



St Luke's
CATHOLIC PARISH
MARSDEN PARK



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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA



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

Sunday Connection

The story of the cleansing of the Temple is found in all four Gospels. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus is upset with the deceitful practices of the vendors and expels them for that reason. But in John, Jesus' authority is contrasted with the authority of the Temple cult and is a criticism of the cult itself.

The story is composed of two parts, Jesus' action in the Temple and Jesus' predictions about the Temple's destruction. The time of year is the sacred feast of Passover. If the many pilgrims to Jerusalem during Passover were to have animals for the sacrificial rituals of the feast, it was necessary to sell cattle in the Temple and to change the unclean Roman money. By denouncing this, Jesus is cutting to the core of the Temple cult.

The story is really about Jesus' fate, not the Temple's fate, revealing that Jesus, not the Temple, is the locus of God's presence on earth. As they often do in John, the Jews misunderstand Jesus' words. This gives John the chance to explicitly state his point. Although this is the beginning of his ministry, Jesus is already speaking of his coming death and Resurrection.

John intentionally integrates a post-Resurrection perspective into the Gospel narrative. The statement that concludes this passage uses the fact of the Resurrection to prove the point of Jesus' words. Believers need to remember the words and actions of Jesus and claim them as affirmations of the truths of their faith.

Christians sometimes point to Jesus' anger in this passage as a way to point out Jesus' humanity. But this would miss the pow-

erful point of the entire Gospel, that the Word became flesh. The point is not that Jesus' anger proves he is human. It is that a human being, in his words and actions, can claim the authority of God. © 2025 Loyola Press. All rights reserved.

Family Connection

Families take pride in their homes and strive to keep them neat and clean inside and out. Talk as a family about the various chores that each family member has that contributes to the upkeep of the home. Thank each member for doing his or her chores and encourage everyone to take pride in the home. Explain that people's homes are a reflection of themselves and that a home that is clean and welcoming shows respect and hospitality. Point out that this Sunday, the Church celebrates one of its very special homes: the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. Explain that this basilica is the seat of the Bishop of Rome, the pope, and that, as we celebrate its dedication, we are reminded of the people the building represents: the pope and all God's people throughout the world. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, John 2:13-22. Say: When we celebrate the dedication of this great church, we are reminded of our own parish church where we gather to celebrate and, even more so, of our domestic church, our home, where we encounter God every day. Remind family members that when they are asked to do chores that contribute to the upkeep of the home, they are contributing to the upkeep of the domestic church. © 2025 Loyola Press. All rights reserved.

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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

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Entrance Antiphon - Cf Revelation 21:2 ~ I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

First Reading - Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12 ~ The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

Responsorial Psalm -Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5 (R.) The waters of the river

gladden the city of God.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17 ~ You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Gospel Acclamation - 2 Chronicles 7:16 ~ Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!

Gospel - John 2:13-22 ~ Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

Communion Antiphon - Cf 1 Pet 2:5 ~ I Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

PARISH MASS TIMES:

All Mass celebrated at our new worship space
55A Frontier Ave, Marsden Park.

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).

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Every 2nd Friday. 7pm in the St Luke's Hub.
Next Youth Program: 21st November.
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.
THIS SUNDAY ~ 9th Novmeber.

WEEKEND FOOD STALL:

Proceeds of this fundraising activity goes towards the parish building fund.
NEXT WEEKEND OF 15th & 16th November.

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: 20th November. 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

CANDIDACY FOR MACKY AMORES ~ Our seminarian, Macky Amores, will receive his Candidacy on Saturday, 8 November, from Bishop Vincent. Candidacy marks his official acceptance as a candidate for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Parramatta. Please keep Macky in your prayers as he takes this important step in his journey toward the priesthood. Macky will be away during November due to his seminary commitments and will return to the parish full-time from 1 December until Christmas.

JUBILEE YEAR PARISH PILGRIMAGE ~ Join us for a pilgrimage to Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa on Saturday, 15 November. As we will be using the Shrine Chapel (the main chapel is booked for other pilgrims), places are limited to 40 participants. The day will begin at 10am with the Rosary. Fr Gayan will be available for Confession during the Rosary and before Mass, which will be celebrated at 11am, followed by a shared lunch. Please make your own way to the Shrine. If you wish to take part, kindly add your name to the sign-up sheet on the welcome table.

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL ~ We are pleased to introduce our parish representatives on the Deanery Pastoral Council: Jerome Mika-Roache and Unaloto Vaka'uta. Both have shown dedication and service within our parish, with Unaloto recently stepping into the role of youth leader. We look forward to their contributions and leadership in this new role.

PARISH SURVEY – MASS TIMES ~ Next weekend, 9/10 November, we invite you to share your preferences for Mass times. Since moving from the Performance Hall to our new worship space three weeks ago, attendance has grown, and space is becoming limited. We're considering adding additional Masses to better accommodate everyone. Please take a moment to let us know which times work best for you.

SAVE THE DATE – VOLUNTEERS' CHRISTMAS BBQ LUNCH
All parish volunteers are warmly invited to our Volunteers' Christmas BBQ Lunch on Sunday, 30 November, following the 10am Mass. Join us as we come together to celebrate and give thanks for your generous service to our parish community. More details to follow.

THANK YOU TO GALSON – BENDIGO BANK COMMUNITY BRANCH ~ We gratefully acknowledge the support of the Community Branch at Galson – Bendigo Bank for St Luke Catholic Parish. Their generous contributions have helped bring two important initiatives to life: our new shed and the sponsorship of our Christmas Carols. We encourage our parish community to support those who support us. For all your banking needs, please visit or contact the friendly and helpful team at the Galson branch. Thank you for your support to our parish!



Join us for the Annual St Luke's Christmas Carols on Friday, 5 December 2025 here at the Marketplace from 5:30 PM. Buy your \$5 tickets to enter the Raffle Draw to win \$2000 in cash and many more prizes! Sincere thanks to Top Juice Penrith, Bendigo Bank Galston, Jim's Laundry Colebee, Cocoa Vanilla Cakes, and Purple & White Delights for being our sponsors. Interested in becoming an event sponsor or volunteer? For more information, kindly email stlukesfundraisingteam@gmail.com. All funds raised will go towards our Stage 2 building and operational costs.

COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

We pray for those in our Community who are sick:
Amor Matulac; Tony Yu; Rena Cremutus & Bernardo Quintana.
Recently Deceased:
Marguerite Bru, Carmelita Del Rosario, Aurora Borgonia, Grace Pinacate Roa, Francis Banta, Lawrence Monteiro

November is traditionally the month in which we remember our deceased family members and friends. You are invited to write the names of your loved ones in the book of remembrance. During November only the names of recently deceased will be published in the parish bulletin.

May They Rest In Peace

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.

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

Part IV. Signs & Sacraments ~
Why do couples 'marry in the Church'?

When a couple is married in the Catholic Church, they not only say 'yes' to each other and to God's blessing on their marriage; they say 'yes' to being a sacrament. That is, they declare before the community of faith that they will be a special sign to that community; a sign of the life of unity that Christ desires for his Church. That's a lofty calling! By the example of their daily witness, sacramental couples summon all members of the Church to live as one, to be united in mind and heart

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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)

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