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# WEEKLY BULLETIN

24TH MAY 2026

PENTECOST ~ YEAR A



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

## Sunday Reflection....

John 20:19–23 shows the disciples hiding behind locked doors. They are scared, confused, and unsure what to do after Jesus' death. Even when they have heard that Jesus is risen, they still stay shut away, stuck in fear.

Then Jesus comes and stands among them. He doesn't knock. He doesn't wait. He simply enters and says, "Peace be with you." Before anything else, he gives them peace. Not blame, not pressure—peace.

He shows them his hands and his side. The same Jesus who was crucified is now alive. The wounds are still there, but they now speak of love and victory. The disciples begin to move from fear into joy.

Then Jesus sends them out: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." This is a big shift. They are no longer only followers watching from the sidelines. They are now sent to continue his mission in the world.

Then he breathes on them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." This is Pentecost in John's Gospel. It recalls God breathing life into Adam at creation. Now Jesus breathes new life into his disciples. They are no longer locked in fear. They are given courage, purpose, and the Spirit to go out and live as his witnesses.

~ Fr Gayan Thamel



## Night of Masquerade

25 JULY 2026 | 7-11 PM

St Luke's Catholic College Performance Hall

**TICKETS: \$120 PP**

St Luke's Parish Dinner Dance



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WINE, SOFT DRINKS  
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ENTERTAINMENT



RAFFLE DRAW  
ON THE NIGHT  
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**MASKS AVAILABLE** FOR PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** ~The Dinner Dance committee is inviting parishioner to consider sponsoring one the following dinner dance expenses to maximise the income made from our annual fund-raising event. Event Entertainment Sponsor: DJ (\$600) Photobooth (\$400) Event Entertainment Sponsor: (\$300) If you are able to assist, please contact the dinner dance team via email:

[dinnerdance@stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au](mailto:dinnerdance@stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au)

**DINNER DANCE TICKETS NOW ON SALE!** ~ Our Annual Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday 25th July from 7.00pm at the Performance Hall at St Luke's Catholic Collage the Parish School Hall. Tickets are \$120.00 each, all funds raised from this event will go towards stage 2 of our parish church building. Tickets are available from the Parish office or our ministry leads. Please note there will be child minding available, click on this link: <https://forms.gle/2cUz7Q4Z5TzRw3PK8> or scan this QR code to register your interest.



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**Parish Office:** Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm ~ Located adjacent to the school office 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.

**College Principal:** Kelly Bauer

**Address:** Cnr Frontier Avenue & Northbourne Drive Marsden Park 2765 NSW

**Open Weekdays:** 8:30am - 2:40pm

**Phone:** (02) 9854 3100

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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

### PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A

**Entrance Antiphon: Wisdom 1:7** ~ The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11** ~ When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**Responsorial Psalm—Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30** ~ R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13** ~ No one can say, 'Jesus

is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

**Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 28:19. 20** ~ Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**Gospel - John 20:19-23** ~ In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

**Communion Antiphon: Acts of the Apostles 2:4,11** ~ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

### COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

**Recently Deceased:** Joseph Davnhans; Cesar Umali Jr ; Ivoga Naioti Roache Maria Theresa Valbuena Diaz; Carmelita Amos; John Neish; Henry Faustorilla  
**Death Anniversary:** Thomas D'Souza; Daisy Pangilinan ; Milagros Aguilar; Eduardo Pasaquian; Armando Joya; Arsenio Virata Jamir; Rafael Tiotuico  
**In Memoriam:** Valerio Callus & Lawrence Monteiro

*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.

[marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

**We pray for those in our Community who are sick:** Maryse Ferdinands; Tony Duggan; Mila Makasini; Annabelle Edwards Amor Matulac & Tony Yu.

### WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO?

#### Part V. OCIA formally RCIA ~ Catechumens and Candidates

In family life, values are handed on from one generation to the next, often symbolized through a particular custom, document or treasured heirloom. Throughout the centuries the Church, too, has passed down its most precious beliefs, often symbolized in rituals and prayers. The Presentation of the Creed is one such example. In a short ceremony several weeks before their baptism, catechumens are formally presented with the Creed, a statement of Catholic belief. More than an acquisition of a document, the focus of this ceremony is on the people of the community handing on an enduring tradition of faith to yet another generation of believers. © The Story Source, 1993.

## STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP THROUGH PLANNED GIVING** ~ 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.

**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>  
 Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**SUPPORT DONATIONS** ~ BSB: 067 950 Account: 100005720  
 Account Name: Marsden Park St Luke's Parish  
 Reference: (Your name)

**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.



Please contact Ged at the parish office for further information or any inquiries about building fund donations.  
[accounts@stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au](mailto:accounts@stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au) or (02) 7261 0246.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES** ~ The First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated from 1-5 June at 6:30pm in the church. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

**FRIDAY 5 JUNE** ~ Please note that the Mass on Friday 5 June will be the First Holy Communion Mass and not the regular Friday Mass.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ATTIRE DONATION** ~ As part of our parish sustainability efforts, we invite parishioners to donate First Holy Communion dresses (girls) and suits (boys) no longer being used. These will be made available to families during the First Holy Communion lessons, supporting one another in preparing for this sacrament. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office after Mass or by contacting the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

**COMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS** ~ We congratulate those parishioners who have completed the Diocesan Ministry Course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; Ministers of the Word and Ministers at the Altar. They will be commissioned during the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, 31 May. We give thanks for their generous response to God's call to serve and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen them in their ministry within our parish community.

**FR GAYAN'S ANNUAL LEAVE** ~ Please note that Fr Gayan will be on leave from 8 June to 8 July. During this period: Wednesdays: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will be held instead of Mass.

Thursdays and Fridays: Mass will be celebrated by Fr Chinonye.

Weekends: Fr Chinonye will celebrate all Masses, except on 14 June, when Fr John Boyle will celebrate the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses.

**PARISH MINISTRY RECRUITMENT DRIVE** ~ This weekend 23/24 May, as the Universal Church celebrates Pentecost, our parish will hold a Ministry Recruitment Drive. This will be an opportunity for individuals and families to learn more about the different parish ministries and consider sharing their time and talents through volunteering. We invite everyone to prayerfully reflect on how they may contribute to the mission of our Church. Please come and see our ministry leads to register your interest or scan the QR code to register your interest.



**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR DINNER DANCE** ~ We are seeking volunteers to assist during our Annual Parish Dinner Dance on the 25th July. If you can fulfil one of these roles, please contact the Parish Office or Dinner Dance Committee to register your interest. A person who is a certified RSA – (Responsible Service of Alcohol) First Aider; Pack down crew from 11.30pm.

**JOIN US AT OUR REFUGEE WEEK EXHIBITION EVENT** ~ We warmly invite you and your parish to join us on Friday 26 June, 6-8.30pm at Canva Space in Surry Hills, for an evening of art, music and storytelling. Leaders and artists from JRS Australia's Refugee Leadership Program will be exhibiting artwork and stories. There will also be a silent auction on the night with lots of exciting prizes up for grabs, and light refreshments will be provided. All are welcome! RSVP here: <https://events.humanitix.com/2026-refugee-week-exhibition>

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

### PARISH MASS TIMES:

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

### Weekday Mass Times:

Wednesday 7.30am  
Thursday 9.00am  
Friday 6.30pm



### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday: Vigil Mass: 5.30pm  
Sunday: 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.30pm.

**Healing Mass** – the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated every First Friday of the month during the 6.30pm Mass.

### COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:

Our Pastoral Care Team is available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are sick or unable to attend Mass. If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office: [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

### RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturdays: 4.30pm to 5.25pm in the parish office or by appointment.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

During School Term at Saturday Vigil & Sunday Mass. (Kindy to Year 4).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

### YOUTH MINISTRY:

Every 2nd Friday. 6.30pm Mass followed by the youth program at 7pm in St Luke's Hub.

Next Youth Program: 12th June 2026

For students in Year 4 to Year 12.

All enquiries please email:

[marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

### SRE-SCRIPTURE PROGRAM:

Every Tuesday at Public schools during school term. Volunteers required. All enquiries please email: [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

### MORNING TEA:

Every 2nd Sunday after 10.00am Mass.

Next Morning Tea: 14th June

### WEEKEND FOOD STALL:

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

Next Food Stall 6th & 7th June.

### PRAYER MINISTRY:

1st weekend every 2nd month.

This weekend~ 6th & 7th June 2026.

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.



### MARSDEN PARK CARE COMMUNITY MASS

2nd Friday of each month at 11am - Mass

4th Sunday of each month at 10am - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

### 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: 28th May. 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](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)



## WEEKEND FOOD STALL~THANK YOU!

A heartfelt thank you to all our Weekend Food Stall donors, volunteers, and parish supporters throughout the month of May. Last weekend we earned nearly \$900 in net profit. Through your generosity, hard work, and continued support, together we raised nearly \$2,000 in profit this month. This wonderful achievement would not have been possible without our dedicated volunteers, generous food donors, and everyone who purchased and supported the stall each weekend. These funds will directly contribute towards our Stage 2 Church Building and operational funds.

## BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL



This appeal will be held this weekend 24/25 May. Envelopes are available today.



Thank you for your continued support.

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**TOP JUICE**

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