



St Luke's
CATHOLIC PARISH
MARSDEN PARK



WEEKLY BULLETIN

21ST JUNE 2026

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A



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

Family Connection....



It is not only individuals who need reassurance about God's love and protection. Communities need this reassurance as well, including the community of the family. Children rely on the confidence of their parents for this assurance. Parents can help the entire family's growth in trust and confidence in God by witnessing ways in which daily family needs are entrusted to God's care.

As the family gathers, distribute pieces of paper to each person. Tell them to write or draw ways in which they believe that God's help is needed for each person and for the family as a whole. Each slip of paper can then be collected in a basket.

Invite one member of the family to read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 10:26-33. Recall together how well God knows your family and thank God for this wonderful grace. Conclude by praying together for each of the needs identified on the slips of paper. After each need is read, pray together, "God, we trust you because you know us so well." Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father.

This practice might become a regular part of your family's prayer. Set the basket in a place of prayer and encourage family members to add other needs throughout the week. Perhaps your family can pray for these things together during a family meal.

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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 fundraising event will support Stage 2 of our church building project — the construction of our permanent church. Tickets are available from ministry leaders, at the dinner dance table after Mass, or from the parish office.

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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: Cf Psalm 27:8-9 ~ The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading - Jeremiah 20:10-13 ~ Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm ~ Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14
R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading - Romans 5:12-15

~ Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of

breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation - John 15:26. 27 ~ Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 10:26-33 ~ Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 26:4 ~ There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

Recently Deceased: Roel Gozum ; Juan Redoblado; Jayanthi Perera; Joseph Davnhans; Cesar Umali Jr; Ivoga Naioti Roache.

Death Anniversary: Jayanthi Perera; Lawrence Fernandes; Pauline Soares and Antonio Ortega Conrado Lorico; Thomas D'Souza; Daisy Pangilinan.

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: Noorul Ayn Hazeera Zavahir; Tony Duggan; Mila Makasini; Annabelle Edwards Amor Matulac & Tony Yu.

PETER'S PENANCE APPEAL

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father will be held next weekend. The collection, usually held around the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, supports the Pope's mission; which extends throughout the entire world from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace and brotherhood among peoples. Every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world. Please donate generously.



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
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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

FR GAYAN'S ANNUAL LEAVE ~ Please note that Fr Gayan will be on leave until 8th 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.

RECEPTION INTO FULL COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Elijah McInnes and Isaac McInnes will be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church during the 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday, 28 June. These children have been preparing for this important step in their faith journey and will also be enrolled to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep Elijah, Isaac, and their family in your prayers as they continue their sacramental preparation and grow in faith.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY ~ On the weekend of 4-5 July, we will celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday at all our Masses. As part of this celebration, we will sing the Aboriginal Our Father during Mass as we acknowledge and honour the faith, culture, and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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.

FIRST SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ~The First Sacrament of Reconciliation commitment Masses will take place on 18/19 July and 25/26 July at all Masses. Lessons will begin following the commitment Masses. The Sacrament will be celebrated on 12 August. Please keep the families and children in your prayers.

PARISH APP ~ We are looking into the possibility of developing a parish app and are seeking parishioners who may have experience or expertise in this area. If you have skills that could help with this project, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be involved. Thank you for those who have volunteered already.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES TRAINING ~ If you feel called to serve our parish community as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Minister at the Altar, or Reader, diocesan training sessions will be held in September. Registration for these training sessions must be completed in August. Those interested are asked to download and complete the enrolment form using the link or QR code below and return it to the Parish Office. Fr Gayan will review and sign the forms before they are submitted to the Diocese.

Enrolment Form: <https://shorturl.at/XUXjB>

We encourage parishioners to prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve our parish community through these important liturgical ministries.



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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: 10th July 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: 12th July

WEEKEND FOOD STALL:

Proceeds of this fundraising activity goes towards the parish building fund.
This Weekend ~ 20th & 21st June.



PRAYER MINISTRY:

1st weekend every 2nd month.

Next Opportunity~ 1st & 2nd August 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: 25th 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



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THE PARRAMATTA WAY OF SAFEGUARDING IS TO...
Act with Justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person; ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount. "This is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

PARISH FOOD STALL

Our Weekend Food Stall will be open after the 5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass and 10 AM Sunday Mass. This weekend's menu includes sweet treats such as cupcakes, blondies and chocolate cake slices, as well as savoury favourites including chicken biryani, chicken tikka, and our new baked macaroni with garlic bread available on Sunday only. Cash and card payments are accepted. All proceeds will go towards our Stage 2 church building and operational costs.



YFC CAMP

Youth for Christ will be holding a youth camp from Friday 3 July to Sunday 5 July at Blue Gum Lodge, Springwood. The camp is open to young people aged 13 to 21 and is a great opportunity for them to grow in faith, build friendships, and encounter Christ in a personal way through talks, games, prayer and fellowship.

For more information or to register, please contact Lady- 0499799193 Gilbert- 0405820199

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