



6TH JULY 2025

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

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

Sunday Reflection

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

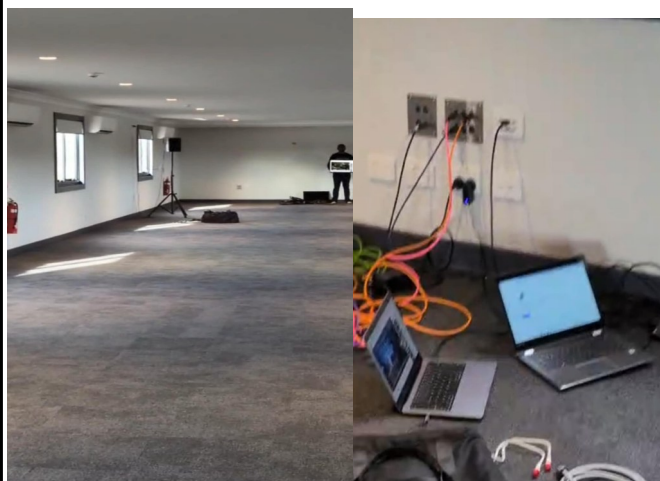
When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power

because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.

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STAGE 1 CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE



Testing of AV and IT Connections .

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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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading - Isaiah 66:10-14 ~ Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass.

To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

(R) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading - Galatians 6:14-18 ~ The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation ~ Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 10:1-12. 17-20 ~ The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.' The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

Mass Location & Parking Notice - 26 & 27 July 2025 - Please be advised that on the weekend of Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 July, both the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses will be celebrated at The Marketplace. Kindly use the Frontier Avenue Carpark when attending Mass on this weekend. If you are joining us for the Dinner Dance following the Saturday Vigil Mass, please note that the Frontier Carpark will close after the Mass. You are encouraged to move your vehicle to the Northbourne Carpark, which will open from 6:30 PM.



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: 18th 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. THIS MONTH: July 13th

WEEKEND FOOD STALL:

Proceeds of this fundraising activity goes towards the parish building fund. NEXT FOODSTALL: August 15th & 16th

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: 17th 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/KcBqTq7qzx2i4ts6>



PARISH BUILDING SIGNAGE – HELP NEEDED

We are looking for someone to design the artwork for the signage on our new parish building. If you have experience or interest in design, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Gayan after Mass.

INTRODUCING A SUNDAY 8AM MASS ~ Some parishioners have alluded to the fact that during the winter months, staying outside the Performance Hall can get quite cold. Additionally, with the larger numbers at the 10am Mass, some people end up having to stay outside. To help with this, we are planning to introduce an 8am Mass on Sundays. This will allow us to keep the glass doors closed during the celebration of Mass and provide a warmer, more comfortable environment for everyone. To make this possible, we will need volunteers to serve as Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ministers of the Altar. If you plan to attend the 8am Mass and are happy to assist in any of these roles, please write your name on the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table. We hope to begin the 8am Mass very soon—once everything is in place. Thank you for your support!

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 this 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

3 WEEKS TO GO!

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

Get ready for an Italian-themed evening of fun, food, and festivities! Join us for a night of delicious dining, great music, and dancing — all in support of our future permanent Church.

On the Menu:

Antipasto • Pastas • Salads • Assorted Desserts • Wood-Fired Pizza (cooked onsite!)

Onsite Childminding Available (Ages 3+)

So parents can enjoy the night stress-free!

Register by 13 July 2025 via QR code on the flyer or this link:

<https://shorturl.at/nK3PV>

Tickets: \$100 per adult (All proceeds go towards building our permanent Church) To purchase tickets or volunteer:

Email: stlukesfundraisingteam@gmail.com

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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: Oliver Soares and Joseph Menezes.

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. marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

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 donation portal through the CBA at <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICPARISH1>

Your donations are greatly appreciated.



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NEWS FROM THE ST LUKE'S LEADERSHIP TEAM

NEW MINISTRY LEADERS APPOINTED ~ We are pleased to announce the appointment of Maria Cruz as the new Ministry Leader for Readers and Commentators, Anna Benasa as the Ministry Leader for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Patrick Bilan as the Ministry Leader for the Parish Maintenance Committee. We thank them all for their willingness to serve and support the ongoing life of our parish. Please keep them in your prayers as they take on these important roles.

PPC MEETING MINUTES – COMING SOON ONLINE

To keep our parish community informed and connected, Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting minutes will soon be accessible on our parish website. This initiative aims to share the work and discussions of the council with all parishioners.



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 30 th 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?

Why the different colours?

You may notice over the Church year changes in the colours of the vestments of the priest and the altar. This has nothing to do with the whims of fashion! Different colours are used to symbolize the truths and sentiments expressed by the various liturgical celebrations. Purple (symbolizing preparation and penance) is used for Advent and Lent; red (warmth and blood) for Pentecost and for feasts commemorating the sufferings of Christ and the martyrs; white (joy, purity, innocence, glory) for celebrations such as Christmas and Easter, weddings, baptisms and funerals; green (life) for Sundays in Ordinary Time.

Thank You for your support!

Weekend Food Stall!

Thank You for Your Incredible Support!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our generous food donors, dedicated fundraising volunteers, and wonderful parishioners who supported last week's Weekend Food Stall.

Thanks to your kindness, we raised over \$1,200 in just one weekend, bringing our June total to \$3,400!

From the delicious meals to the joyful community spirit, the event was a true celebration of faith, unity, and generosity.

Every contribution is a step forward in our mission to build not just a Church building, but a stronger Parish community. We will be taking a mid-year break during July, but we look forward to your continued support when we return in August.



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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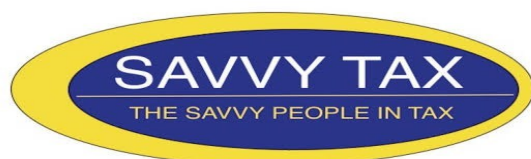
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