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WEEKLY BULLETIN

18TH OCTOBER 2026

TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A & PARISH FEAST DAY.



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

Sunday Reflection...

Today we celebrate the feast of St Luke, the patron of our parish. In the Gospel, Jesus sends seventy-two disciples ahead of him "to all the towns and places he himself was to visit."

Those words are beautiful: "he himself was to visit." The disciples went first, but Jesus was coming after them. Their task was to prepare the way so that when Jesus came, people would be ready to receive him.

There is something important here for us. Sometimes we feel that we have to have all the answers, say the right thing, or change someone's life. But Jesus gives us a simpler task. We prepare the way, and we trust that he is already at work in ways we may not see.

We can prepare the way in very ordinary moments: by listening to someone who is struggling, welcoming someone who feels left out, forgiving someone, being patient at home, or simply giving our time to another person. We may think these are small things, but they can open a door for Christ to enter someone's life.

This is also what St Luke did. Through his Gospel, he prepared the way for people to meet Jesus. Two thousand years later, people are still encountering Christ through the words Luke wrote.

As we celebrate our parish feast, perhaps this is our calling too: to go into the places Jesus himself wants to visit, to prepare the way for him through the way we live and treat others, and then to trust that Jesus will do the rest. ~ *God Bless. Fr Gayan Thamel*

HAPPY FEAST DAY!

Today we joyfully celebrate the Feast of St Luke, our Parish Patron Saint. We give thanks to God for our parish community and for all the blessings we have received. May the example of St Luke inspire us to grow in faith, serve one another with love, and share the Good News of Jesus. St Luke, pray for us and our parish community.



SAVE the DATE

Upcoming Parish Events 2026!

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

Address: Cnr Frontier Avenue & Northbourne Drive Marsden Park 2765 NSW

Open Weekdays: 8:30am - 2:40pm

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Email: stlukesmarsdenpark@parra.catholic.edu.au

School Motto: "Live the Good News".

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A & PARISH FEAST DAY
Entrance Antiphon ~ Isaiah 52:7 ~ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings of peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation!

First Reading - 2 Timothy 4:10-17 ~ Demas has deserted me for love of this life and gone to Thessalonika, Crescens has gone to Galatia and Titus to Dalmatia; only Luke is with me. Get Mark to come and bring him with you; I find him a useful helper in my work. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak I left with Carpus in Troas, and the scrolls, especially the parchment ones. Alexander the coppersmith has done me a lot of harm; the Lord will repay him for what he has done. Be on your guard against him yourself, because he has been bitterly contesting everything that we say. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear.

Responsorial Psalm ~ Ps 144:10-13. 17-18 R. v.12

R.) Your friends tell the glory of your kingship, Lord.

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 ~ You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's

lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation: See John 15:16 ~ Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord; to go and bear fruit that will last. Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 10:1-9 ~ The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The Kingdom of God is very near to you."'

Communion Antiphon: Cf Luke 10:1,9 ~ The Lord sent out disciples to proclaim throughout the towns: The kingdom of God is at hand for you.

COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

Recently Deceased: Saturnino Butic Guimbatan Sr. Benjamin Indolos; Elsie Clemmet; Sylvia Talam; Victoria Susanti Setiadi.

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>. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

SUPPORT DONATIONS ~

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 Reference: (Your name)

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

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY MASSES ~ The Solemnity of All Saints will be celebrated at all weekend Masses on 31 October and 1 November. All Souls Day Mass will be celebrated on Monday, 2 November at 6.30pm, as we remember and pray for all the faithful departed.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES ~ November is a special time in the Church's year when we remember those who have gone before us and entrust them to God's loving care. Parishioners are invited to include the names of deceased loved ones in our November Mass intentions. Envelopes are available at the church entrances and may be returned through the collection or to the Parish Office.

THANK YOU ~ We extend our sincere thanks to a parish family for generously donating new albs and cinctures for our altar servers, and to another parish family for kindly donating a humeral veil for Benediction. We are very grateful for their generosity and support of our parish community.

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: 8th November - After 5.30pm Mass

WEEKEND FOOD STALL:

Proceeds of this fundraising activity goes towards the parish building fund.

Next Weekend ~ 24th & 25th October.

PRAYER MINISTRY:

1st weekend every 2nd month.

This Weekend~ 5th & 6th December 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: 29th 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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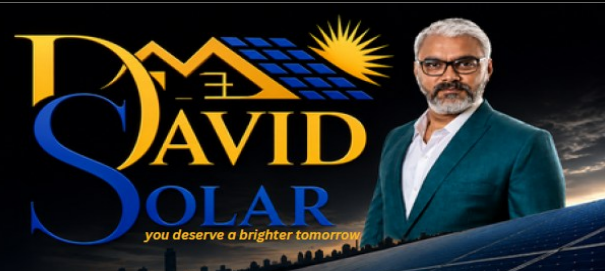


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