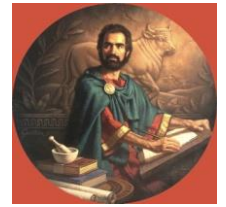


# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2018**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B**

**THE YEAR OF YOUTH**

*This week's readings: Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Gospel Mark 1:12-15*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** The First Reading, from Genesis, and the Gospel this week need to be looked at together. In the Genesis reading, God has just wiped clean the earth and is ready to re-establish the relationship with humanity through Noah and his family. In the short gospel passage, Jesus enters the wilderness as a time of preparation and renewal, ready to embark on his mission of re-establishing the relationship between God and humanity. In both readings there is a sense of a fresh start – a clean slate – for humankind. It is a clear indication of God's commitment to humanity, even when we have totally distanced ourselves from God and forgotten about keeping up our part of the relationship, God is willing to make a clean start of it all again. Both readings offer a reminder of God's constant desire for us to be in right relationship with God and with the world. The presence of Jesus in the world was as clear a signal as the rainbow in the sky that God was willing to give us another go – give us a chance to again see God with new eyes and new understanding.

In the gospel passage, we have a picture of Jesus preparing himself for his public ministry. He takes himself out into the wilderness, away from all that he has known until this time, to reflect on his life so far and this next vital stage that he is about to enter. In the wilderness, Jesus is tempted. He has to face his own doubts and demons before he sets off on the road of his public ministry. When he leaves the desert wilderness and enters back into Galilee he immediately begins to preach and, in the first words accredited to him in this gospel, Jesus announces that the kingdom of God is at hand and it's time to repent and believe. It's a call to open your eyes and get with the program!

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT? TEMPTATION?:** When we adopt a view of Jesus as the Son of God, it is hard to imagine him even facing temptation, let alone the possibility of him giving in to it. However, when we see Jesus as also being fully human, we realise that he was just as likely to face temptation as we are. But what might have tempted Jesus? Was he tempted to simply go back to his life in Joseph's carpentry business and not respond to God's call? Was he tempted to display his power in flashy demonstrations for all to see? Was he tempted to despair at what lay ahead of him?

**LIVING THE GOSPEL – CHANGE OF HEART:** Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God is a call to live out God's transformative dream of right relationship with one another and with our world. To accept this call requires a change of heart and mind (a metanoia) and the adoption of a new orientation, a new worldview based on living the kingdom of God. This is a challenge to be counter-cultural – to go 'against the flow' of the majority attitudes at times. It is certainly not an 'easy option' that we are called to live. Jesus' call to 'repent and believe' is a very appropriate call to begin the Lenten season.

**HISTORICAL CONTEXT – THE WILDERNESS:** The Jordan Valley was a relatively fertile area. However, Jesus would not have had to travel too great a distance to find himself in very arid, desert-like wilderness. Crossing the River Jordan and climbing out of the Jordan Valley to the east, Jesus would have emerged onto the northern part of the TransJordan Plateau and the edge of the Syrian Desert. The area was not only geographically rough but it was also full of bandits and rebels. It was a dangerous place to be. However, the desert wilderness holds great significance in the Bible as a place of preparation for a new stage of life or a new relationship with God.

## **Raise your voices ...**

**Entrance antiphon:** When he calls on me, I will answer him. I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him lengths of days.

**Response to the Psalm:** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your commandment.

**Gospel acclamation:** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory. No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

**Communion antiphon:** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**Saint Luke the Evangelist  
Catholic Parish  
Blackburn South**

*We are Companions on the Journey ...*

<http://pol.org.au/blackburnsouth/Home.aspx>

Whitehorse Deanery  
Eastern Region  
Archdiocese of Melbourne

Rev Father Gerard Johnson  
**Parish Priest**

Marilyn Robert  
**Part-time Parish Secretary**  
**Thursday & Friday**  
**9.30am – 4.30pm**

Email: [BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au](mailto:BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au)

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**SUNDAY MASS**

Saturday Vigil – 6:00pm  
Sunday – 8:30am & 10:30am

**WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY**

Tues. 11.00am  
Weds. – Sat. @ 9:00am *in recess this week only*

Rosary prayed after Mass times as listed above. All welcome.

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 9.30am & 5.30pm

**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION**

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration *in recess this week only*  
Start: 7:00pm | End: 8:00pm

**WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS**

By appointment and six months (6) notice, please.

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**Prayer to Saint Luke  
the Evangelist**

Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to reveal by his preaching and writings the mystery of your love for the poor, grant that those who already glory in your name may persevere as one heart and one soul and that all nations may merit to see your salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen!

*Patron Saint of artists, physicians, surgeons, students and butchers.*

**WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** all who are sick and those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace. *Parishioners may like to remember their loved ones in this way by contacting the Parish Office leading up to the person's anniversary and requesting that their loved ones' names be included and mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful at Sunday Mass accompanied by the usual stipend envelope that is on the notice table.*

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** **Wednesday:** St Peter Damian, bishop, martyr. **Thursday:** The Chair of Peter, apostle. **Friday:** St Polycarp, bishop, martyr. This weekend's Sunday Masses: Preface of First Sunday of Lent & Eucharistic Prayer III.

**PARISH LENTEN EXERCISES** (*beginning Second Week of Lent*). Weekday Mass, Project Compassion (boxes), mid-week Stations of the Cross Wednesday afternoons at 4.00pm, Holy Hour each Wednesday evening & a Parish Ministry Workshop.

**WEEK 1: We have begun Our Lenten journey**, this period of time before Easter when we focus and reflect on our need for a Saviour. This week's insert encourages us to reflect on the meaning of Lent, the cross, and how the cross models change in our daily life. May this reflection help us to focus as we begin our personal and communal Lenten season. **Love, Humility, and the Cross** - this week we focus in on the love and humility of Jesus' journey to the cross. How can Christ's example shape our daily lives and transform the way we approach the cross this Easter?

**PROJECT COMPASSION LENT WEEK ONE:** *Janaki from Nepal* Janaki is a young entrepreneur from Nepal, who has turned her life around. Growing up in a world of poverty and disadvantage, coupled with a forced marriage at the age of 12, she was in a very vulnerable position. Even more so when her husband died just two years into their marriage. She's now running her own successful sewing business and has become an inspirational community leader. <http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/weekly-stories/week-1-janaki> please visit this webpage for more details.

**LENTEN GUIDELINES:** Please see Parish noticeboards for more details.

**LENT 2018:** Pastoral Letter of Archbishop Denis Hart; please see Parish noticeboards for further details.

**THE 6PM CHOIR** will lead the singing on the following days this month: **Sat 10th and Sat 24th Feb.**

**A VOCATION VIEW:** In order to hear a call from the Lord, our hearts must be opened to receive His Word. Lent begins with a call to repent so that all which clouds our ears might be stripped away to hear His voice clearly. (Mark 1:12-15)

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE** a Welcomer, Lector, Collector, Counter, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and/or Holy Communion to the housebound – come to a Parish Ministry Workshop. Other ways to be involved and to minimise any anxiety of being of service to the Parish. *Date claimer* with Rev Fr Tony Doran our facilitator. **Thursday 15th March:** an afternoon session 2.00pm - 3.30pm **or** an evening session 7.30pm - 9.00 pm, in our Parish Church.

**ST. LUKE'S FETE – 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018:** St. Luke's Fete is just a month away. If you have any questions, queries, please contact Jo Adams on 0409 935 937. **Your time and talent will be greatly appreciated.** This Parish and School initiative is an opportunity to foster new friendships and deeper relationships throughout the Community. Please visit this page at your convenience: [www.facebook.com.au/stlukesparishfete](http://www.facebook.com.au/stlukesparishfete)

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: SURINAME** – All God's Creation is Very Good! Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018. 10.30am – 11.30am. We are the Host this Year, so it would be good for as many Parishioners to attend who can. Our Parish Care Group is preparing the refreshments to follow afterwards. Please see Parish noticeboards for details.

**NEWSLETTER NOTICES:** Please send to the following e-mail address by **Wednesday 5pm** – [BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au](mailto:BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au)

**FRANCIS MOORE RESPONDS TO 'THE AGE' ARTICLES THIS WEEK:** Archdiocesan Executive Director Administration, please see Parish noticeboard for more details.

**HEART OF LIFE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE:** *Beginning of the Year Blessing Ritual.* You're invited. Please see Parish noticeboard for further details.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS:** There are 3 left in the Priest's sacristy @ \$9 each for any Parishioner who would still like to purchase one.

## **PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER**

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**SATURDAY** 6:00 PM  
**SUNDAY** 8:30 AM  
10:30 AM

**17 AND 18 FEB 2018**

Olive Hammill  
Kana Chelliah  
Margaret Yore

**24 AND 24 FEB 2018**

Ian Holmes  
Godfrey Thong  
Margaret Gearon

### **MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

**SATURDAY** 6:00 PM  
**SUNDAY** 8:30 AM  
10:30 AM

**17 AND 18 FEB 2018**

Terry Wells  
Beryl Chelliah  
Margaret Gearon

**24 AND 24 FEB 2018**

Melina Barcellona  
Kana Chelliah  
Marg Yore

### **WELCOMER'S ROSTER**

**SATURDAY** 6:00 PM  
**SUNDAY** 8:30 AM  
10:30 AM

**17 AND 18 FEB 2018**

Greg Grant  
Joe Brogno  
Leigh Kelly

**24 AND 24 FEB 2018**

Lorraine Kermond  
Don McKenzie  
Pam & Michael

### **SLIDE OPERATORS**

**SATURDAY** 6:00 PM  
**SUNDAY** 8:30 AM  
10:30 AM

**17 AND 18 FEB 2018**

David Prabha  
Meghan McLean  
Manny Gonzalez

**24 AND 24 FEB 2018**

### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

**25 FEB 2018**

**- LENT SEASON -**

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

**25 FEB 2018**

Team 5 (Kellie's Team)  
Kellie McCarthy, Emma Brodawka,  
Toni Wynne, Daniella Manolopoulos

### **MAINTENANCE**

**25 FEB 2018**

Team 9  
Dale Dixon & Ian Holmes

## **PARISH LEADERS AND PARISHIONERS ARE WARMLY INVITED** to

participate in *Hearing, Healing, Hope*, which is both the title and the theme of the 2018 national Catholic social services conference. This will be held in Melbourne from Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 February, at the Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Much of the conference relates to parishes as well as to Catholic social service organisations. Social services, at the parish level and beyond, are all subject to the challenges and opportunities of disruption in our society, in relations with Government and within the Church. Please see Parish noticeboard for more details or visit the following website:

[www.css.org.au/HearingHealingHope](http://www.css.org.au/HearingHealingHope)

**'LET THE HEART LISTEN'** is a 15 week x 3 hour program for people involved in listening to and supporting others. Facilitated by Carole Carmody rsm, the program runs 9.30am-12.30pm on Thursdays from 1 March to 21 June 2018 at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre, Box Hill. Cost \$650. Bookings: Tel 9890 1101 or email [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com)

**SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB:** Please see Parish noticeboard for details.

**INTER-PARISH WALK: SUN 4 MARCH:** Join us and walkers from St Anthony's Annual Walk, along the Mary MacKillop Heritage route in the city, traipse an ecumenical route past various Churches, listen to a Welsh Choir, stop for a coffee, connect spiritually. More info: Nimmi 0413135889 Thuy 0423882718.

## **THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 25 FEBRUARY**

**2018:** In this special time of Lent, we find ourselves being encouraged to Surrender our troubles, anguish and joy to Our Lord. This week on the Journey, Fr Graham Schmitzer shares the Gospel reflection the Diocese of Wollongong Lenten program, Trish McCarthy reminds us of Self Care in her Milk and Honey segment, Sr Hilda Scott with her Wisdom from the Abbey gently talks about A memory. Our Music this week is a small collection of some of the music on our Lenten CD. And, that is Journey Catholic Radio, an inspiring and up lifting show about faith, hope, love and life. Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

**SAFETY STATEMENT:** We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children and vulnerable adults in our Church. Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Blackburn South holds the care, safety, wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

## **Parish Groups & Contacts**

*Did not our hearts burn within us as we walked along ...*

**Lectors, Welcomers Collectors  
Extraordinary Ministers of the  
Eucharist, & Rosters**

Margaret Gearon - 0409 807 135

**Children's Liturgy Group**  
Nina Grieve - 9877 4023  
Jess Kilroe-Smith - 0497 630 173

**Thanksgiving Counters**  
Dale Dixon - 0433 885 087  
Steve Kilroe-Smith - 0404 864 232

**Pastoral Council &  
Child Safety Officer**  
Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

**History**  
Margaret Gearon 0409 807 135

**Whitehorse Deanery**  
**Finance Council**  
Steve Brennan  
Parish Accountant

**Hall Hire**  
Marilyn Robert - 9877 2292

**Gardens**  
Judy Noy - 9894 1506

**Church Sacristan**  
Greg Grant 0401 644 474

**Church Linen**  
Toni Plevier

**Church Cleaning & Flowers**  
Megan McLean

**Maintenance**  
Bill Goodwin 9803 6056

**Holy Communion**  
to the housebound

**Parish & School Choirs**  
Maria Pinto, Lina Mafi  
0411 136 043

Marg Yore & Kat Bergin  
9877 4023

**Parish and School  
Fete Committee**  
Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

**Parish School Advisory Board**  
Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

**Parish School  
Parents' Association**  
Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
For Assistance: 1800 305 330  
(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

**Parish Contact:**  
Tony Kearney

**RECRUITMENT NOTICE:**  
*These Parish Groups welcome new members who choose to participate in the life of the Parish in these ways - would you like to make contact with one or more of them?*