

25TH OCTOBER 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday Reflection

In Matthew 22:34–40, Jesus is asked which commandment is the greatest. He says to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and to love your neighbour as yourself. The man asked Jesus for one commandment, but Jesus gave him two. This shows that loving God and loving people belong together. We cannot separate them. Sometimes we think loving God is only about praying, reading the Bible, or going to church. These things are important, but Jesus shows that our love for God should also be seen in how we treat people every day. This can be difficult because people can disappoint us, hurt us, or annoy us. It is easy to love people who are kind to us. It is much harder to be patient, forgive, and care for someone when they are difficult. Jesus also says to love our neighbour “as yourself.” We naturally notice our own needs. When we are tired, hungry, worried, or hurt, we know it straight away. Jesus wants us to notice the needs of others too. We cannot love like this perfectly. We are often selfish and think about ourselves first. But God loved us before we loved Him. His love is not based on how good we are. When we understand how much God loves us, it begins to change us. We can become more patient, forgiving, and caring toward the people around us. Loving God becomes something people can see in the way we live each day, wherever we are.

— God Bless! Fr Gayan Thamel



SAVE the DATE

Upcoming Parish Events 2026!

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

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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.



St Luke's
Catholic College

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 ~ The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 ~ You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40 ~ When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 19:6 We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.



Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23 ~

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will
keep my words,
and my Father will love
them and we will come
to them.
Alleluia!

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.

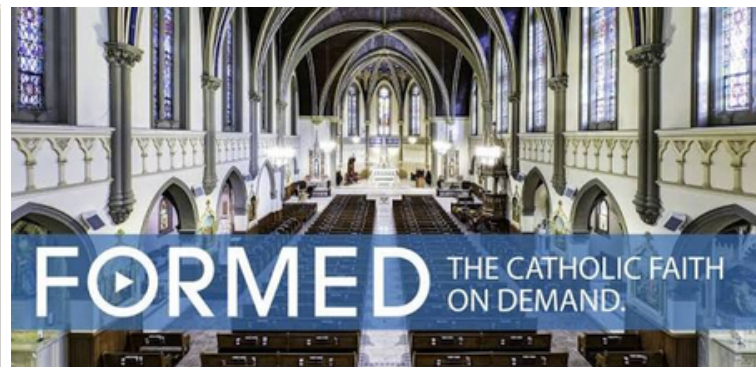
In Memoriam: Mr & Mrs Sammut; Anthony Xureb.

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

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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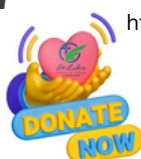
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU ~ A sincere thank you to everyone who helped make the celebration of our Patron Saint's Feast Day last Sunday at the 10:00 am Mass such a joyful and memorable occasion. Special thanks to our Feast Day Working Group and Logistics Team, our young people, ministers at the altar and altar servers, readers, Parish Combined Choir, those who prepared the decorations and flowers, those who set up and managed the PA system, ministry leaders, those who served the food, everyone who generously brought food to share, and the team who organised the games and activities for the children. We also extend our thanks to the Diocese of Parramatta for capturing the celebration through photographs and for sharing the story of our Feast Day in Catholic Outlook. Thank you also to the many helpers who worked behind the scenes and contributed in so many different ways. Your generosity, time and wonderful spirit of service made our parish celebration truly special. May God bless you all! Photos from the event can be viewed from this link: bit.ly/4z7uzlD

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.

OUR PARISH APP IS COMING SOON! ~ A few months ago, we invited parishioners to help develop a new Parish App, and we were grateful to have people come forward to make it happen. The app is now almost ready! We are hoping to launch it on the weekend of 31 October / 1 November, subject to everything being ready. Stay tuned - more details coming soon!

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 on the sign up sheets after weekend Masses or contact 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



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.



Scan Me...

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

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. This 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 church.

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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