WEEKLY BULLETIN

St Luke's CATHOLIC PARISH MARSDEN PARK

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

15th NOVEMBER 2026 **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~Year A**

Sunday Reflection

One interesting aspect of this parable is that the master does not give everyone the same amount. One receives five talents, another two, and another one. Yet, when the master returns, he gives the first two servants exactly the same praise: "Well done, good and faithful servant." This reminds us that God does not measure us by comparing our lives with others. What matters is not how much we have received, but how faithfully we use what has been entrusted to us.

The most revealing character in the story is perhaps the servant who received one talent. He did not lose it or waste it; he simply buried it. His problem was not that he had too little, but that fear prevented him from doing anything with what he had. He allowed his fear of failure to become an excuse for doing nothing.

How often do we do the same? We underestimate our abilities, compare ourselves with others, or wait for the perfect opportunity before taking a step forward. Sometimes, we even convince ourselves that our contribution is too small to matter.

But the parable challenges us to see that faithfulness is not about doing extraordinary things; it is about allowing God to work through the ordinary things we do each day.

God is not asking us to have someone else's talents or achievements. He invites us to be faithful with what is already in our hands. A kind word, a generous heart, a willingness to forgive, or a simple act of service may seem small, but in God's hands, nothing offered with love is ever insignificant. Ultimately, the question is not how much we have achieved, but what we have done with the gifts God has entrusted to us. - *God Bless! Fr Gayan Thamel*



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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".*
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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~Year A

Entrance Antiphon: Jeremiah 29:11,12,14: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31 ~ A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1
(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6~ You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.
But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 24:42. 44~ Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-15. 19-21~ Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 72:28 To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUEST

Recently Deceased: Mark Raymond Nuguid; Saturnino Butic Guimbatan Sr.; Benjamin Indolos; Elsie Clemmet; Sylvia Talam; Victoria Susanti Setiadi.
Death Anniversary: Fe Alegado (2nd Year); Suzy Welikala -(5th Year) Josie DeLosTrino Mateo (1st Year); Nimal Fonseka; Magdelena 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***

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

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.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ~ During the month of November, the Book of Remembrance will be available for anyone wishing to write the names of their deceased loved ones. The book will be brought forward in the offertory procession during our weekend Masses, and all those whose names are written in it will be remembered during Masses throughout the month.

ADVENT PROGRAMME ~As we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, we invite all parishioners to participate in our Advent Programme, which will take place every Tuesday, beginning on 24 November at 7:00 pm in the School Hub. During these gatherings, we will come together to reflect on the Sunday Gospel, share our faith and deepen our spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ. All parishioners are warmly invited to join on this journey of prayer and reflection.

THANK YOU LUNCH FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS ~ Fr Gayan, together with the Parish Pastoral Council, warmly invites all our parish volunteers to a Thank You Lunch on Sunday, 29 November, at 11.30 am in the Performance Hall. This is a small way of expressing our heartfelt gratitude for your time, dedication and generous service to our parish community. We look forward to sharing a meal and enjoying a time of fellowship together.
Please use the Google Form link below or Scan QR Code to indicate your attendance for catering purposes. Thank you for all that you do for our parish!
Google Form: https://forms.gle/cDLz3rJSNhLS7kfX8

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OUR NEW PARISH APP! ~ You can download the parish app from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store by searching for St Luke's Catholic Parish. 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.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH ENTRANCE PROJECT~ We are planning to install perforated metal screening around the parish entrance to provide protection from sun and wind-driven rain, as well as shade and shelter for parish activities such as food stalls, piety stalls and gatherings. We invite parishioners to support this project through a donation. Every contribution, big or small, is greatly appreciated. To contribute or find out more, please contact the Parish Office.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS ~ Christmas raffle tickets will be available for purchase this 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!
Tickets can be purchased by using the QR Code or by the following link: http://bit.ly/3Umfa89

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WEEKEND FOOD STALL ~ Our last weekend food stall will take place the weekend of 21st/22nd November. We look forward to your continue support and generosity. All funds raised will towards our stage 2 building fund and parish expenses.

Volunteers Needed ~ We are looking for volunteers to help with food sales and marshalling during our Christmas Carols on Friday, 4 December, from 5:30 pm.If you are available to help, please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the church foyer. Thank you for your generosity and support!



THANK YOU ~ We extend our sincere thanks to BAC Systems for generously providing a cabinet to house our PA system equipment and computers. We are also very grateful to our parishioners who generously gave their time and effort to prepare the cabinet and assist with the installation and organisation of the PA system and equipment. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

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: Feb 2027. 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. Next Year: Saturday 13th February 2027 - After the 5.30pm Mass

WEEKEND FOOD STALL: Proceeds of this fundraising activity goes towards the parish building fund. Next 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: February 2027. During the season of Advent, Walking with Christ will take place every Tuesday, starting on 24th November, at 7.00 pm in the School Hub. Come and join us! For more information email: marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

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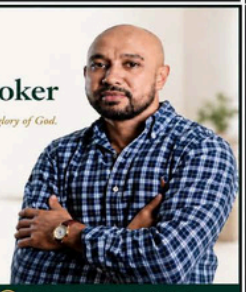
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