WEEKLY BULLETIN

St Luke's CATHOLIC PARISH MARSDEN PARK

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22nd NOVEMBER 2026 — **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A**

Sunday Reflection

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus presents himself as the Son of Man who will come in glory, seated upon his throne, to judge all nations. This is an important image as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Jesus is not simply a teacher or a moral example; he is the Lord of history, the one through whom all things were created and in whom all things will find their fulfilment.

Yet the way Jesus describes the final judgement is striking. He identifies himself with the hungry, the stranger, the sick and the imprisoned. The King who comes in glory is the same Christ who entered our human condition, embraced our suffering and gave his life on the cross. His crown is not separated from his cross. His kingship is revealed precisely through his self-giving love.

The final judgement also reminds us that our Christian faith is not simply a matter of knowing the right things about God or fulfilling religious obligations. Our relationship with Christ must shape the whole of our lives. The works mentioned in the Gospel are not separate from faith; they are its visible expression. They reveal whether we have truly allowed Christ and his grace to transform us.

As the liturgical year comes to its conclusion, this feast directs our eyes towards the end of history, when Christ will be all in all. We proclaim him as King not only of the Church, but of the whole universe. His kingdom is already among us, but we await its complete fulfilment when his reign will be fully revealed. This is the hope at the heart of our faith: history does not end in darkness, but in the victory of Christ, the King of all creation.

- God Bless! Fr Gayan Thamel



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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".*
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St Luke's Catholic College

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A

Entrance Antiphon: Revelation 5:12; 1:6: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17 ~ The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1
(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28~Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 24:42. 44~ Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-15. 19-21~ Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 28:10-11~ The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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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

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 this Tuesday 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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WEEKEND FOOD STALL ~ Our last weekend food stall will take place this weekend 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.

ALTAR SERVERS – END-OF-YEAR GATHERING ~ All current altar servers are invited to an end-of-year gathering on Wednesday, 9 December, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the School Hub. Children who have received their First Holy Communion and would like to become altar servers are also warmly invited to attend the gathering.

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.

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BISHOPS GOOD WORKS APPEAL – NEXT WEEKEND ~ Our Parish will be supporting the Catholic Care's Houses to Homes appeal for safe transitional housing for young mothers who are homeless or in risk of homelessness. Giving envelopes will be available on the church seats next weekend. All donations over $2 to this appeal are tax deductable.

PARISH MINISTRY UPDATE ~ We are pleased to announce two new ministry leads in our parish community. Ofaly (Faye) Ortiz will be leading the Piety Stall Ministry, and Pamela (Pam) Barquez will be taking on the role of Hospitality Ministry Lead. We warmly welcome Faye and Pam and thank them for generously offering their time and gifts in support of our parish community and its mission. We would also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Amy Tantiangco, our outgoing Hospitality Ministry Lead, for her willingness to take on this responsibility and for her contribution during her time in the role. Please keep them in your prayers as they take on their new roles in our parish community.

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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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!



NO MASS – 4 DECEMBER~ Please note that there will be no Friday Mass on 4 December due to our Parish and School Christmas Carols event.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH ~ As part of our Christmas outreach, we invite parishioners to share the spirit of giving by donating non-perishable food items and essentials to support the work of Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS). Donation boxes will be available at the entrance to the church from the weekend of 28/29 November. We warmly encourage everyone to contribute whatever they can. Every donation, no matter how small, can make a difference in someone's life. The list of items that are invited to be donated can be found by following this link bit.ly/4jpQzZz or scanning the QR Code. Thank you once again for your on going generosity.

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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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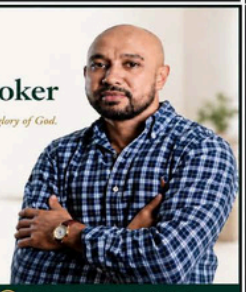
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