



St Luke's
CATHOLIC PARISH
MARSDEN PARK



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WEEKLY BULLETIN

28TH JUNE 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A



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

Family Connection....

One can tell a lot about a family by the way they welcome others into their home. Despite parental efforts to elicit the best behavior from their children, family efforts to entertain guests are sometimes difficult. Practicing a spirit of Christian hospitality within the family can be an occasion to reflect upon the importance of this virtue. A family spirit of hospitality is a sign of faith.

When your family gathers, ask each person to consider the following questions about manners: What does it mean to be a good host? What does it mean to be a good guest? Invite each person to share their thoughts and experiences about being a guest or a host. When they have finished, read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 10:37-42.

Ask family members to describe what Jesus says about hospitality extended to his disciples. (Those who receive Jesus' disciples also receive Jesus himself; hospitality to Jesus' disciples will be rewarded.) Then encourage family members to talk about what it means to be a good guest or a good host. You might also talk about ways in which your family's hospitality might be improved upon. Conclude in prayer together that your family grows to be one in which Christian hospitality is experienced by all. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

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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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ENTERTAINMENT



RAFFLE DRAW
ON THE NIGHT
WITH GREAT PRIZES!

MASKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT

Parents, this one's for you! With free child minding provided, the St Luke's Parish Dinner Dance offers a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a relaxing evening out while your children are safely cared for.

Join fellow parishioners on Saturday 25 July at 7:00pm in the Performance Hall at St Luke's Catholic College for an enjoyable night of good food, music, dancing and fellowship. It is also a great opportunity to meet other parishioners and strengthen our parish community.

All proceeds will support Stage 2 of our church building project — the construction of our permanent church. Tickets are available after Mass at the dinner dance table; online or through the parish office.



Scan to buy a dinner dance ticket | Scan to register for Child Minding

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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: Psalm 46:2 ~ All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading - 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16 ~ One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm ~ Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2
R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading - Romans 6:3-4. 8-11 ~ When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, hav-

ing been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation - 1 Peter 2:9 ~ Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 10:37-42 ~ Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 102:1 ~ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

Recently Deceased: Emily Rudd, Annie Villanueva Baterina; Roel Gozum ; Juan Redoblado; Jayanthi Perera; Joseph Davnhans; Cesar Umali Jr.

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

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.

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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 this 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. Donation buckets will be available as you leave the church after Mass.



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

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.

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 PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE ~ We extend our sincere gratitude to Aleta Dela Cruz, James Irudayaraj, Tessie James and Geraldine Santos for their service on the Parish Pastoral Council. We thank them for their faithful commitment, generous support, and valuable contribution to the life and mission of our parish community.

We are pleased to welcome Didi Surian, Christine Leahy, Rex Dabreu, and Caroline Tuli as new members of the Parish Pastoral Council. We thank them for their willingness to share their gifts and talents in service to our parish and look forward to their contribution to the pastoral life of the community.

The new Parish Pastoral Council members will be commissioned during the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, 12 July. Please keep both our former and incoming PPC members in your prayers.

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR JULY 2026 ~ There are several face-to-face Safeguarding Training opportunities available throughout July at several parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

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News from the Diocese of Parramatta

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.
Next Food Stall ~ 15th & 16th August.



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: 9th July. 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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BE THE WITNESS - THE MUSICAL

Over the past few months, the chorus of Be The Witness has visited parishes across the Diocese, sharing a glimpse of this powerful Catholic musical. Now the full production is coming to Riverside Theatres Parramatta from 10–13 September 2026. Be The Witness brings the story of Jesus to life through the eyes of St Peter, using music, drama and storytelling to create a moving encounter of faith, hope and witness. Special parish group offer available until Friday 10 July: Groups of 50 receive around 20% off standard tickets, plus one complimentary ticket for the parish priest. Bring your parish group, ministry, family or friends. Scan the QR code to book your group!



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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ADVERTISE IN OUR PARISH BULLETIN ~

Do you own a business or know someone who does? We are offering the opportunity to advertise in our parish bulletin. This is a wonderful way to support our parish and connect with the local community. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office. marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

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