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.

8th NOVEMBER 2026 **Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~Year A**

Sunday Reflection

In the parable of the ten bridesmaids, Jesus shows us that there is a difference between waiting for something and being truly prepared for it. All ten bridesmaids were invited to the wedding. All ten carried lamps, and all ten waited for the bridegroom. But when he finally arrived, only five were ready to welcome him.

What is interesting is that the five foolish bridesmaids did not make a decision to be unprepared. They probably thought they had enough oil. They simply failed to think ahead. Perhaps this is where the parable speaks most clearly to us. Sometimes we do not turn away from God through one big decision. Instead, we slowly become careless. We become too busy, too comfortable, or too distracted to give God a proper place in our lives.

The oil represents something deeper than religious appearances. It points to the inner life of faith that we must continually nourish. We cannot depend forever on the faith of our parents, our friends, or the people around us. We cannot borrow someone else's relationship with God. Each of us must make room for God in our own hearts.

There is also a warning here about tomorrow. We often say, "I will pray more tomorrow," "I will forgive tomorrow," or "I will change my life when I have more time." But faith cannot always be postponed. The bridegroom may come at an unexpected hour. Perhaps the greatest message of this Gospel is this: do not wait for a special moment to become close to God. Begin today. Keep your faith alive, because the most important preparation in life is preparing our hearts to meet the Lord. - *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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St Luke's Catholic College

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~Year A

Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 87:3 Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16 ~ Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go,in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6
(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God..

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ~ We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 24:42. 44~ Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13~ Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 22:1-2 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

ORDINATION OF REV THIEN QUOC HUYNH (LUKE) ~ The Bishop Vincent invites the community to celebrate the Mass of Ordination to the presbyterate of Rev Thien Quoc Huynh (Luke), Rev Jefferey Joseph Hood and Rev Truong Tho Tran (Paul) on Tuesday 24th November 2026 at 7.30pm. Cathedral Church of St Patrick Parramatta.

In 2022 Luke, during his seminarian years completed his pastoral placement at St Luke's Marsden Park.



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; 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.

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

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.

LUKE - 18 YOUTH GROUP ~ Our next Luke 18 Youth Group will be held on Friday 13 November, beginning with Mass at 6.30 pm, followed by the youth group session in the School Hub. We warmly invite all young people aged 11–21 to come along, connect with others and be part of our youth group. New members are always welcome! We kindly ask parents to ensure that children are signed in when dropped off and signed out when collected.

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.

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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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!
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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.

MONTHLY PARISH CUPPA ~ Our Monthly Parish Cuppa will take place this Sunday after the 5.30 pm Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to stay behind and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a friendly chat. It is a wonderful opportunity to catch up, get to know one another and share in fellowship as a parish community. This month's cuppa will be hosted by the Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

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: Sunday 8th November - After the 5.30pm Mass

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

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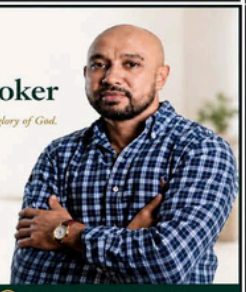
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