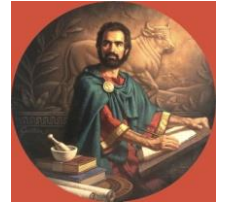


# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 4 MARCH 2018**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B**

**THE YEAR OF YOUTH**

*This week's readings: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Gospel John 2:13-25*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** The Temple in Jerusalem was (and still is) a powerful symbol of holiness and a symbol of the connection and relationship between God and the Hebrew people. It is often assumed that Jesus' anger was directed at the traders and moneychangers because their business had infringed on and desecrated the temple precinct. But the reality is a bit more complicated. The Temple was the holiest site for sacrifice to God. The tradition dictated that sacrifice made by a priest on the altar was the highest form of worship. The best animal to sacrifice was a healthy, properly formed creature. Rather than walking a lamb all the way from somewhere like Galilee to Jerusalem, the faithful would purchase their sacrifice animal at the Temple itself – thus the presence of the people selling cattle, sheep and doves. However, to further complicate matters, the Temple traders would not accept Roman coins to purchase the sacrificial animals as they bore the image of the deified emperor. Therefore, money changers were required to exchange Roman currency for acceptable coinage – so the money changers were also playing their part in the prayer life of the Temple. Jesus' outrage is not so much with the traders and the money-changers as with the whole religious practice and hierarchical structure that has developed to a point where the only way a person can pray in a 'valid' way is to purchase an animal and hand it over to a priest who goes behind a screened wall to sacrifice the animal. The only way to seek God's forgiveness and mercy was to 'buy' it at the Temple. *This* was what outraged Jesus. He could not stomach the injustice nor the barriers that had been erected between the people and their God.

**SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT:** This episode of outrage in the Temple is recorded in all four of the Gospels. Interestingly, the three synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke place the event in the final days leading to Passion events while the Gospel of John places the event in the very early days of Jesus' public ministry. While the three synoptics are likely to be more chronologically correct, the Gospel of John uses the event very deliberately to make the point that Jesus is the new Temple – the new focus of God's presence in the world; the Word made flesh.

**HISTORICAL CONTEXT:** In Jewish tradition, the Temple marked the point of physical connection between God and humankind and between the past and the present. It was where God's story and humanity's story met. However, in the year 70 C.E. – some 40 years after Jesus – the Temple was destroyed by the Romans. The gospel of John is written another 20+ years later and so the reality of the Temple's destruction is still trying to be absorbed by the people. It was a very powerful image for the gospel writer to suggest that Jesus was the new Temple – the new point of connection.

**DIFFERENT VIEW – JUST LIKE JESUS:** This gospel passage must be one of the most commonly misused passages in the Bible. So often it is used as justification for someone losing their temper, or worse, an outrageous temper tantrum, or 'dummy spit'. People will declare in their defence, 'Well, Jesus lost his temper and got angry in the Temple!' They fail to appreciate the difference between their own hot-headedness and the outrage against injustice that was being expressed by Jesus. They also seem to miss the significance of the fact that this was a 'one off' for Jesus!

**Raise your voices ...**

**Entrance antiphon:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for the Lord rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**Response to the Psalm:** Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

**Gospel acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in God might have eternal life.

**Communion antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God, Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

## 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

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

Wednesday

Start: 7:00pm | End: 8:00pm

### WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

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

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**Catholic Parish Primary School**  
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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 Tony Lee and Olga Soyer, nee Pievier, who died recently and for Shet Chen Yeap and all 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:** Sts Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs. **Thursday:** St John of God, religious. **Friday:** St Frances of Rome, religious. Sunday Masses: Preface II of Lent & Eucharistic Prayer III.

**PARISH LENTEN EXERCISES:** Weekday Mass, Project Compassion, mid-week Stations of the Cross Wednesday afternoons at 4.00pm, Holy Hour each Wednesday evening at 7.00pm, a Parish Ministry Workshop and learning by heart the (new) Mass responses.

**WEEK 3 - Suffering and the Cross:** In this week's devotions, we will ponder the ever-present and difficult issue of suffering. We will walk with Christ and his companions through their hours of deep suffering and explore the role of the cross in transforming unimaginable sorrow into joy.

**PROJECT COMPASSION LENT WEEK THREE:** **Bayan is a 12-year-old Syrian girl**, living with her family in Jordan, a keen student, who has her sights set on a career as an ophthalmologist. She struggled to overcome the trauma of growing up in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on schooling. Now, Bayan is an academic high-achiever, flourishing in a stable school environment. Please visit this webpage for more details:

<http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/weekly-stories/week-3-bayan>

**THE 6PM CHOIR** will lead the singing on **Sat 17th March** and **Easter Sunday Morning 1st April** @ 8.30 am Mass.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** "We proclaim Christ, Crucified!" (1 Cor 1:23) In the Crucifixion, we find strength. In the Cross is our triumph. Rest in His mercy that you might proclaim Him in all that you say and do.

**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 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 - 9.00pm, in our Parish Church.

**ST. LUKE'S FETE – 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018:** St. Luke's Fete is less than a month away. **Silver Circle Draw:** Tickets on sale in foyer after Mass. Only 100 tickets available \$20 per ticket, 1st prize \$500. **Cake Stall:** You're invited to bake your favorite cake, slice or biscuits for our cake stall. The Committee ***just requests no cream as there is no refrigeration on the day.*** Plates will be available for collection in church foyer over the next 2 weeks. 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)

**COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS IS BACK!** Do you shop at Coles? If you do **this is another way to support our Parish Primary School.** Please deposit your "Schools voucher" in the box provided on the notice table in our foyer.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: SURINAME** – All God's Creation is Very Good! Thankyou to all Parishioners who attended and played hosts to our Guests. A special thanks too to our Parishioners who coordinated Morning Tea afterwards for all who gathered to pause & pray this year.

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

**LOCAL CONF. OF ST.V.DE.P.** Please do not leave any donations for Vinnies' Stores in the Church foyer. Electrical goods can be given to Eastern Emergency Relief, Mitcham Food donations gratefully accepted.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY:** 8 March 2018. Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference's Council for Australian Catholic Women. This Year's theme: "Time is Now: Rural and Urban activists transforming women's lives". Please see Parish noticeboards for further details.

**OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE:** *Talk and Tour Morning*, Friday 16 March, 9.30 am. *College Open Day*, Thursday 22 March, 2.30 pm – 6.30 pm.

## PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

**3 AND 4 MARCH 2018**

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

Ian Holmes  
Godfrey Thong  
Margaret Gearon

**10 AND 11 MARCH 2018**

Ian Holmes  
Melina Barcellona  
Kilroe-Smith Family

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**3 AND 4 MARCH 2018**

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

Kathryn Holmes  
Robyn Marxsen  
Steve Kilroe-Smith

**10 AND 11 MARCH 2018**

Kathryn Holmes  
Jeanette Neumann  
Elizabeth Dixon

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

**3 AND 4 MARCH 2018**

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

Terry Wells  
Rosemary Donaldson  
Kilroe-Smith Family

**10 AND 11 MARCH 2018**

Greg Grant  
Don McKenzie  
Dixon Family

### SLIDE OPERATORS

**3 AND 4 MARCH 2018**

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

David Prabha  
Rosemary Donaldson  
Manny Gonzalez

**10 AND 11 MARCH 2018**

David Prabha  
Megan McLean  
Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

**10 MARCH 2018**

- LENT SEASON -

### CHURCH CLEANING

**10 MARCH 2018**

Team 7 (Bernard's Team)  
Bernard O'Malley, Darren Owens,  
Melina Barcellona & Anne Allsopp

### MAINTENANCE

**17 MARCH 2018**

Team 5 (Manuel Gonzalez,  
Arthur Kolitsis &  
Mike Lockwood)

**THANKYOU:** You may have noticed that the path to our Parish Memorial Garden from the carpark was completed recently @ \$1500, best quote. Your regular and faithful contributions to the **Second Collection – Church/Parish** (weekly average \$800-\$900) enables projects like this to be done. Like having access to the glass sliding door at the back of the Church again, now that the broken (*o,h&s hazard*) tiles have been replaced. There have been a few other maintenance tasks completed recently. The next major repair will be the box gutter above the entrance to our Church that needs replacing @ \$2100 best quote – have you noticed the drip/leak? The timber ceiling is rotting where the leak is located. Your contribution too, to the **First Collection – Presbytery** (weekly average \$750-\$850) is also significant as it helps to remunerate your P.P. The rest of his minimum stipend has to come from a central fund known as the Priest's Remuneration Fund, which supports P.P.'s whose parish does not financially provide for them.

**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 and/or Thuy 0423882718.

**CREATIVE ENRICHMENT DAY: THE MYSTICAL BOAT: A JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION** (Carole Carmody rsm, Marlene McGrath, Paul Beirne) Saturday 17 March 2018, 10am-4pm, \$60 (BYO lunch) In this day, we provide the opportunity to be attentive to the dwelling place of the mystic within.

**VOLUNTEER WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA:** *Get out there and be the Church, "bruised, hurting and dirty"* Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but **immerse themselves in overseas communities** for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, **share them with our global family!** Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to [www.palms.org.au/volunteer/](http://www.palms.org.au/volunteer/)

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Christians and all people of goodwill: an opportunity to gather, to listen, to learn, to respond and to commit to justice for all. Monday 19 March 2018 7:30pm. Chapel of St Peter, Melbourne Grammar School, Domain Road, South Yarra. After the service you are invited to share kosher light refreshments and conversation in the hall. An ecumenical initiative of: Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.

**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 9878 8691

**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?*