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MARSDEN PARK



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WEEKLY BULLETIN

5TH OCTOBER 2025

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C



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

Sunday Reflection...

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, and He responds with a simple yet profound lesson about the nature of faith and service. Faith is not about grand gestures or extraordinary powers; it is about trust and obedience in the everyday moments of life. Faith is like a mustard seed—small, seemingly insignificant, yet capable of remarkable things when placed in the right context. This reminds us that our faith does not have to be overwhelming or perfect. Even a small measure of trust in God can transform our perspective, influence our choices, and guide our actions in meaningful ways.

The lesson also challenges our understanding of service. Jesus describes a servant who does everything asked of him without expecting special recognition. This illustrates that living faithfully often means doing the ordinary tasks well, without seeking praise or reward. In our daily lives, this could look like showing kindness to a co-worker, helping a neighbor, patiently listening to a family member, or offering encouragement to someone struggling. These acts may seem small or routine, but they reflect a heart aligned with God's will and make a tangible difference in the lives of others.

Practically, this encourages us to focus less on comparing ourselves to others or worrying that our efforts are inadequate. Instead,

we can start with what is in front of us—our work, relationships, and responsibilities—and carry them out with faithfulness and humility. Even small, consistent acts of love and obedience can have ripple effects we may never fully see.

We are also reminded that faith is not measured by what we accomplish but by our willingness to trust and obey. Like the mustard seed, it starts small but can grow and produce lasting change in our lives and the lives of others.

In everyday life, this means asking God for the patience, humility, and trust to live faithfully in ordinary circumstances. It is a call to let go of the need for recognition and to focus on doing what is right, even when it seems unnoticed. When we approach life this way, even the smallest acts can become powerful expressions of faith, hope, and love.

This reflection invites us to consider how we carry out our daily responsibilities and encourages us to see every task, no matter how humble, as an opportunity to live faithfully and grow spiritually.

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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Entrance Antiphon: Cf Esther 4:17: ~ Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading - Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4~ The How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 ~ I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but

with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation ~ 1 Peter 1:25 ~ Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel ~ Luke 17:5-10 ~ The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

Communion Antiphon: Lam 3:25 ~ The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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.
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:



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.

SEMINARIAN MACKY AMORES

We warmly welcome Seminarian Macky Amores to our parish! He will be with us until Christmas and will be staying in the parish from Friday to Sunday each week until then.

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.

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.

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 book-

marks 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
Phone: (02) 8530 0173 or Mobile: 0422 724 160.

COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

We pray for those in our Community who are sick:
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 ~ **Why do we baptize?**

An adult baptized into the Church enters into a relationship. He or she no longer lives as an individual entity but as a member of the body of Christ. Like a wedding, the baptismal ceremony marks the beginning of this new life of union and ongoing commitment. A baptized person says "Yes, I want to be one with you; I want to live a life faithful to the Gospel". (When an infant is baptized, the parents and godparents make this commitment on the child's behalf.) Likewise, the community pledges itself to be one with that person. Two other rituals, Confirmation and Eucharist, complete this process whereby a person becomes part of the Catholic Church. Together the three are known as the Sacraments of Initiation.

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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: https://forms.gle/fhs4T4SDemZhnwJ7	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.

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INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY!

19 OCT

Bring a plate from your culture of origin to share with the community! Let's celebrate our unity in diversity at the **St Luke's Feast Day!**

The Marketplace, St Luke's Catholic College, Marsden Park

After the 10 AM mass and the blessing of our new Stage 1 Church Building

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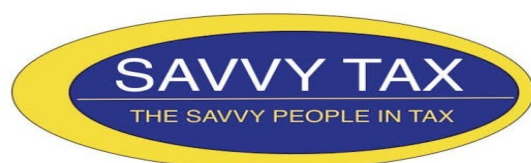
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