



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

12TH OCTOBER 2025

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C



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

## Sunday Reflection....

In Luke 17:11-19, Jesus heals ten men who had leprosy, but only one comes back to say thank you. This story teaches us an important lesson: we are called to come to God with thankful hearts.

The ten men were very sick. Their illness kept them away from family, friends, and community, and their lives were full of loneliness and difficulty. When they called to Jesus for help, they showed faith and trust. They followed His instructions to go show themselves to the priests, and as they went, they were healed. This shows us that faith is not just believing—it means trusting and acting on God's word.

Only one man returned to give thanks. He noticed not just his healing but also God's love and care for him. Gratitude is more than saying words; it is recognizing God's blessings and responding with a thankful heart. True joy and satisfaction come when we take time to thank God, not just when we receive something.

In our own lives, it is easy to forget to be thankful. We may receive help from others, enjoy good health, or experience happy

moments, but we move on without pausing to give thanks. Like the nine men who did not return, we can miss the deeper joy that comes from gratitude. Coming to God with thanks changes our hearts. It opens our eyes to God's presence and fills us with peace, happiness, and contentment.

This week, we can practice coming to God with thanks every day. Notice the blessings around you—family, friends, work, simple joys, or quiet moments—and take time to say thank you. Gratitude helps us grow in faith, restores our hearts, and reminds us that true happiness comes from seeing God's goodness and responding with a thankful heart. When we live this way, we discover that even ordinary moments become special, and life feels richer.

Let us remember to come to God with thanks, not just when we need something, but always, so our hearts stay full of joy, peace, and love. .



*God Bless,  
Fr Gayan Thamel ...*

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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.

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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

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

**Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 129:3-4** : ~ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**First Reading - 2 Kings 5:14-17** ~ Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

**Responsorial Psalm - Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2**

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**Second Reading - 2 Timothy 2:8-13** ~ Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen,

so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

**Gospel Acclamation ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:18** ~ Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

**Gospel ~ Luke 17:11-19** ~ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

**Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 33:11** ~ The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

## 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

### PRAYER MINISTRY:

1st weekend every 2nd month.  
Next opportunity: December 2nd.  
Whether you need guidance, support, or simply someone to pray with, feel free to come forward after Mass and let us join you in prayer.



### 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.  
THIS 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: 23rd 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

### HONOURING THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST

As you know, we have been celebrating Mass in the hall, which is not a church building and does not have the Blessed Sacrament reserved. Soon we will be moving into our new church, where the tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament will be present. As a sign of reverence, we genuflect (or bow if unable) when entering and leaving the church, acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ. We encourage everyone to be mindful of this important gesture of respect and devotion as we prepare to move into our new sacred space.

**BLESSING AND OPENING OF OUR CHURCH BUILDING** ~ The Blessing and Opening of our Church Building will take place next 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 next 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.

**MARSHALLS 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.

**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 on the welcome table. 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.

**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.

**NO 6.30PM MASS – FRIDAY, 24 OCTOBER** ~ There will be no 6.30pm Mass on Friday, 24 October, as the Confirmation Mass will be celebrated at 7pm in the Performance Hall.

**PARISH OFFICE RELOCATION** ~ Please note our new address: 55A Frontier Avenue, Marsden Park. The parish office will operate from the new location starting Monday, 27 October.

**NEW PARISH HYMN – ST LUKE, PRAY FOR US** ~ We are delighted to introduce our new parish hymn, St Luke, Pray for Us, composed by members of our parish choir. Inspired by our patron, St Luke, the hymn reflects the service, unity and faith of our parish community. It will be sung as the final hymn of the Feast Day Mass on Sunday 19 Oct. We sincerely thank everyone who contributed to this project for their creativity, dedication, and generosity.

**OFFERING TINS** ~ As we joyfully open our new parish building on 19 October, our first weekend Masses on 25 and 26 October will include the distribution of offering tins. Please take one home, place your offerings inside, and return it in the coming weeks. Your gift will help us continue with Stage 2 of our church building. Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.

## COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

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

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

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

Death Anniversary: Luz Herrea, 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 ~ Reconciliation

'Why go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation?' people sometimes ask. 'Isn't it enough to say sorry to God in my heart?' The Catholic approach to Reconciliation is deeply community-oriented. For us, sin is never a private affair. When one member of the body of Christ hurts, the whole body suffers. Imagine a husband and wife who harshly criticize each other. They can regret their words and say sorry to God. But for the forgiveness of God to really take effect in their marriage, they also need to reconcile with one another. Similarly, in Reconciliation we offer a public sign to our faith community that we are sorry for the ways we have undermined the unity of the Church and that we desire to renew our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. © The Story Source,

## STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP THROUGH PLANNED GIVING** ~ As shared by our Pastoral Finance Committee Chair, Arvin Joya, our parish will soon be facing financial challenges that require our collective support to overcome. Your thoughtful contributions through planned giving can make a significant difference, helping us move from financial strain to a sustainable surplus. This will allow us to continue our vital ministries, maintain our sacred spaces, and serve those in need. Please prayerfully consider setting up a recurring gift or increasing your weekly offering. Together, we can build a stronger financial foundation for our parish's future. For more information on how to start planned giving, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission.

**RETURN TO TWO-COLLECTION METHOD AT MASS** ~ We are excited to announce a change in our weekly collection method as we prepare to celebrate Mass at our new church on the weekend of October 25-26, 2025. Moving forward, we will return to the traditional practice of two separate collections during Mass. Currently, our single collection allocates 70% to our Parish's operational expenses and 30% to the Diocese to support the living costs of our Clergy. With the new method, the first

collection will be dedicated entirely to the Diocese for the support of our Clergy's living costs, and the second collection will be devoted to the operational expenses of our Parish. This return to the traditional two-collection method aligns with our commitment to transparently support both our Parish community and the needs of our Clergy. We thank you for your continued generosity and support as we transition into this new chapter at our new church.

**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](https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICPARISH1)

You 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.

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All proceeds go towards our Stage 2 Church Building & Operational Fund



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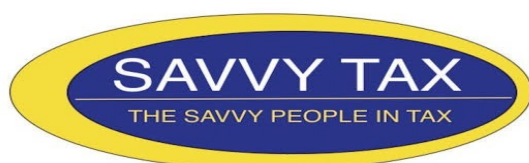
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