

1ST NOVEMBER 2026

ALL SAINTS ~ Year A

## Sunday Reflection

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. In the Church, we recognise many saints by name, such as St Peter, St Paul, St Francis, and St Teresa of Calcutta. Their sainthood has been officially recognised by the Church. But what about the millions of men and women who lived saintly lives, loved God faithfully, and died in God's friendship, but whose names are known to very few people? Today, we remember and celebrate all of them too. This is the beauty of All Saints' Day. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes. These teachings help us understand the kind of lives the saints lived. They showed mercy, worked for peace, lived humbly, and remained faithful to God even in times of suffering. Some became well known, while many others lived quietly, serving God in their daily lives. There is something beautiful about this feast: the Church may recognise some saints by name, but countless others are known to God alone. Their names may never appear in history books, but their saintly lives are not forgotten by God. The Beatitudes remind us that sainthood is not reserved for a few special people. We are all called to follow Jesus through mercy, forgiveness, humility, and faithfulness, even when life is difficult. All Saints' Day is not only a day to honour those who have reached heaven; it is also a reminder of our own calling. The saints show us that we can follow Jesus faithfully in the ordinary circumstances of life. May their example inspire us to live according to the Beatitudes and one day share in the joy of heaven. — *God Bless! Fr Gayan Thamel*



## SAVE the DATE

### Upcoming Parish Events 2026!

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| <b>7</b><br>NOVEMBER     | <b>Formation Day</b><br>For the PPC, PFC and Ministry Leads<br>🕒 From 10.30am                                                     |
| <b>14</b><br>NOVEMBER    | <b>Parish Pilgrimage</b><br>The Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Plumpton<br>"Special Jubilee Year of St Francis"<br>🕒 From 11.00am |
| <b>29</b><br>NOVEMBER    | <b>Volunteers' Christmas Lunch</b><br>🕒 From 11.30am                                                                              |
| <b>4</b><br>DECEMBER     | <b>St Luke's Christmas Carols</b><br>🕒 From 5.30pm                                                                                |
| <b>16-24</b><br>DECEMBER | <b>Dawn Masses</b><br>"Misa de Gallo"<br>🕒 From 4.30am                                                                            |

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

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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## All Saints ~ Year A

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

**First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14** ~ I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6**

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3** ~ Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation Matthew 11:28** ~ Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12** ~ Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

**Communion Antiphon: Matthew 5:8-10** Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

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

**Death Anniversary:** Suzy Welikala -(5th Year); Nimal Fonseka; Magdalena dela Cruz; Josie Bulaong.

**In Memoriam:** Ruben Valencia Jr.

*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. Email: [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto: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.

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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.

**SUPPORTING OUR PARISH ENTRANCE PROJECT** ~ We are planning to install perforated metal screening around the parish entrance area similar to the design pictured. The screening will help provide protection from the sun and wind-driven rain, particularly around the entrance where rainwater can cause problems. It will also provide much-needed shade and shelter when the area is used for parish activities such as food stall, piety stall and other gatherings.

We invite parishioners who would like to support this project to consider making a donation. Any contribution, large or small, would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to contribute or find out more, please contact the Parish Office



**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 this 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.

**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](https://bit.ly/4hEOLtM) or scan the QR code and send it to the Parish Office for Fr Gayan to sign.



*Scan Me...*

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH IN PLUMPTON** Our parish pilgrimage to Good Shepherd Church, Plumpton, will take place on Saturday, 14 November, as part of the Jubilee Year of St Francis. Parishioners are invited to gather at Plumpton Church at 11:00 am for the Rosary, followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation, prayers in honour of St Francis, and the celebration of Holy Mass. After Mass, we will share a meal together. Please bring a plate of food to share as we enjoy fellowship as a parish community. If you would like to join us, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church foyer.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS** ~ Christmas raffle tickets will be available for purchase from next weekend. Tickets can be purchased through ministry leaders, after Mass, or online. There are great prizes to be won! We warmly encourage everyone to support the raffle. Thank you for your generosity!

**FOOD STALL – THANK YOU!** ~ Thank you to everyone who helped make last weekend's food stall a success! We raised \$1,245.00 thanks to everyone's generosity and hard work. Special thanks to the two families from the NSW Sri Lankan Catholic Association for preparing biryani and cupcakes, everyone who helped make and sell the cupcakes, and all who volunteered over the weekend. A special thank you to Robert and Dee for making pancakes on Sunday, and to the parishioner who donated the pancake mixes. Our final food stall for the year will be held on 21/22 November. Please come along and support us!

**INTRODUCING OUR NEW PARISH APP!** ~ This weekend, we are excited to launch our newly created St Luke's Catholic Parish App! You can download the app from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store by searching for St Luke's Catholic Parish. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the parish team who have generously contributed their time, expertise and energy over the past few months to create and develop this app. This is Stage 1 of our project. In Stage 2, we hope to introduce member registration and additional features to provide ministry members with easier access to information and resources, helping our parish ministries work more effectively. We encourage everyone to download the app and stay connected with our parish community.

## OUR 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

**SRE-SCRIPTURE PROGRAM:** Every Tuesday at Public schools during school term. Volunteers required. All enquiries please email: [marsdenpark@parracatholic.org](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

**PARISH CUPPA:** Every 2nd weekend. Next weekend: 8th November - After 5.30pm Mass

**WEEKEND FOOD STALL:** Proceeds of this fundraising activity goes towards the parish building fund. Weekend ~ 21st & 22nd November.

**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 church.

**WALKING WITH CHRIST:** Fortnightly on Thursdays at 7.00pm in the Parish Office. Next session: 12th November. 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](mailto:marsdenpark@parracatholic.org)

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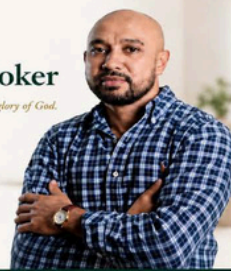
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