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WEEKLY BULLETIN

27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY-SIXTH 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 tells a very simple story about two sons. A father asks both of them to go and work in his vineyard. The first son says, "No," but later changes his mind and goes. The second son says, "Yes, sir," but never goes.

Jesus is showing us that there can be a big difference between what we say and how we actually live.

It is easy to say the right things. We can say that family is important, but never make time for them. We can say that forgiveness matters, but continue holding onto resentment. We can say that we trust God, but live as though everything depends entirely on us. Good intentions are important, but intentions alone do not change our lives.

The first son gives us hope. He began badly. He said no. But his first response did not have to become his final response. He changed his mind, turned around, and went to the vineyard.

That is at the heart of the Christian life. God is not asking us to pretend that we have always made the right choices. He asks us to be willing to change direction.

Perhaps there is one area of our life where we know what God is asking of us, but we have been avoiding it. Maybe it is forgiving someone, making time for prayer, repairing a relationship, or helping someone who needs us.

The good news is that yesterday's "no" does not have to be today's answer. We can still turn around. We can still say "yes" to God—not simply with our words, but with the way we live.

~ God Bless, Fr Gayan Thamel



SAVE the DATE
Upcoming Parish Events 2026!

18 OCTOBER	Parish Feast Day
7 NOVEMBER	Formation Day For the PPC, PFC and Ministry Leads
14 NOVEMBER	Parish Pilgrimage The Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Plumpton "Special Jubilee Year of St Francis"
29 NOVEMBER	Volunteers' Christmas Lunch
4 DECEMBER	St Luke's Christmas Carols
16-24 DECEMBER	Dawn Masses "Misa de Gallo"

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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

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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.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon ~ Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42 ~ All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading - Ezekiel 18:25-28 ~ The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm ~ Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading - Philippians 2:1-5 ~ If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27 ~ Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 21:28-32

~ Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 118:49-50 ~ Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

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

Death Anniversary: Magdalena dela Cruz; Josie Bulaong; Wilfredo Abing Solon; Editha Borromeo Jamir; Justiniana Medina Eufrosenio Pasaquian; Kevin Gleeson; Sonia De Vera; Jose Mayang; John Wright. Belen Tiotuico

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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Luke's Parish

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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

ST CARLO ACUTIS

MAJOR PILGRIM RELIC VISIT
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
Parramatta
28-30 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.

EXHIBITION

Monday 28 September: 10:00am - 5:00pm
Tuesday 29 September: 10:00am - 5:00pm
Wednesday 30 September: 10:00am - 5:00pm

THE RELIC

The Major Pilgrim Relic will be housed in the Chapel for personal prayer and veneration throughout the visit.

MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

10:00am - 11:00am: Opening of the Relic
11:00am - 12:00pm: Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition
12:00pm - 1:00pm: Lunch
1:00pm - 2:00pm: Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition
2:00pm - 3:00pm: Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition
3:00pm - 4:00pm: Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition
4:00pm - 5:00pm: Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

10:00am - 11:00am: Opening of the Relic
11:00am - 12:00pm: Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition
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WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

10:00am - 11:00am: Opening of the Relic
11:00am - 12:00pm: Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition
12:00pm - 1:00pm: Lunch
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3:00pm - 4:00pm: Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition
4:00pm - 5:00pm: Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

Mass Daily 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm
COME AND PRAY WITH 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.

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 PILGRIMAGE TO GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH IN PLUMPTON ~

As part of the special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV our parish will have pilgrimage, that we invite all parishioners to participate.

Date: 14th November 2026

Location: Good Shepherd Church, Plumpton administered by the Capuchin Franciscan Friars

Time: 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Schedule:

- 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM: Rosary
- 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Reconciliation / Novena (Prayers for St Francis)
- 12:05 PM – 12:45 PM: Mass
- 12:45 PM – 1:30 PM: Shared light lunch

RSVP's will be request for this event in the coming weeks.

WEEKEND FOOD STALL~ OUR FOOD STALL IS ON AGAIN! Join us after the Saturday 5:30 PM Vigil Mass and Sunday 10 AM Mass this weekend for our Food Stall. Cash and card accepted. All proceeds go towards our Stage 2 Church Building and operational costs. Thank you for supporting our parish community.



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.
This Weekend ~ 26th & 27th September.



PRAYER MINISTRY:

1st weekend every 2nd month.

This Weekend~ 10th & 11th 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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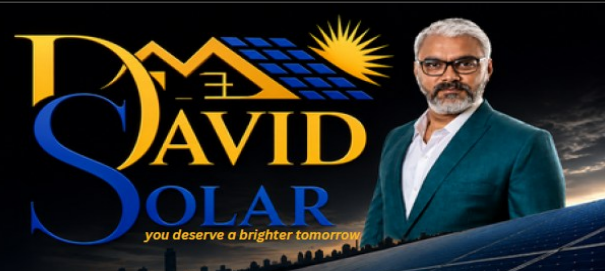


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