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WEEKLY BULLETIN

21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C



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

Sunday Reflection . . .

In Luke 16:19-31, the story of the rich man and Lazarus challenges us to reflect on how we use our resources, time, and influence to serve others. Wealth and comfort are not wrong in themselves, but they carry a responsibility to act with compassion. Ignoring the needs around us, like the rich man ignoring Lazarus, can lead to emptiness and regret. Acts such as offering time, sharing resources, listening, or advocating for someone demonstrate love and mercy in action.

The story also highlights the importance of awareness and empathy. It is easy to become absorbed in our own lives and concerns, yet this parable reminds us to look beyond ourselves. Noticing need—whether in family, workplace, or community—can guide our decisions. Sometimes this requires adjusting priorities, giving up comfort, or stepping out of routine to care for others.

Spiritual vigilance is another key theme. The rich man had access to God's word through Moses and the prophets, yet he did not respond. Engaging with God's teachings and allowing them

to shape our lives ensures that faith is more than knowledge—it becomes action. Daily choices, small or significant, reflect our character and alignment with God's ways.



The story calls us to live with an eternal perspective. Recognizing that actions have lasting impact encourages us to prioritize what truly matters—love, mercy, and justice—over accumulation or self-interest. Serving others, showing compassion, and cultivating gratitude and humility reflect a life aligned with God's will.

This parable invites us to see, respond, and serve, shaping our lives around the principles of God's kingdom. By embracing love and mercy, integrating God's guidance into everyday life, and valuing eternal truths over temporary comforts, we live in a way that bears fruit both for ourselves and those around us, creating a meaningful and lasting impact.

*God Bless,
Fr Gayan Thamel . . .*

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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.

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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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Entrance Antiphon: Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42: ~ All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading - Amos 6:1. 4-7 ~ The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading - 1 Timothy 6:11-16 ~ As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31 ~ Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." 'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."'

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 118:49-50 ~ Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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). Next session commence: 25 & 26 October

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Every 2nd Friday. 7pm in the St Luke's Hub. Next leaders only meeting: 10th October
Next Youth Program: 15th October.
6.30pm to 8.30pm

For students in Year 4 to Year 12.

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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.

SUNDAY ~ 12th October.

WEEKEND FOOD STALL:

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

FOOD STALL WEEKEND: 11th & 12th October.

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: 9th October. 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

GENTLE REMINDER DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS~ 5 Oct 2025 - Daylight Saving Time Starts. When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, 5 October 2025, 2:00:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to Sunday, 5 October 2025, 3:00:00 am local daylight time instead.

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.

NO 8AM MASS ON SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER ~ Please note there will be no 8am Mass on Sunday, 19 October. The 10am Mass will be celebrated as the Feast Day Mass of St Luke, followed by the blessing and opening of the church building.

MARSHALS NEEDED- 19 OCTOBER~ Marshals are needed to assist during the 10am Mass and the blessing and opening of the church building afterwards. Sign-in sheets are available at the welcome table. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

FEAST DAY MORNING TEA ~ Parishioners are invited to bring a plate of food from their cultural heritage to share at the morning tea following the Feast Day Mass and the blessing and opening of the church building on 19 October.

PARISH BOOKMARK CONTEST~ A big thank you to the kids from our parish who took part in creating the bookmark artwork. We received many wonderful entries and are grateful for the great response. A panel of judges will select 5 winning designs, which will be made into bookmarks and given out at the blessing and opening of the church building on 19 October. The winners will be announced on the day, and all the entries will be displayed outside the church building. We also thank those who organised the project, Officeworks for printing the bookmarks free of charge, and those who donated the 5 prizes.

CAR PARK & MASS NOTICE ~ Please note that on the weekend of 18/19 October the Northbourne Drive car park will be closed. Kindly use the Frontier Avenue car park. Masses will be celebrated at the Market Place.

JUBILEE YEAR PARISH PILGRIMAGE ~This Jubilee Year invites us to journey as "Pilgrims of Hope." Our parish will take part by joining the Diocese of Parramatta's local initiatives, beginning with a pilgrimage to Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa on Saturday, 15 November. Places are limited to 40 people only, as we will be using the Shrine Chapel (the main chapel is booked for other pilgrims).

A sign-up sheet will be available soon. The day will begin at 10am with the Rosary, followed by opportunities for Confession and Mass, and conclude with a shared lunch. Save the date – more information to follow.

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
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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 this 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.

COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

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

Recently Deceased: Grace Pinacate Roa and Francis Banta
Lawrence Monteiro, Doreen Novakovich.

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

Death Anniversary: Emilio Lazarus, Jr. and Magdalena Dela Cruz ; Eufrocino Pasaquian; Angie Esteban Ocyaden; 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?

Part IV. Signs & Sacraments

Why do we have sacraments?

Relationships grow through communication. We communicate in many ways beyond words: smiles, handshakes, gestures of affection, gifts, cards, flowers. In our relationship with God, too, we use signs to express the mystery of God's loving presence. There are many ways we do this, but some community rituals have developed in our Church which we hold to be particularly sacred and which mark the various stages of a person's life as a member of the Church. We call these sacraments: signs or symbols that 'make present' within us the reality of God's love that is signified. © The Story Source, 1993.



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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: https://forms.gle/fhs4T4DSDemZhnwJ7	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 27th August	St. Luke's Catholic College Friday 24th October, 7pm Mass.

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>

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