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WEEKLY BULLETIN

11TH OCTOBER 2026

TWENTY-EIGHTH 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 speaks about a king who prepares a great wedding feast. The invitation is sent, the meal is ready, and there is a place waiting for each guest. Yet many refuse to come. They have other things to do, other priorities, other plans. Perhaps this is closer to our lives than we think. God is always inviting us—not only to church on Sunday, but into a life with him. Yet we can become so occupied with everyday things that we hardly notice his invitation. We tell ourselves, "Maybe later, when things settle down." But life rarely settles down. The surprising part of the story is that the king does not cancel the feast. He sends his servants out and invites others. God continues to open the door. His grace reaches people who may feel unworthy, forgotten, or far away. We do not come because we have earned a place. We come because God has made room for us. Yet Jesus also speaks about the wedding garment. God welcomes us as we are, but he loves us too much to leave us unchanged. His invitation calls us to put on a new way of living—with mercy instead of resentment, humility instead of pride, and love instead of selfishness. God has prepared a place for us. The invitation has already been given. The question is: Will we simply receive the invitation, or will we truly enter the feast?

~ 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.

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School Motto: "Live the Good News".

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Entrance Antiphon ~ Psalm 129:3-4 ~ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading - Isaiah 25:6-10 ~ On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm ~ Ps 22. R. v.6

R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading - Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20 ~ I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: See Ephesians 1:17-18 ~ Alleluia, alleluia! May the

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14 ~ Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 33:11 ~ The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

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

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

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: Armi Llanos; Noorul Ayn Hazeera Zavahir; Tony Duggan; Mila Makasini & Tony Yu.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NEW CHURCH

This October marks one year since the opening of our new church building on 19 October 2025.

As we mark this first anniversary, we give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received during the past year. We are grateful for this sacred space that has become the spiritual home of our parish community, where we gather in faith, prayer and fellowship. May God continue to bless our parish and all who enter our church in the years ahead. St Luke, pray for us!



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>

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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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST LUKE'S PARISH FEAST – SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER ~ Come and celebrate St Luke's Parish Feast with our parish community on Sunday 18 October at 10:00am in the School Performance Hall. We will begin with a procession from the school breezeway to the Performance Hall, followed by Mass. After Mass, there will be games and activities for the children. As we celebrate the wonderful cultures that make up our parish community, we invite everyone to bring a favourite dish from your cultural background to share. Please note: There will be no 8:00am Mass on Sunday 18 October. The Saturday 5:30pm Mass and Sunday 5:30pm Mass will be celebrated as usual in the church. We look forward to celebrating our parish feast together

VESPERS IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST OF ST LUKE ~ As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of St Luke, our parish patron, everyone is invited to join us for three evenings of Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 6:30pm in the church.

Wednesday 14 October – St Luke, a person of Faith

Thursday 15 October – St Luke, Evangelist

Friday 16 October – St Luke, Companion and Healer

On Friday, the 6:30pm Mass will be followed by Vespers. Let us come together in prayer as we prepare to celebrate our parish feast.

VOLUNTEER BOOKKEEPER NEEDED ~ Our parish is looking for a volunteer with bookkeeping or accounting experience to assist with our parish bookkeeping. Experience with MYOB would be helpful. Help and support will be provided. If you are able to offer your time and skills to support our parish, please contact the Parish Office. We would be very grateful for your assistance.

PARISH FINANCE UPDATE ~ The Chair of our Parish Finance Committee will present an update on the financial position of our parish at all Masses on the weekend of 31 October / 1 November. The update will cover our current finances, ongoing commitments and the needs of our growing parish community. We thank all parishioners for their continued generosity and support.

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.



LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2027 ~ Would you like to become a Minister at the Altar, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or Reader in our parish? Diocesan training sessions will be starting in February 2027 in Blacktown and Penrith. Please download and complete the enrolment form using the following link bit.ly/4hEOLtM or scan the QR code and send it to the Parish Office for Fr Gayan to sign.



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 ~ 10th & 11th October.

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: 15th 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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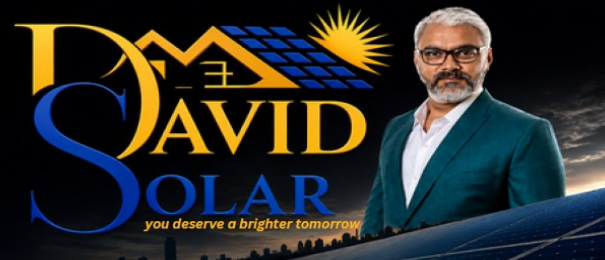


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