



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



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

## Family Connection...

Children learn to trust God's mercy and forgiveness when they experience forgiveness from those closest to them. We hope that we model God's love and forgiveness within our family life. Today's Gospel reminds us that forgiveness is measured by its quality more than its quantity.

Invite your family to consider some recent times when family members sought the forgiveness of another. Ask if there were any statements made that put conditions on our forgiveness such as "I will play this game with you if you apologize for knocking over my blocks" or "I will accept your apology after you clean up your room." Do we sometimes "keep count" or put conditions on our forgiveness of one another? This is something we may be doing without realizing it.

Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 18:21-35. Ask if we sometimes find ourselves sounding like Peter, concerning ourselves with quantity of forgiveness rather than offering forgiveness abundantly and unconditionally. Reflect upon the parable that Jesus tells. What does the servant do that makes the king so angry? He refuses to forgive his fellow servant the debt that he owes. Because we have all received God's forgiveness, God expects that we will also be forgiving toward others. Jesus' answer to Peter's question is found at the

end of the parable. The number of times that we forgive one another is less important than the depth of our forgiveness. We must forgive one another from the heart.

Conclude in prayer together that God's love and forgiveness is evident in your family life. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 103, or the Lord's Prayer.. ~ © 2026 Loyola Press.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL FATHERS DAY APPEAL** – Last weekend 5-6 September, the annual Bishop's Father's Day appeal will take place. This year's focus will be on Fr John O'Neill, recently retired Parish Priest of St John Vianney's, Doonside. This appeal supports all the retired priests of the Diocese, and your donations are very much appreciated. Thank you to those who already donated. If you missed out donating last week please scan the QR below or take a Father's Day envelope from the welcome table and place it on the collection plate. All donations to this appeal over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

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### 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."

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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cf Sirach 36:18 ~ Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**First Reading - Sirach 27:30 – 28:7** ~ Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

**Responsorial Psalm ~ Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8**

R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

**Second Reading - Romans 14:7-9** ~ The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

**Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34** ~ Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35** ~ Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

**Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 35:8** ~ How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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## COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

**Recently Deceased:** Antonio Lopez; Esther Palapal; Ayesha Stephen; Rodolfo Valdepeñas Sr.; Maria Teresa Resurreccion.

**Death Anniversary:** Eufrosenio Pasaquian (6th Year Death Anniversary); Kevin Gleeson; Sonia De Vera; Jose Mayang; John Wright. Belen Tiotuico; & Perla Reyes.

**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.

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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.

## 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.

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## JOB OPPORTUNITY

**Live-in Carer Opportunity** Our beautiful 97 y.o. father lives at home. He is of Anglo-Indian decent, speaks English and is still mobile. We are looking for a special person to help home care for him in either a full-time or part-time capacity. He lives in The Hills area and has family support next door. The job would suit a nursing student or someone that is good with people. Food, board and remuneration package is negotiable. If you would like more information, please contact Jason on [jason@jjmail.me](mailto:jason@jjmail.me) or 0414987206.

## CATHOLIC OUTLOOK OUT NOW!



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED~** Congratulations to the children from our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday. We sincerely thank our Sacramental Team and Facilitators, musicians, readers, ministers at the altar, and the many volunteers who helped set up the Performance Hall and assisted in so many ways to make this celebration meaningful and joyful for our children and their families.

**HSC STUDENTS – SPECIAL BLESSING~** We warmly invite all students preparing to sit their HSC examinations to join us for the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, 4 October. As the HSC examinations begin on Tuesday, 13 October, we will offer a special blessing and prayer for all our HSC students, asking God to guide them, give them peace and confidence, and bless them throughout their examinations. We encourage all HSC students and their families to join us for this special Mass.

**OCIA – BECOMING CATHOLIC ~** We have begun our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) journey, with our first session held last week. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, we warmly invite you to come along to our next session on Tuesday, 15 September, at 7:00 pm in the School Hub.

**SAVE THE DATE ~ PARISH FEAST DAY MASS ~** Sunday, 18 October at 10:00AM, Performance Hall. No 8:00am Mass 5:30pm Masses – Saturday & Sunday will be celebrated in the Church.

**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



**OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY ~** October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a special time to reflect on the life of Jesus with Mary and to seek her intercession. During October, the Rosary will be prayed every Saturday at 5:00pm, before the 5:30pm Vigil Mass. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

**PARISH PASTORAL PLAN 2026–2028~**Over recent months, a small working group from the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has been reviewing and refining our Parish Pastoral Plan. This is not a new plan for our parish. Rather, the working group has built on the work already undertaken, refining our priorities, adding new initiatives and extending the plan through to 2028. This also ensures that our parish direction is aligned with the Diocese of Parramatta's Pastoral Plan. The Parish Pastoral Plan 2026–2028 has officially launched. The plan is available on our parish website by clicking the following link [bit.ly/4xygaUO](https://bit.ly/4xygaUO) or scanning the QR Code.



**WEEKEND FOOD STALL~**Please support our regular weekend food stall after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass and the Sunday 10.00am Mass. All funds raised will go towards our Stage 2 building fund and parish expenses.

## 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 & Benediction –** The Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during the 6.30pm Mass on the First Friday of each month, followed by Benediction.

### 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. (Ages 5-10).

### 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: 18th September 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)

### PARISH CUPPA:

Every 2nd weekend.  
This weekend: 18th October -  
After 10.00am Mass (Parish Feast Day)

### WEEKEND FOOD STALL:

Proceeds of this fundraising activity goes towards the parish building fund.  
Next Weekend ~ 12th & 13th September.



### 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: 17th September. 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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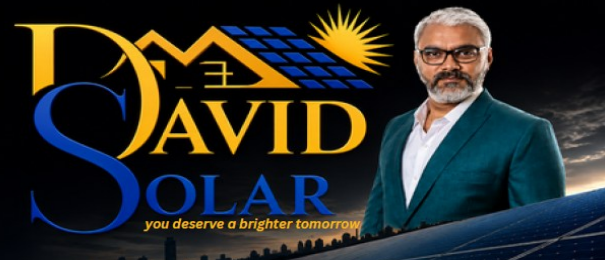


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