



St Luke's
CATHOLIC PARISH
MARSDEN PARK



WEEKLY BULLETIN

5TH JULY 2026

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A



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

Family Connection....

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches an important lesson for families: from the youngest and simplest among us we can learn the most profound insights about God. Parents who are attentive to this reality can learn much from their children even as their children are learning from them. Families who create time and space for encounters with God will enrich the faith of all who share in family life.

Gather as a family and read together today's Gospel, Matthew 11:25 -30. Allow time for each person to reflect on what Jesus reveals to us about God. Invite each person to show these things in a creative way, perhaps through a picture, poem, or some other means. Share these with one another. Conclude in prayer together, thanking Jesus for making God known to us. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm, Psalm 145.

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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

- COMPLIMENTARY WINE, SOFT DRINKS & WATER
- ENTRÉES & LEBANESE BUFFET
- DESSERTS, TEA & COFFEE
- 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

<https://shorturl.at/pqeqq>

Scan to register for
Child-Minding

<https://shorturl.at/e9cR9>



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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 47:10-11 ~ Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading - Zechariah 9:9-10 ~ The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14 R. v.1
R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading - Romans 8:9.11-13 ~ Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritually.

al lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation - See Matthew 11:25 ~ Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 11:25-30 ~ Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 33:9 ~ Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.



COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

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

Death Anniversary: Hazel Rebello (4th Yr); Clarita de Jesus; Jayanthi Perera; Lawrence Fernandes; Pauline Soares and Antonio Ortega Conrado Lorico.

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 ~ THANK YOU

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father was held last weekend. Our Parish collected \$472.90.

The collection 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. Thank you for generous donations. If you missed out donating last weekend, we encourage you to donate using the QR code displayed.



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

FR GAYAN'S RETURN'S FROM LEAVE ~ Please note that Fr Gayan will return to the parish from leave on the 9th July. With thank Monsignor John Boyle and Fr Chionnye for their assistance at the parish during this time.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY ~ This weekend (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.

WALKING WITH CHRIST: Our next Bible Study Group will gather on Thursday 9 July at 7.00 pm in the Parish Office. All are warmly welcome.

NEXT MORNING TEA: Next Sunday, after the 10.00am Mass, we invite everyone to join us for our Parish Morning Tea. If you're able, please bring a plate to share.

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

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 or ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.



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.

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