4T4DSDemZhwnJ7</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?

### GO

'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,' says the celebrant at the end of Mass. This concluding rite is best understood as a commissioning. Renewed in our relationship as brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, we are sent forth to share Christ's love with others. In fact, the word 'Mass' is derived from the Latin word missa which in turn is derived from 'mittere': to send. As you leave church today, think of how you can reach out to one specific person. Find a practical way of sharing with that person the strength you have drawn from this eucharistic celebration.



## 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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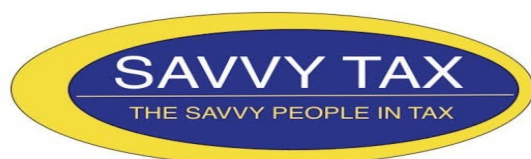
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