



WEEKLY BULLETIN

20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



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

Sunday Reflection...

In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a landowner who goes out several times during the day to call workers into his vineyard. Some begin early in the morning; others are called later, even at the last hour. What is striking is that the landowner keeps going out. He does not stop calling people.

This tells us something beautiful about God. His invitation is always open. He calls us at different moments and in different ways. Some of us may have known Christ from childhood, while others may come to faith much later. Some may have served the Church for many years; others may only now be discovering what it means to follow Christ. Yet every vocation is grace.

The temptation is to think that those who came earlier have a greater claim upon God. But the vineyard is not a place where we earn God's love. It is a place where we receive his invitation and respond to it. This is also the beauty of the Church. At every Mass, we gather as people who have come at different stages of the journey. Some have been faithful for decades; others may be returning after many years; some may be struggling to believe. Yet all are invited to the same table and receive the same Lord.

God does not ask us to calculate what others deserve. He asks us to respond faithfully to the call we have received. The question for us is simple: ****Am I still saying yes to God's invitation to work in his vineyard today? ~ God Bless. Fr Gayan Thamel**

BISHOP'S ANNUAL FATHERS DAY APPEAL THANK YOU! –

Because of your compassion, our Parish raised over \$700 for the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal, providing much-needed care and support for retired priests who have dedicated their lives to serving our community. Your generosity helps ensure they receive the care, comfort and dignity they deserve. If you haven't yet donated you may scan the QR Code below or follow the link below:

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Parish Office: Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm ~ Located adjacent to the school office entrance.

OUR VISION

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading - Isaiah 55:6-9 ~ Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm ~ Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18
R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading - Philippians 1:20-24. 27 ~ Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34 ~ Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 20:1-16 ~ Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 118:4-5 ~ You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

Recently Deceased: Sylvia Talam; Victoria Susanti Setiadi; Antonio Lopez; Esther Palapal; Ayesha Stephen; Rodolfo Valdepeñas Sr.

Death Anniversary: Wilfredo Abing Solon, Editha Borromeo Jamir; Justiniana Medina Eufrosenio Pasaquian; 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.

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.

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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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RELIC OF ST CARLO ACUTIS

The First-Class Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis will be at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta from

28 to 30 September. Come and pray before the Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis and experience the Vatican International Exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World. The Major Pilgrim Relic will be housed in the Chapel for personal prayer and veneration throughout the visit. All welcome. Find the full program on:

parracatholic.org/events/relic-exhibition-st-carlo-acutis



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, 22 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. Please take note that 5:30pm Masses – Saturday & Sunday will be celebrated in the Church. Following the Feast Day Mass on Sunday, 18 October, we will have games and activities for the children. Parents are kindly asked to register their children on the sign-in sheets available on the tables. This will help us plan for the children attending. We invite everyone to bring a plate of your favourite food from your cultural tradition to share.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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/4xyqaUO or scanning the QR Code.



WEEKEND FOOD STALL~ Thank you for your support during our Weekend Food Stall last weekend. We raised \$850.00 that will go towards our Parish Stage 2 Building funds and our parish expense. Once again, we thank you for your ongoing generosity. The next food stall will take place next weekend 26th & 27th September.

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

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

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: 13th November 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

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 ~ 26th & 27th 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: 1st October. 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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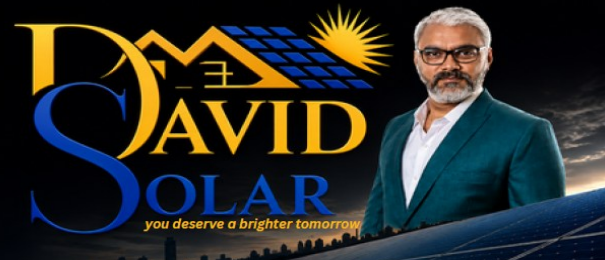


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