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CATHOLIC PARISH  
MARSDEN PARK



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# WEEKLY BULLETIN

15TH JUNE 2025

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR C



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

## Sunday Reflection

The Feast of the Holy Trinity invites us to reflect on the profound mystery of God as three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—united in one divine nature. This truth isn't just theological jargon; it shapes how we understand God's nature, our relationship with Him, and our place in the world.

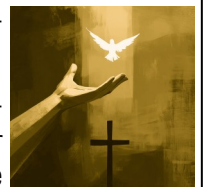
At its heart, the Trinity reveals that God is relationship. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father, and the Spirit is the bond of that love. God is perfect community, perfect love, and perfect unity. This challenges the common idea of God as a distant, solitary ruler and instead shows us a God who is inherently loving and relational. Because God exists in eternal relationship, we are made in His image to live in loving relationship with Him and with each other.

This mystery also teaches us about the different roles God plays in our lives. The Father is the creator who initiates and plans, the Son is the redeemer who enters human history and restores what was broken, and the Spirit is the sustainer who lives within us, empowering and guiding. Recognizing these roles helps us see God's work in the world and in our personal stories—not as isolated events, but as a continuous, loving engagement.

For everyday life, the Trinity encourages us to live in community and love sacrificially. Just as the three persons of the Trinity are distinct yet unified, we are called to maintain our unique individuality while living in harmony with others. It reminds us that love isn't

just a feeling but a commitment to others, reflecting God's own love.

Finally, understanding the Trinity gives us confidence that God is with us in every part of our journey: creating, saving, and empowering. We are invited to respond by deepening our relationship with each person of the Trinity through prayer, worship, and acts of love. This feast is not just a celebration of doctrine but an invitation to live into the reality of God's triune life—full of love, connection, and purpose.



*God Bless ~ Fr Gayan.*

### STAGE 1 CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

#### Cementing of driveway and footpath



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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.



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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

**Address:** Cnr Frontier Avenue & Northbourne Drive Marsden Park 2765 NSW

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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.*



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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The Most Holy Trinity Year C

**First Reading - Proverbs 8:22-31** ~ The Wisdom of God cries aloud: The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

**Responsorial Psalm - Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2**

(R) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

**Second Reading - Romans 5:1-5** ~ Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

**Gospel Acclamation** ~ Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

**Gospel - John 16:12-15** ~ 'Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

## 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: 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 MONTH : July 15th

### WEEKEND FOOD STALL:

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

THIS WEEKEND: 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: 19th 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

### Our Parish Community Prayer

O God You show us in St Luke, our patron, a person of faith who desired all people to come to know and love you in the community of your Church.

Teach us to embrace what St Luke pioneered: discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Trusting in your love and grace and nourished by Word and Sacrament may we grow in our relationship with you and together make our Catholic Faith Community a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Luke, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

All saints and Martyrs, pray for us.



**Performance Hall Access During Winter** ~ During the colder months, the folding glass doors in the Performance Hall

will remain closed during the Saturday Vigil Mass to help keep the hall warm. Parishioners are kindly asked to enter via the side door on the basketball court side. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

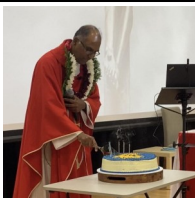


## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU FROM FR. GAYAN** ~ A sincere thank you to everyone for the surprise birthday celebration during the Sunday Mass—the beautiful garland, the cake, and the PowerPoint presentation were thoughtful gestures and much appreciated.

Thanks also for the birthday wishes and gifts.

I'm grateful for your kindness and to be part of this community.



**PARISH CENSUS – 14/15 JUNE** ~ We will be conducting a Parish Census during all Masses on this weekend (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: Altar Servers: Wednesday, 18 June at 6.00pm in the Performance 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!

**PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES** ~ Our parish children will be receiving their First Holy Communion at all Masses next weekend of 21/22 June. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey. To support our First Communion families and help make space for visiting guests, we warmly invite parishioners to consider attending the 11.30am Mass on Sunday, 22 June. This special celebration of the Eucharist is a significant moment in the life of our parish, and your presence would offer prayerful support to the children and their families.

**PARISH MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE** ~ We are setting up a Parish Maintenance Committee to help care for our facilities and support the upkeep of our new church building. If you have experience in trades, project planning, general maintenance, or simply a heart for keeping our church and surroundings well-maintained, we'd love to hear from you! Feel free to speak with Fr Gayan after Mass or send him an email if you're interested. ([marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org))

### ST LUKE'S CATHOLIC PARISH DINNER DANCE 2025

**WHEN:** Saturday, 26 July 2025

**TIME:** 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

**WHERE:** Performance Hall, St Luke's Catholic College ~ Northbourne Drive, Marsden Park, NSW

**ATTIRE:** Come dressed in Italian flair or your best Mamma Mia outfit!

Enjoy authentic pastas, wood-fired pizzas, and a delicious grazing table.

Dance the night away with great music and community spirit! Onsite childminding available for children aged 3+ so parents can enjoy worry-free!

Tickets: \$100 per adult ~ All proceeds go towards building our future permanent Church. Don't miss out – book now and be part of this unforgettable parish celebration! Special thanks to our sponsors: Kav Prasad- LJ Hooker Schofields, Jim's Cleaning, Cocoa Vanilla Cakes and Calli's Grill. We're still open for sponsorships.

For tickets and event sponsorship, please email: [stlukesfundraising-team@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesfundraising-team@gmail.com)



## COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

We pray for those in our Community who are sick: Daisy Pangilinan; Tony Yu; Rena Cremutus Dahlia Wingco & Bernardo Quintana.

Recently Deceased: Maria Thi Nguyen (Mother of Bishop Vincent)

We Remember: Pauline Soares, Wellington Lim Yu, Susana Lim Yu  
Conrado Lorico ~ 2nd Death Anniversary  
Lani Gara-Elegino ~ 1st Death Anniversary; Lawrence Fernandes.  
Samira Halloun ~ 1st Death Anniversary; Elias Nehme (6 months).  
Antonio P. Ortega ~ 1st Death Anniversary.

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.

## 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

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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.

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

### NEW PARISH IN THE UPPER BLUE MOUNTAINS



**DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA**

~ Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv has announced the merging of Lawson, Upper Blue Mountains, and Blackheath parishes into one: The Catholic Parish of the Upper Blue Mountains. The parish will be served by Fr John McSweeney (Parish Priest, based at Katoomba), Fr Peter Lamont (Assistant Priest, based at Blackheath), Fr Jessie Balorio (Assistant Priest, based at Lawson), and Deacon Alan Skofic. This brings our Diocese's total parishes to 45. Please keep them in your prayers.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION 2025: 23 & 26 AUGUST** ~ The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. The catechesis day will be on Saturday 23 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown and the Confirmation will be on the evening of Tuesday 26 August at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. For more information and to enroll, please contact the Office for Worship on [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795 before Monday 4 August.

## NOTICES FROM ST LUKE'S COLLEGE



Enrolling now for Kindergarten to Year 12 for 2026. Please visit school 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: <a href="https://forms.gle/qGEWgqRto3bvaz9H9">https://forms.gle/qGEWgqRto3bvaz9H9</a>	Reconciliation / Penance closes 29 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> August (6pm & 8pm)
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/Riz7ygy1yWTgd118">https://forms.gle/Riz7ygy1yWTgd118</a>	First Holy Communion Closes 20 <sup>th</sup> 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: <a href="https://forms.gle/fhs4T4DSDemZhnJ7">https://forms.gle/fhs4T4DSDemZhnJ7</a>	Confirmation Closes 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> August	St. Luke's Catholic College Friday 24th October, 7pm Mass.

## WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

### Why do we celebrate Trinity Sunday?

God is love. That is the simple, profound truth at the heart of Trinity Sunday. Consider a husband and wife who have loved each other for many years. They approach life with a sense of 'we' rather than 'I'. Paradoxically, instead of losing a sense of self-identity, each spouse discovers a greater sense of uniqueness through the love of the other. This analogy helps us to glimpse the unity of the three persons of the Trinity. God is persons in a relationship of perfect unity; unique persons, but completely one. In a society full of isolated individuals crying out 'Who am I?' on a restless search for self-identity, the feast of the Trinity calls us to ask another question: Whose am I? To whom do I belong? Through relationships of love, we discover God.

## This Weekend ~ Parish Food Stall!

Craving something delicious? We've got you covered! Join us this Saturday evening and Sunday after Mass for a feast of flavors at our Weekend Food Stall.

Featuring a new menu of Filipino and Indian favourites (in addition to our best sellers) and sweet treats by Cocoa Vanilla Cakes and Soc's Desserts The perfect finish to your meal. Come hungry, leave happy—and support a great cause.

All proceeds go towards our future Church building project.

Thank you for your support and see you there!

<b>WEEKEND FOOD STALL MENU</b>			
SAVOURY	CASH/CARD ACCEPTED		SWEET
CHICKEN BIRYANI	\$15	UBE MACAPUNO SLICE	\$12
CHICKEN 65	\$15	MAJA MAIS	\$10
BEEF CUTLETS	\$15	MILO BALLS	\$10
POTATO CHOPS	\$15	MANGO FLOAT	\$10
POHA	\$12	CHOCOLATE CAKE SLICE	\$5
PANCIT BIHON	\$10	CHOCOLATE CUPCAKE	\$4
FILO PORK BBQ	\$5/ slice	CHIFFON CUPCAKE	\$3
		ASSORTED BROWNIES	\$2

All proceeds go towards our Church Building Fund

## 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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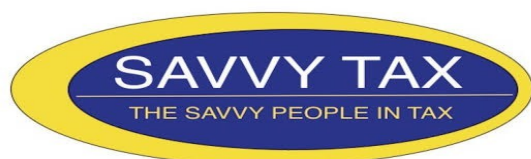
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