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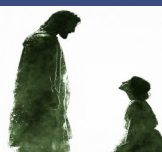


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WEEKLY BULLETIN

16TH AUGUST 2026

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



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

Sunday Reflection....

The Gospel today gives us a beautiful picture of a woman who refuses to give up. She comes to Jesus carrying a deep concern for her daughter. At first, Jesus seems silent. Then, when she continues to ask, His response appears even harder. Yet she does not walk away. She keeps trusting.

There is something important here about faith. Faith is not always getting an immediate answer from God. Sometimes faith is continuing to trust when God seems silent. We can all experience moments when we pray and nothing seems to change. We may wonder, "Does God hear me? Does God care?" This woman teaches us that God's silence is not necessarily God's absence.

What is remarkable is that she does not demand that Jesus work according to her expectations. She simply keeps coming to Him. Her persistence reveals something deeper: she knows that even a little from Jesus is enough. She believes that His mercy is greater than her situation.

Perhaps today we need to bring our own concerns to Jesus again—the person we worry about, the situation we cannot fix, or the prayer that seems unanswered. Jesus invites us not simply to believe when everything is going well, but to trust Him when we cannot see the way forward. Sometimes faith means praying one more time, trust-

ing one more time, and placing ourselves once more in the hands of Jesus. The answer may not come in the way we expect, but God never wastes a sincere faith that turns to Him.

God Bless ~ Fr Gayan Thamel

Seniors Group
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YOUTH
Group
Matthew 16:21-27
Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.
Friday, 28th August 2026
6:30pm-9:00pm
55 Frontier Ave, Marsden Park
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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

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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 83:10-11 ~ Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading - Isaiah 56:1-7 ~ Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm ~ Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4
R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading - Romans 11:13-15. 29-32 ~ Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all man-

kind.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:23

~ Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28 ~ Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 129:7

~ With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

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COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

Recently Deceased: Maria Teresa Resurreccion, Fr Eugene Stockton; Generosa Magdaraog.

Death Anniversary: Perla Reyes, Romeo Susi, Rosalito Trucilla & Fausta Dela Cruz.

In Memoriam: Mr & Mrs Sammut; Anthony Xureb; Valerio Callus.

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.

STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

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 ~

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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.

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WEEKEND FOOD STALL

Weekend Food Stall
MENU (15-16 AUGUST 2026)
Cash/ Card accepted

Chicken Curry (400g) \$2	Chiffon cupcake \$3	Ube cupcake \$5
Meat & Potato (100g) \$2	Chocolate cupcake \$4	Vanilla cake slice
Beef & Potato (100g) \$2	Chocolate cupcake \$4	Vanilla cake slice

Available after 5:30 PM Sat Vigil and 10 AM Sunday Mass.
All proceeds go towards our Stage 2 Church Building and operational costs.

The Weekend Food Stall will be open after our Saturday Vigil Mass and/after the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. Cash and card payments are accepted. All proceeds will support our Stage 2 Church Building Fund and parish operational costs. Thank you for your continued support of our parish community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION~ Starting from the weekend of 22/23 August, the choir members will receive Holy Communion first, before the congregation.

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – Commitment Masses for children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on this weekend 15/16 August and next weekend 22/23 August. Preparation sessions will begin following the Commitment Masses. As these children continue their preparation for this important sacrament, we ask our parish community to keep them and their families in your prayers.

OCIA – ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS ~ The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) will begin on Tuesday, 1 September, at 7:00 pm in the parish office. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or if you know someone who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and explore becoming Catholic, we warmly invite you to attend the Inquiry Night.

FIRST RECONCILIATION~ Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation last week in our parish. We extend our sincere thanks to the Sacramental Team, facilitators, volunteer supporters, and everyone who helped in many ways to prepare our children

and their families for this important sacrament. May God continue to bless our children as they grow in faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

LUKE 18~ We invite students from our parish in Year 4 to Year 12 to attend our next youth program on Friday 28th August from 6.30pm. For further information please see our youth flyers available after Mass.

SENIORS GROUP ~ We're looking at starting a Seniors Group at our parish—a welcoming place to connect, make new friends, and enjoy fellowship together. If you're interested, please complete the questionnaire forms available at the welcome table or contact the Parish Office.

JUSTICE MARGARET BEAZLEY CENTRE ~ With community support Toongabbie Legal Centre Inc (TLC) has succeeded in purchasing a block of land to construct the proposed future home of TLC. You are invited to a Multifaith Dedication Ceremony of the Land (Bhoomi Puja) Sunday 23 August 2026 at 11.15am Cnr of Portico Parade & Valeria Street, Toongabbie. The TLC will also be selling raffle tickets next weekend after our Masses to fund their on going mission to provide legal assistance and advice to culturally, socially and economically disadvantaged people.



BE THE WITNESS' MUSICAL ~ Arrives at Riverside Theatres Parramatta, 10–13 September. Presented by Mary Queen of the Family Parish, with a full cast and chorus now in place and rehearsals beginning this weekend, excitement is building. Gather your parish and book now at <https://bethewitness.com.au/>

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: 28th August 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.
This Weekend: 13th September

WEEKEND FOOD STALL:

Proceeds of this fundraising activity goes towards the parish building fund.
This Weekend ~ 15th & 16th August.



PRAYER MINISTRY:

1st weekend every 2nd month.

This Weekend~ 3rd & 4th October 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: 20th August. 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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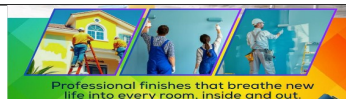
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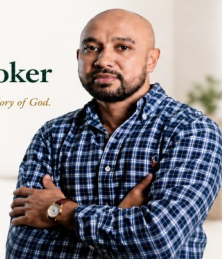


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