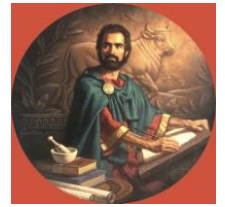


# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 15 APRIL 2018**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B**

**THE YEAR OF YOUTH**

*This week's readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Gospel Luke 24:35-48*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** This week we again see something of the quirky nature of the selection of readings for the Sunday lectionary. This passage from the gospel of Luke immediately follows the magnificent story of the road to Emmaus and the risen Jesus' appearance to two disciples. Rather than hearing that story we have this account that follows; an account that is very similar to the passage of last week in which Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples and dispelled the doubts of Thomas. This week's reading is almost identical except that it does not place the blame of doubt on just one single disciple. Why select this reading as opposed to the Emmaus story? Perhaps the decision focused on the fact that this passage shows the risen Jesus appearing to all of the disciples and not just two.

However, what this account gives us that last week's account from the gospel of John did not, is a powerful message about understanding scripture. In the final verses of the passage, Jesus reveals to the disciples that his presence with them is what he'd been talking about when he'd spoken about the fulfilment of the scriptures. And then, 'He opened their minds to understand the scriptures.' This is an important gospel indication that the scriptures are to be read for understanding and for meaning. It is an imperative that we delve into the scriptures and look for meaning rather than a surface, literal interpretation that is prominent in much of society today. When we only read the scriptures 'literally' i.e. accepting the exact wording as literally true, we deny the depth and breadth of the scriptural messages that are conveyed through image, metaphor, irony and other forms of figurative speech as well as ignoring the rich contextual information that is often hidden within and behind the text. Jesus' enlightenment of the disciples makes plain the importance of 'understanding' scripture not just blindly accepting it.

**Scriptural context – Post-resurrection accounts:** All four gospels include post-resurrection appearances of the risen Jesus. The gospel of Mark – historically, the first written – gives the briefest account of the resurrection discovery and it is only in a later addition to the gospel that a post-resurrection account appears. However, by the time the gospel of John was written, some 20-30 years later, the theological importance of the resurrection had gained more significance as it became more obvious that Jesus' return to the world was not going to happen within the foreseeable future. The gospel of John devotes two whole chapters to the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus.

**Have you thought? Is 'Literal' wrong?** Is there really something intrinsically wrong about a literal interpretation of scripture? Not at all! It is indeed an essential tool of any scriptural interpretation. It is of course important that we first and foremost understand the text as it is written – we have to have a literal understanding of the words that are used and what they mean. The problem arises when this is as far as we go. If we stop at this stage then we are shutting ourselves off from the richness of the scriptures. If we fail to dig below the surface then we are denying ourselves the opportunity of scrutinising our lives in the light of the scripture.

**Gospel Focus – Peace be with you** When Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples, his first words to them are, 'Peace be with you!' His appearance among them obviously agitated the disciples who were already hiding, in fear of their lives and devastated by the loss of their leader days earlier. Jesus' calming and reassuring words, 'Peace be with you!' recognise the reality of what state the disciples are in. The words demonstrate that Jesus is meeting the disciples 'where they are' – he recognises their distress and fear and responds with words that accept what they're feeling but reassure them of his love and care. They are words that Jesus speaks to us too!

**Raise your voices ...**

**Entrance antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**Response to the Psalm:** Lord, let your face shine on us.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!!

**Communion antiphon:** The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, 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

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

Website:

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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 those who died recently and for 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. **Saturday:** St Anselm, bishop, doctor. **Sunday Masses:** Preface of Easter III. Euch. Accl. No. 1 & Eucharistic Prayer III.

**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.

**WELCOME BACK TO OUR PARISH SCHOOL COMMUNITY** this week for Term 2.

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

**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES** can be returned a.s.a.p. please.

**HAVE YOU NOTICED?** 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 costs of acquisition and installation please find envelopes marked "**Special Collection**" in the basket 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. Thanks!

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

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Peter, who once denied even knowing Jesus, now boldly preaches in His Name. Do not let past weaknesses hold you back from being willing to share the power of His Message. (Acts 3:13-15,17-19)

**PARISH CARE GROUP:** Let's get together this 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 – **TOMORROW/TODAY:** 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)

**NEXT SUNDAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS.** In his Letter for this Day, Pope Francis reminds us: 'God comes silently and discreetly, without imposing on our freedom. Thus it can happen that his voice is drowned out by the many worries and concerns that fill our minds and hearts.' Let us all offer one prayer this week for the young people that we know. Let us pray that they will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd amidst the daily events of their lives.

**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/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily) 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.

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: 2018 Knox Public Lecture** Wednesday 16 May at 7.30pm Dr Jeff Kildea '**What Price Loyalty? Australian Catholics in the First World War**' **Bookings and Information:** Email: [jill.doncovio@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jill.doncovio@ctc.edu.au) or phone 9412 3304. **R.S.V.P.:** Wednesday 9 May. **Venue:** Catholic Leadership Centre, Corner Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne

**HERE IS A SELECTION OF QUOTATIONS FROM "GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE" ("REJOICE AND BE GLAD"), POPE FRANCIS' MOST RECENT APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION ON HOLINESS:**

"I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile."; "Holiness is the most attractive face of the church."; "The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts, rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them."; "In times when women tended to be most ignored or overlooked, the Holy Spirit raised up saints whose attractiveness produced new spiritual vigor and important reforms in the church."; "We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case."; "I do not believe in holiness without prayer, even though that prayer need not be lengthy or involve intense emotions."; "We should not think of the devil as a myth, a representation, a symbol, a figure of speech or an idea. This mistake would lead us to let down our guard, to grow careless and end up more vulnerable."; "The devil does not need to possess us. He poisons us with the venom of hatred, desolation, envy and vice. When we let down our guard, he takes advantage of it to destroy our lives, our families and our communities."; "Discernment is not about discovering what more we can get out of this life, but about recognising how we can better accomplish the mission entrusted to us at our baptism."; "Let us ask the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God's greater glory, and let us encourage one another in this effort."

## PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

**14 AND 15 APRIL 2018**

**SATURDAY 6:00 PM** Monica Hodder  
**SUNDAY 8:30 AM** Engelina Nyhuis  
**10:30 AM** Elizabeth Dixon

**21 AND 22 APRIL 2018**

Olive Hammill  
Godfrey Thong  
Marg Yore

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**14 AND 15 APRIL 2018**

**SATURDAY 6:00 PM** Bernie Brennan  
**SUNDAY 8:30 AM** Godfrey Thong  
**10:30 AM** Dale Dixon

**21 AND 22 APRIL 2018**

Olive Hammill  
Maria D'Souza  
Jess Kilroe-Smith

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

**14 AND 15 APRIL 2018**

**SATURDAY 6:00 PM** Lorraine Kermond  
**SUNDAY 8:30 AM** Don McKenzie  
**10:30 AM** Pam & Michael

**21 AND 22 APRIL 2018**

Terry Wells  
Rosemary Donaldson  
Kilroe-Smith Family

### SLIDE OPERATORS

**14 AND 15 APRIL 2018**

**SATURDAY 6:00 PM** David Prabha  
**SUNDAY 8:30 AM** Megan McLean  
**10:30 AM** Manny Gonzalez

**21 AND 22 APRIL 2018**

Terry Wells  
Darren McLean  
Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

**21 APRIL 2018**

- Lesley Cormick & Toni Plevier

### CHURCH CLEANING

**21 APRIL 2018**

Team 4 (Joanne's Team)  
Joanne Nolan, Melissa O'Mara, Tina  
Tempany & Jesse Barrett

### MAINTENANCE

**21 APRIL 2018**

Team 8  
(Don McKenzie  
& Charles Chin)

## GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE 19 MARCH 2018 SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20180319\\_gaudete-et-exsultate.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html)

**TOUCHING THE FRINGE OF HIS GARMENT:** Saturday 5 May and Sunday 6 May, 9am-5pm St Clare's Hall, access from Killara Street, Box Hill North If you or someone you know needs healing of any kind, these two days are for you. You are invited to reach out and touch the fringe of his garment, in this journey of inner healing retreat presented by the Catholic School of Evangelisation. BYO lunch and bible; morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Cost: \$50 donation, students \$30 Bookings: by Monday 30 April at <https://www.trybooking.com/TEBY> (use promo code CSOE for 10% discount) Details: Rose on 0411 650 339 or [melbourne@schoolofevangelisation.org.au](mailto:melbourne@schoolofevangelisation.org.au)

**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.

**'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.

**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 spoken to us by Fr Steven Varney. Sr Hilda Scott reminds us not to get caught up in the Blame Game with her Wisdom from the Abbey, The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes Calls us to Forgive and Sam Clear ponders Silence. We are truly blessed to have amazing Christian Music artists 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

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**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?*