



St Luke's
CATHOLIC PARISH
MARSDEN PARK



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WEEKLY BULLETIN

19TH OCTOBER 2025 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C & SAINT LUKE'S FEAST DAY



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

Sunday Reflection...

Today we celebrate the Feast of St Luke and the opening and blessing of our parish building — two moments that speak deeply about mission, healing, and the Kingdom of God. In the Gospel, Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples, telling them to go ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he was to visit. "The harvest is plentiful," he says, "but the laborers are few." These words remind us that God's mission is far bigger than us, yet He invites us to be part of it.

Jesus sends them out with simplicity — no money, no bag, no sandals. It's not about power or comfort, but about trust. They are to bring peace where they go, to stay in people's homes, to eat what is offered, and to heal the sick. The heart of their mission is relationship — being close to people, listening to them, sharing life with them, and revealing God's care in practical ways.

That is what our new parish space is meant to be — not just a building of bricks and walls, but a place of peace and encounter. A place where the weary find rest, the searching find direction, and the broken find healing. The Kingdom of God is near when love and service are alive among us.

Jesus also told his disciples, "Do not move from house to house." In other words, stay. Be faithful where you are planted. Let your presence itself become a witness of God's steadfast

love. Our parish now begins that same mission — to stay, to serve, and to shine God's peace here in Marsden Park.

The blessing of this building marks a new chapter, but the real work starts when we go out from here. Each one of us is sent — to our families, schools, workplaces, and neighbourhoods — to proclaim through our words and actions: "The Kingdom of God has come near to you." May this feast of St Luke renew in us the joy of the Gospel, and may our parish be a living sign of Christ's presence in our community.

*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.



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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Saint Luke's Feast Day

First Reading - 2 Timothy 4:10-17 ~ Demas has deserted me for love of this life and gone to Thessalonika, Crescens has gone to Galatia and Titus to Dalmatia; only Luke is with me. Get Mark to come and bring him with you; I find him a useful helper in my work. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak I left with Carpus in Troas, and the scrolls, especially the parchment ones. Alexander the coppersmith has done me a lot of harm; the Lord will repay him for what he has done. Be on your guard against him yourself, because he has been bitterly contesting everything that we say. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But 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.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 144:10-13. 17-18 R. v.12

(R.) Your friends tell the glory of your kingship, Lord.

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 4:10-17 ~ You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before

God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation ~ See John 15:16 ~ Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord; to go and bear fruit that will last. Alleluia!

Gospel ~ Luke 10:1-9 ~ 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."

(Please note readings for this weekend Masses will be proclaimed from Saint Luke's Feast Day Liturgy. 2nd Reading from 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C).

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

PARISH MASS TIMES:

From 22nd October all Masses will be celebrated in Stage 1 Church building.

Weekday Mass Times:

Wednesday 7.30am

Friday 6.30pm

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday: Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

Sunday: 8.00am & 10.00am

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.

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

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

ST LUKE'S FEAST DAY & NEW PARISH BUILDING OPENING CELEBRATION ~ We warmly welcome Bishop Vincent, Deacon Tony and Annette, visiting clergy, dignitaries, well-wishers, and our parishioners to our annual St Luke's Feast Day and the blessing and opening of our new parish building. It is with great joy that we give thanks to God, the Diocese of Parramatta, St Luke's Catholic College, NSW Government, Blacktown City Council, the builder, and our parishioners for their generous support in achieving this milestone in our parish life.

ST LUKE'S FEAST DAY AND NEW PARISH BUILDING OPENING SCHEDULE.

- ◆ Entrance procession of St. Luke's outside near the breezeway
- ◆ Celebration of Mass.
- ◆ Blessing and opening of the new parish building – all are invited to the school's undercover area outside, surrounding the church building site.
- ◆ Speeches and announcement of the bookmark winners.
- ◆ Cutting of the cake and morning tea.

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.

CAR PARK & MASS NOTICE ~ Please note that on this 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 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.

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.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS ~ All Saints Day Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 1 November at 9am in the Church. All are warmly invited to join us as we honour the saints and ask for their intercession.

ALL SOULS DAY & MEMORIAL MASS ~ This year All Souls Day falls on a Sunday. Mass times will be as usual. A special Memorial Mass will be held on Friday 21 November at 6.30pm in the church to pray for our loved ones. November Mass envelopes are available in the welcome table. Please return them to the Parish Office or place them in the collection plate so that names can be recorded.

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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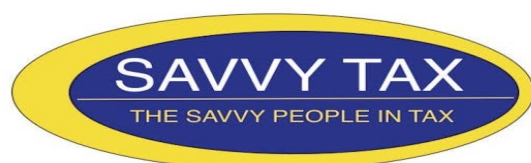
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