



St Luke's
CATHOLIC PARISH
MARSDEN PARK



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WEEKLY BULLETIN

31ST MAY 2026

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY~ YEAR A



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

Sunday Reflection....

When people hear the word "Trinity," they often think of something difficult to understand. While the mystery of one God in three Persons is beyond our complete understanding, today's Gospel helps us see what the Trinity means for our daily lives.

John tells us that God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. Here we see the heart of the Trinity: love that gives, love that saves, and love that remains with us. The Father sends the Son, the Son offers Himself for us, and the Holy Spirit continues to guide and strengthen us. The Trinity is not distant from our lives; God is constantly at work within us and around us.

We experience this love in simple ways. Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we place ourselves in the presence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Every time we choose patience instead of anger, forgiveness instead of resentment, or generosity instead of selfishness, we reflect the life of God. The love shared within the Trinity becomes visible through our actions.

The mystery of the Trinity is not understood by explanations alone. It is discovered when we allow God's love to shape the way we live. As we celebrate Trinity Sunday, may the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit draw us closer to Him and help us share His love with others. Amen.

~ 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



COMPLIMENTARY
WINE, SOFT DRINKS
& WATER



ENTREES &
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DESSERTS,
TEA & COFFEE



ENTERTAINMENT



RAFFLE DRAW
ON THE NIGHT
WITH GREAT PRIZES!

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 fundraising event. Event Entertainment Sponsor: DJ (\$600) Photobooth (\$400) Event Entertainment Sponsor: (\$300) If you able to assist, please contact the dinner dance team via email: dinnerdance@stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au

DINNER DANCE TICKETS NOW ON SALE! ~ Join us for the St Luke's Parish Dinner Dance on Saturday 25 July at 7:00pm in the Performance Hall at St Luke's Catholic College. This special evening is being held as a fundraising event for Stage 2 of our church building fund — the construction of our permanent church. Tickets can be purchased through your ministry leader. Come along for a wonderful night of music, dancing, delicious food, and community spirit while supporting the future home of our parish. Fantastic prizes and raffle draws on the night! Volunteer and Child minding opportunities on page 3.

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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

Email: stlukesmarsdenpark@parra.catholic.edu.au

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

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Entrance Antiphon: ~ Bless be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading - Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9 ~ With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm—Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52 ~ R.) Glory and praise for ever! .

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 ~ Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united;

live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation - See Apocalypse 1:8

~ Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel - John 3:16-18 ~ Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

Communion Antiphon: Galatians 4:6 ~ Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

Recently Deceased: Roel Gozum ; Juan Redoblado; Jayanthi Perera; Joseph Dahnans; 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

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 ~

Why do we baptize at the Easter vigil?

The Church's greatest celebration of the year, held on the eve of Easter Sunday, marks the victory of Christ over sin and death and our sharing in the life of God. In the early Church it was at this celebration that 'newcomers' were baptized. Although today a person may be baptized a Catholic at other times of the year, the newcomer's decision to reject sin and embrace the new life of Christ makes Easter a highly appropriate time for baptism. Since the Easter vigil is the climax of the year for the parish community, it is fitting that it also be the climax of the newcomer's journey of faith into the Catholic community. © 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 or (02) 7261 0246.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAPAL ENCYCLICAL: MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS ~ The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has released a new Encyclical Letter titled Magnifica Humanitas — On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence. Parishioners are encouraged to read and reflect on this timely document on human dignity, ethics, and technology. Read the full document here: <https://bit.ly/4uFUikU> or scan the QR code.



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.

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 this 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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION - The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates 16 years old and above interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. For more information and to enroll into the process, please contact the parish office.

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 ~ Last weekend 23/24 May, as our parish will hold a Ministry Recruitment Drive. This was an opportunity for individuals and families to learn more about the different parish ministries and consider sharing their time and talents through volunteering. Thank you to all our ministry teams who invited parishioners to participate in the mission of our parish after each Mass. If you missed out on the opportunity to register your interest in one of our parish ministries please come and see our parish team 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.

CHILD MINDING DURING DINNER DANCE: 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.



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

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

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS:

First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. All enquiries please email: 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

SRE-SCRIPTURE PROGRAM:

Every Tuesday at Public schools during school term. Volunteers required. All enquiries please email: 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.

Next 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: 11th June. 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



BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL



Supporting Faith in Action across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains

Scan to help them answer God's call
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