



29TH JUNE 2025

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES ~ YEAR C

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

Sunday Reflection

Today we honour Saints Peter and Paul—two giants of the early Church, whose lives remind us that God uses imperfect people to accomplish His perfect will.

Peter was impulsive, often speaking before thinking. He denied Jesus three times when fear overtook him. Paul was a persecutor of Christians, present at the martyrdom of Stephen. Yet these two men were chosen by Christ—Peter to lead the Church as the rock upon which it was built, and Paul to carry the Gospel to the nations. Their stories teach us a profound truth: it is not our strength, virtue, or résumé that qualifies us for God's mission, but His grace.

We often think that to be used by God, we must first become good enough, wise enough, or holy enough. But Peter and Paul show that it is in our weakness that God's power is made perfect. Peter became a bold witness, not because he conquered fear, but because Christ restored and empowered him. Paul, transformed by an encounter with the risen Lord, did not erase his past but allowed God to redeem it.

The Gospel calls us to live not by self-confidence but by grace-confidence. That means trusting in what God can do through us, even when we feel inadequate. Grace humbles us—because it tells us we cannot save ourselves—but also lifts us up—because it tells us we are more loved and called than we ever imagined.

Peter and Paul did not agree on everything. They argued and struggled to understand each other. But what united them was their

shared love for Christ and their unwavering commitment to proclaim Him. In a world divided by ideology, ego, and pride, we are reminded that the Church is not built on perfect agreement but on a shared surrender to Jesus.



Let us be encouraged today: God still calls the flawed, the fearful, the once-failed. Like Peter and Paul, He calls us to follow Him boldly—not in our own strength, but in the grace that changes everything.

God Bless ~ Fr Gayan.

STAGE 1 CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Driveway, Footpath and Landscaping completed.



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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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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

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11 ~ King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittently. On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5

(R) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 ~ This My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation ~ Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 16:13-19 ~ Jesus When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

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.



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: 4th July.

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 13th

WEEKEND FOOD STALL:

Proceeds of this fundraising activity goes towards the parish building fund. THIS WEEKEND: June 28th & 29th

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: 3rd July. Looking for space to grow in faith, explore Scripture, and walk with others in our parish community?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH CENSUS ~ Thank you to everyone who took part in the parish census. If you haven't had a chance to complete it yet, paper copies are available at the welcome table, or log onto the web link or QR code provided.

Link: <https://forms.gle/KcBqTq7qzxz2i4ts6>



CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE ~ The latest edition of Catholic Outlook magazine is now available. This edition features an article about our Parish! Free copies are available at the Welcome Table—please feel free to take one home

NAIDOC WEEK 2025 ~ NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee). Week will be celebrated from Sunday, 6 July to Sunday, 13 July. It's a time to honour and recognise the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Let us take this opportunity to reflect, learn, and stand in solidarity with our First Nations communities.

ST LUKE'S CATHOLIC PARISH DINNER DANCE 2025

Date: 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! Scan Childminding QR Code on the flyer or click on this link on or before 6 July 2025: <https://shorturl.at/fwTts>

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, Red & Blue Home Loans, Jim's Laundry- Colebee, Cocoa Vanilla Cakes and Calli's Grill. We're still open for sponsorships.

For tickets and event sponsorship or if you would like to assist, please email: stlukesfundraisingteam@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); Stephen Steel.

We Remember: Pauline Soares, Wellington Lim Yu, Susana Lim Yu Samira Halloun ~ 1st Death Anniversary; Elias Nehme (6 months). Antonio P. Ortega ~ 1st Death Anniversary. Leonora Bonifacio ~ 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

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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

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN DIOCESAN RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES



DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

The diocese is hosting three retreat opportunities for adults of all ages to engage more with this Jubilee Year of Hope. Take the time to step away from your usual routine to experience a diocesan retreat – a sacred space for prayer, reflection, renewal and encounter with God. Registrations are now open. For more details and to register, see the three options of retreats below:

- 16 August: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august/>
- 15 November: <https://parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november/>

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 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: 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 10 years old who have already been Baptised and made their First Reconciliation & First Eucharist. Link to Registration Form: https://forms.gle/fhs4T4DSDemZhwnJ7	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?

'Today is the feast of...'

When families and friends celebrate birthdays, graduations and anniversaries they are making a statement about a person or a value which is collectively important to them. The Catholic Church, too, is full of celebrations—saints' feast days and holy days—that affirm certain people and truths that are important to us as a faith family.



Such occasions help unite and keep alive important events and relationships which have shaped our very existence as a Church.

Craving something delicious? We've got you covered!

Join us this Saturday evening and Sunday after Mass for a feast of flavours at our Weekend Food Stall.

Fancy something savoury, light or sweet? We have the menu just for you!

Come hungry, leave happy—and support a great cause.

All proceeds go towards our future Church building project.

Weekend Food Stall!

WEEKEND FOOD STALL MENU

SAVOURY	CASH/CARD ACCEPTED	SWEET
CHICKEN KARAI \$20 with rice & a can of coke	MOCHA CAKE SLICE \$12	
CHICKEN BIRYANI \$20	MAJA MAIS \$10	
CHICKEN TANDOORI \$20	CHOCOLATE CAKE SLICE \$5	
LIGHT	UBE CUPCAKE \$4	
EMPANADA \$3	CHIFFON CUPCAKE \$3	
BHEL PURI \$6	ASSORTED BROWNIES \$2	

All proceeds go towards our permanent 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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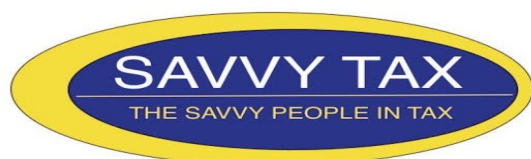
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