St Luke's CATHOLIC PARISH MARSDEN PARK

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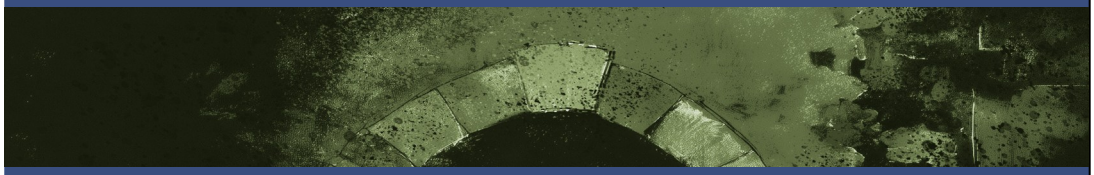
# WEEKLY BULLETIN

4TH OCTOBER 2026 — TWENTY-SEVENTH 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 the story of a landowner who plants a vineyard and gives it to tenants to care for. When the time comes for the harvest, the landowner sends his servants to collect the fruit. But the tenants reject them. Finally, he sends his own son, but they reject and kill him too.

The vineyard reminds us that much of what we have in life is a gift from God. Our life, our abilities, our family, our faith, our time and our opportunities are things we did not create by ourselves. We are called to care for these gifts and use them well.

The problem with the tenants is that they begin to act as though the vineyard belongs to them. They forget that they are caretakers. We can sometimes do the same. We can think, "This is my life, my time and my money. I can do whatever I want." But Jesus reminds us that God has given us these gifts for a purpose.

The landowner also shows great patience. He sends servant after servant, giving the tenants many opportunities to change.
God is patient with us too. He continues to speak to us through Scripture, prayer, other people and the experiences of everyday life.
Jesus says that God's Kingdom must "produce fruit." The fruit God looks for is seen in the way we live: kindness, forgiveness, honesty, generosity, patience and love.

This week, perhaps we can ask ourselves: What fruit is God asking my life to produce? ~ *God Bless, Fr Gayan Thamel*

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## 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"*

For More Information Contact the Parish Office.
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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
**Phone:** (02) 9854 3100
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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.*

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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

**Entrance Antiphon ~ Cf Esther 4:17 ~** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**First Reading - Isaiah 5:1-7** ~ The Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

**Responsorial Psalm ~ Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7**
R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

**Second Reading - Philippians 4:6-9**
~ There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

**Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27 ~** Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**Gospel - Matthew 21:33-43 ~** Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:
It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

**Communion Antiphon: Lam 3:25 ~** The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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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; Magdelena 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.

# 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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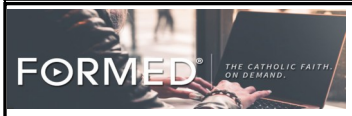
Please contact Ged at the parish office for further information or any inquires about building fund donations.accounts@stlukesmarsdenpark.org.au or (02) 7261 0246.

# MULTIFAITH GATHERING

Parishioners are warmly invited to join Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta's Interfaith Commission for a special Multifaith Gathering marking the 40th anniversary of St John Paul II's historic World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi. People from diverse faith traditions will come together in a spirit of unity, prayer and dialogue under the theme "Unarmed and Disarming Peace." The evening will include sacred faith performances, interfaith dialogue and light refreshments. Tuesday 27 October 2026 | 6:30–9:00 pm. St Patrick's Cathedral Cloister Hall, 1 Marist Avenue, Parramatta All are welcome. Registration: Register for the Multifaith Gathering: https://events.humanitix.com/multifaith-gathering-world-day-of-prayer-for-peace-in-assisi?utm_source=chatgpt.com

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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.

**INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028 – EUCHARIST28 ~** The Diocese of Parramatta is preparing for the International Eucharistic Congress – Eucharist28, which will be held in Sydney from 24 September to 1 October 2028. This significant gathering will bring Catholics from Australia and around the world together to celebrate and deepen our faith in Jesus Christ, present in the Eucharist. The Congress will also include a visit by Pope Leo XIV to Sydney. Over the next two years, our Diocese and parishes will take part in opportunities for prayer, formation and Eucharistic celebrations as we prepare for this important event. More information will be shared as preparations continue. Charles Emerson will be our Parish IEC Ambassador.

**PARISH PRAYER MINISTRY ~** Our Parish Prayer Ministry Team will be available after all Masses next weekend to pray with you for your needs and intentions, or for those of your loved ones. If you would like prayer, you are warmly invited to come forward after Mass. Members of the Prayer Ministry Team will be available to pray with you.

**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:
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**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 ~ 10th & 11th October.

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**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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