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MARSDEN PARK



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# WEEKLY BULLETIN

21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C



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

## *Sunday Connection . . .*

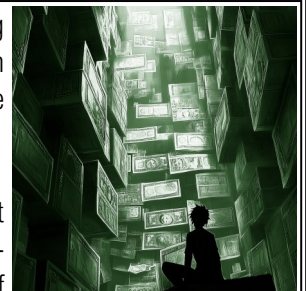
Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians

handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.



## *Family Connection . . .*

Talk with your children about some things that they have done to show that they can be trusted. Talk a bit about what it means to be responsible. Responsibility often means that we put aside something of passing value for something of greater value.

Read together the short form of today's Gospel, Luke 16:10-13. Talk about the importance of responsible use of money and our material possessions. As a family, commit to one action that you will take this week to show that your family serves God and not money.

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**Parish Office:** Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm - 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.*



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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**Entrance Antiphon:** ~ I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**First Reading - Amos 8:4-7** ~ Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

**Responsorial Psalm - Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7**

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

**Second Reading - 1 Timothy 2:1-8**

~ My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

**Gospel Acclamation ~ 2 Corinthians 8:9** ~ Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

**Gospel ~ Luke 16:1-13** ~ Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." 'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

**Communion Antiphon: Psalm 118:4-5** ~ You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

## 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: 8.00am & 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 OCIA - Order 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 leaders only meeting: 10th October  
Next Youth Program: 26th September.  
For students in Year 4 to Year 12.  
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 SUNDAY ~ 12th October.

### **WEEKEND FOOD STALL:**

Proceeds of this fundraising activity goes towards the parish building fund.  
FOOD STALL THIS WEEKEND:  
20th & 21st September.

### **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: 25th September. 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

**BLESSING AND OPENING OF OUR CHURCH BUILDING** ~ The Blessing and Opening of our Church Building will take place on Sunday, 19 October, following the 10 am Mass. As this day celebrates the Feast of St Luke, our patron, Mass will begin with a procession. Bishop Vincent will be the main celebrant of both the Mass and the blessing, with other invited guests taking part in the ceremony. The congregation will witness the blessing and opening from the school's undercover area outside, surrounding the church building site. All are warmly invited to morning tea, and parishioners will have an opportunity to visit and pray in the church building after the blessing. Our first weekend Masses in the new church will be celebrated on the weekend of 25/26 October.

**CALLING ALL CREATIVE KIDS** ~ We invite all children to join the art competition for the opening of St Luke's Church Building. This is a special chance to share your creativity and be part of a historic day for our parish. The winning artwork will be printed on a bookmark to keep as a memory for everyone. **Theme:** St Luke **Sheets available: at the welcome table. Closing date extended to this Sunday 21st September** (entries to be placed in the drop box) Your artwork will help make this day one to remember for years to come.

### YEAR 12 HSC BLESSING MASS

Our parish is holding a special blessing for all Year 12 HSC students as they prepare to begin their exams on 16 October. We invite students and their families to join us at the 10am Mass on Sunday, 12 October. Together, we will pray for God's guidance, calm, and confidence for each student in the weeks ahead. This is a beautiful opportunity for our young people to be strengthened by the prayers of their parish family.

**GOD'S WORD 2026** ~ Available from the Piety store for \$20.00ea. Contains the Bible readings set down for each day of the liturgical year with reflections by eminent spiritual writers.

### OCIA: WELCOMING NEW FACES TO THE FAITH

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) – formerly known as RCIA – will soon begin at St Luke's Parish. This is a

time of grace and transformation for those who are seeking to become Catholic or wish to complete their sacraments of initiation. We encourage all parishioners to remain watchful and welcoming toward those who may be quietly searching for faith, unsure of how to begin, or hoping for support on their spiritual journey. A kind invitation, an offer to accompany them, or a simple conversation could be the encouragement they need. To express interest or find out more, please contact our parish office: Email: [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org) Phone: (02) 8530 0173 or Mobile: 0422 724 160. Let's journey together in faith and love—and continue to be a community of compassion and welcome.

### END OF YEAR PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Arvin Joya will present the Parish's End of Year Financial Report at all Masses on the weekend of 27/28 September. Hear about our parish's finances, how your contributions help, and how you can continue the mission of Jesus in Marsden Park.



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**Come & Join Our Youth Group!**  
Open to all teens ages 11 to 18

*God calls us to share what we have with others.*  
**Luke 16:19-31**



**LUKE-18**

Friday  
26th September 2025

Start From  
6:30pm Mass at St. Luke's  
(Chapel next to the parish office)

Then: 7:00pm to 9:30pm @ the Hub- for some teachings, games, snacks, music, and to meet awesome people like you!

RSVP For catering Purposes & More Information: [saintlukesyg@gmail.com](mailto:saintlukesyg@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

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

Recently Deceased: Doreen Novakovich Leowell Gonzales;  
Mariel Abadejos; Dahlia Wingco.

We Remember: Luiza Machado; David Edmunds, Patty Mallari,  
Michael Machado, Teresita Mendoza; Belen Tiotuico  
and Joseph Stanislaus.

Death Anniversary: Lawrence Monteiro; Eufrocinio Pasaquian;  
Angie Esteban Ocyaden; Magdalena Dela Cruz; Kevin Gleeson &  
Anne Menezes & Elizabeth Fernandes.

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.  
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## WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

### Why do we bless ourselves with holy water?

From the earliest days of Christianity (and, even earlier, in Judaism and other ancient religions), water was used in baptismal rituals as a symbol of life and cleansing. Today, when Catholics sprinkle themselves from that little bowl of holy water at the church door and make the sign of the cross, they do so as a reminder of their baptism. The holy water itself is simply water that has been blessed by a priest.

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# Sacramental Process 2025



Available for	Enrolment closing Date	Enrolment Mass Dates	Weekly Groups Begin	Ceremonies
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/fhs4T4DSDemZhnwJ7">https://forms.gle/fhs4T4DSDemZhnwJ7</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>

## STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

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<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICPARISH1>



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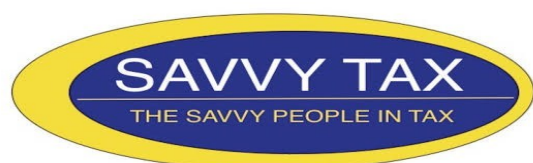
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