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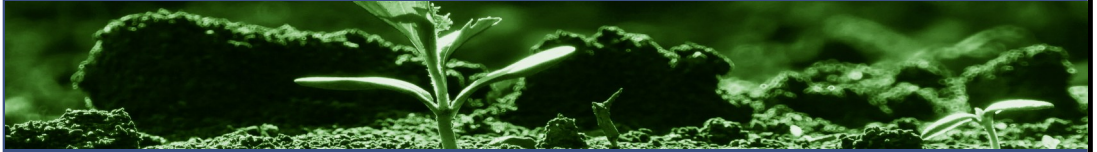


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# WEEKLY BULLETIN

12TH JULY 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



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

## Family Connection....

Today's Gospel reminds us that in order for God's Word to take root in us and produce abundant fruit, we must endeavor to be like good soil. Families, in particular, hold the responsibility for "preparing the soil" so that the seeds of God's Word can grow strong. There are many ways in which families do this—family traditions in which faith is celebrated, prayer and reading of Scripture, and instruction on the faith. In these ways, parents fulfill the promises they made at their child's Baptism.

Gather together as a family and reflect together on the Sacrament of Baptism. Tell the story of the Baptism of each child, showing any pictures that were taken. If you have your child's Baptism candle or gown, share these as well. Recall together that one of the promises that parents make at their child's Baptism is to bring them up in the practice of our faith. Talk together about the importance of this promise to your family. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 13:1-23. Reflect together on the ways in which your family practices your faith (daily prayer, Mass attendance, religious instruction, etc.). Remind one another that we do these things as a family so that God's Word can take root in our lives and produce abundant fruit. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm, Psalm 65..

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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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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.



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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](mailto: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

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cf Psalm 16:15 ~ As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**First Reading - Isaiah 55:10-11** ~ Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

**Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 64:10-14 R. Lk 8:8**  
R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

**Second Reading - Romans 8:18-23** ~ I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

**Gospel Acclamation ~ Alleluia, alleluia!** The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Gospel - Matthew 13:1-9 (Shorter Form)** ~ Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf Psalm 83:4-5 ~ The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.



### COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

**Recently Deceased:** Emily Rudd, Annie Villanueva Baterina; Roel Gozum.

**Death Anniversary:** Randolph Gunasekara (1st Yr); Catherine Tolmie (1st Yr); Joe Menezes; Hazel Rebello (4th Yr); Christopher Dimagmaliw.

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

### WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

WWCC's are only valid for five years. Anyone with an expired WWCC cannot continue to volunteer in a child-related ministry of the parish. It is important that your current WWCC number is renewed rather than applying for a new WWCC. All parish volunteers are responsible for renewing their WWCC before the date it expires and must provide the parish office with evidence of the renewal before the expiry date.

Any questions please contact the parish office. For Applications and renewals: <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au>

## 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.

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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

**DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING AUDIT~** Our parish recently completed the Diocesan Safeguarding Audit. We sincerely thank our ministry leaders who attended the preparation meeting and contributed to the audit process. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and is central to our mission as a Church. Together with the Diocese, we are committed to providing a safe, welcoming and respectful environment where children, young people and vulnerable adults are protected, valued and supported.

**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.

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING ~**A training session for altar servers will be held on Wednesday, 15 July, at 7:00 pm in The Hub. All current altar servers are invited to attend. If you are interested in becoming an altar server, we warmly invite you to join us for the training.

**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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

**ROSARY WORKSHOPS IN JULY 2026 ~** Come along for a fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. There are multiple workshops hosted throughout June. Cost: \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit [parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops](http://parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops) or [ofw@parracatholic.org](mailto:ofw@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.

**FREE LEGAL CLINIC – CATHOLIC CARE, EMERTON ~** Catholic Care offers free weekly legal advice every Thursday from 11am at 11 Emert Parade, Emerton. Areas covered include Family Law, Care and Protection, Local Court matters, Wills and Estates, and Traffic Offences. Bookings are recommended – call 8843 2500. Walk-ins are also welcome.



## 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: 7th August 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. This Weekend: 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: 23rd 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](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)



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Our physical spaces are maintained and used in a way where all children and adults at risk feel safe to participate in Diocesan and Parish liturgies and activities.



## 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. **We've extended our Special Group Booking Offer for all parishes within the Parramatta Diocese**, and we hope your parish ministries, youth groups, and families can benefit from this opportunity. 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!



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