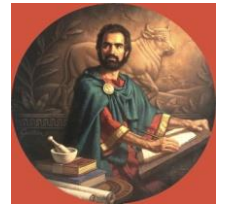


# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 8 APRIL 2018**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OF DIVINE MERCY) – YEAR B**  
**THE YEAR OF YOUTH**

*This week's readings: Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Gospel John 20:19-31*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities – thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They'd gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

**Historical Context – My Lord and my God:** This extraordinarily clear statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus appears nowhere else in any of the four gospels. Why does the Gospel of John make this statement and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written – at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.

**Scriptural context – Not an ending?** The final two verses of today's gospel passage (Jn 20:30-31) read like the conclusion to the whole gospel. They are a statement of finality about the purpose for writing the gospel and something of a blessing for those who read it. Yet, surprisingly, there is another whole chapter that follows this passage that deals with still more post-resurrection appearances. Most scripture scholars believe that the end of Chapter 20 was the original ending of the gospel and that Chapter 21 is a later addition – possibly added by the community for whom the gospel was originally written.

**Have you thought? Those who have not seen:** Jesus says to Thomas, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' That's us! Jesus' words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we – blessed are we – who have not seen and yet still believe!

**Raise your voices ...**

**Entrance antiphon:** Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

**Response to the Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

**Communion antiphon:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

## Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

*We are Companions on the Journey ...*

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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**

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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.  
*(This helps with the planning of both  
celebrations and Parents usually know  
nine months in advance when their  
baby is to be born).*

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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 Matthew who died recently and for Beatrice Patrick, Loreta D'Intini, Rev Fr James Kierce, Catherine Fogarty 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:** Easter Time. **Monday:** The Annunciation of the Lord. **Wednesday:** St Stanislaus, bishop, martyr. **Friday:** St Martin I, pope, martyr. **Sunday Masses:** Preface of Easter I. Euch. Accl. No. 3 & Eucharistic Prayer II.

**EASTER TIME (SPIRITUAL) EXERCISES:** Weekday Mass, Holy Hour each Wednesday evening at 7.00pm, returning Project Compassion Boxes a.s.a.p., the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) – available twice a week and continuing to learn by heart the (new) Mass responses. Easter Water too is available from the container in the Narthex near the notice table; please make sure you turn the tap off completely. *"Only in silence can the word of God find a home in us, as it did in Mary, the woman of the word and, inseparably, woman of silence."* (Verbum Domini (2010) 66

**EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the pews as usual.

**THANKYOU:** As this is my first Easter in Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, may I take this opportunity to express my genuine gratitude to you – one and all Parishioners for your welcome, hospitality and regular prayerful company. As you can imagine, the Holy Week Ceremonies just don't happen; they require lots of planning, preparation, execution and tidying up after each ceremony. To all those involved – I thank you and the Parish does too for enabling us all to prayerfully enter into the *movement(s)* of this week of weeks and especially the journey of the Triduum; Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES** can be returned a.s.a.p. please and left in the basket at the foot of the Crucifix on right hand side of the Sanctuary.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** St Philip's Catholic Parish, 2.30pm **TODAY** @ 60 Junction Road Blackburn North. Please see Parish noticeboard for further details.

**DID YOU NOTICE?** Several Parishioners have asked about having an image of "Divine Mercy" permanently located within our Parish Church. This was able to happen during Holy Week. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this initiative please find envelopes marked "**Special Collection**" on the notice table that you can use to put your donation in and then place it in either of the collections during Sunday Masses over the coming weeks, *many thanks!*

**AS EASTER TIME GETS UNDERWAY, NEW PICTURES HAVE ARRIVED IN OUR NARTHEX AS WELL:** A picture Pope Francis adorns our walls there for he is the Universal Shepherd/Pastor of us all. Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop is also now represented for she is our first Australian Saint.

**THE 6PM CHOIR** will lead the singing on Saturday 6 pm Sunday Vigil Mass 14<sup>th</sup> April & 28<sup>th</sup> April.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Despite our lack of faith, Christ still calls and gives the strength to respond. Bring your questions to Him, that He might answer your doubts with His gentle, but persistent love. (John 20:19-31)

**PARISHIONERS LEEVE ON PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND THIS WEEK:** Please keep in your prayers a number of our Parishioners who leave this week on Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. You might remember the collection taken up on Good Friday for the Holy Places. These Parishioners will now see first-hand where our annual financial support goes to provide the upkeep and accessibility for and to these sacred places throughout the Holy Land. May they have a safe journey there and back and may their time in the Holy Land be blessed with the presence of the Risen Christ.

**PARISH CARE GROUP:** Let's get together next Sunday to discuss where to from here, who will lead and what can we manage these days with the support that is available. **WHERE:** Presbytery - **WHEN:** 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - **TIME:** After 10.30am Sunday morning Mass.

**PARISH AUTUMN GARDEN WORKING BEE:** Organised for Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Please see Parish noticeboard for further details.

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

**THE YEAR OF YOUTH 2018:** Young People, Faith and Vocational discernment. Please see Parish noticeboard for further details regarding separate standing invitations to Young Women and Young Men.

**MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 27 May at 11.00am**. Registrations can be made online at: [www.cam.org.au/lifemarrriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarrriagefamily) or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or emailing [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au) Please note that registration closes on Friday 18 May. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

## PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

**7 AND 8 APRIL 2018**

**SATURDAY 6:00 PM** Lorraine Kermond  
**SUNDAY 8:30 AM** Melina Barcellona  
**10:30 AM** Debbie Brown

**14 AND 15 APRIL 2018**

Monica Hodder  
Engelina Nyhuis  
Elizabeth Dixon

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**7 AND 8 APRIL 2018**

**SATURDAY 6:00 PM** Mia Perang  
**SUNDAY 8:30 AM** Terry Wells  
**10:30 AM** Margaret Gearon

**14 AND 15 APRIL 2018**

Bernie Brennan  
Godfrey Thong  
Dale Dixon

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

**7 AND 8 APRIL 2018**

**SATURDAY 6:00 PM** Greg Grant  
**SUNDAY 8:30 AM** Joe Brogno  
**10:30 AM** Leigh Kelly

**14 AND 15 APRIL 2018**

Lorraine Kermond  
Don McKenzie  
Pam & Michael

### SLIDE OPERATORS

**7 AND 8 APRIL 2018**

**SATURDAY 6:00 PM** David Prabha  
**SUNDAY 8:30 AM** Mary White  
**10:30 AM** Manny Gonzalez

**14 AND 15 APRIL 2018**

Terry Wells  
Megan McLean  
Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

**14 APRIL 2018**

- Val Wells & Marie Parker

### CHURCH CLEANING

**14 APRIL 2018**

Team 3 (Maree's Team)  
Maree Moss, Lynda Kilroe-Smith,  
Rita Gibb & Nancy Stephen

### MAINTENANCE

**14 APRIL 2018**

Team 7  
(Steve Brenan, George  
Brodawka, Bernard O'Malley)

**OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** Principal Tina Apostolopoulos warmly invites all past staff and students of Our Lady of Sion College to attend an afternoon of reunion and reminiscing. Catch up with colleagues and friends, enjoy a tour of the College to see what has changed and enjoy afternoon tea with musical entertainment from our award-winning ensembles.

**What:** Welcome Back to Sion Day; **When:** Saturday 19 May 2018, 2.00 – 4.30 pm;

**RSVP:** For catering purposes please RSVP at [www.trybooking.com/335414](http://www.trybooking.com/335414)

**Contact:** For all queries, please contact Robyn at [paststudents@sion.catholic.edu.au](mailto:paststudents@sion.catholic.edu.au)  
We look forward to welcoming you back to Sion.

**MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER:** 88TH Annual Mission Concert – 2.00pm Sunday 15th April 2018. St Peter Claver Hall – 154 Cotham Road Kew. Please see Parish noticeboard for more details.

**'VINCENT PALLOTTI: POWERED BY INFINITE LOVE'** will be performed at Hennessy Hall, 5 Doon Avenue, Glen Waverley on 4th and 5th of May, 2018. Our aim is for the show to touch the lives of as many people as possible by having a large audience. Please see Parish noticeboard for further details.

**HEART OF LIFE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE:** Please see Parish noticeboard for further details. <https://mailchi.mp/55e2af98119f/understanding-your-personality-and-more-at-heart-of-life?e=737c821afb>

**CAMPION CENTRE FOR IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY:** Upcoming Events and 2018 Program <https://mailchi.mp/5655d31ceec0/easter-joy?e=0a935a714f> Please see Parish noticeboard for further details.

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 15 APRIL 2018:** Just a reminder, that all Journey Catholic Radio information is always a week in advance. This week on the Journey Catholic Radio, our Gospel reflection is narrated by Fr Mike Delaney and reflects on the Gospel of Luke. Pete Gilmore asks us "How Do You Want To Start Tomorrow?" In his Living the Gospel God spot, and Marilyn Rodrigues, The peaceful Parent reminds us of the importance of "Having A Team Around You." Music is joy and it our music that helps us to create a 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.

**BE A VOLUNTEER OUT THERE:** 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!** Come to the **Palms Info Session: Saturday 5 May 10:30am** Ross House, Jenny Florence Room 247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE. Go to [www.palms.org.au/volunteer](http://www.palms.org.au/volunteer) or **Contact Palms on 02 9560 5333** Please see Parish noticeboard for further details.

**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. <http://pol.org.au/blackburnsouth/Policies.aspx>

## 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 - 0452 613 863

**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:**  
Margaret Gearon

### **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?*