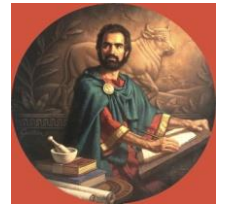


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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 6 MAY 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

THE YEAR OF YOUTH

This week's readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Gospel John 15:9-17

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: As a young person, there is nothing better than being in love! Sure, loving your family and being loved by them is pretty important, but to 'fall in love' with someone and have that love returned is something quite extraordinary. Love sets us on fire! To be loved by someone else makes all the tough times endurable; it makes us believe in ourselves because someone else sees something worthwhile within us. It's exciting and it's incredibly life-giving!

This is something of the message that Jesus is trying to convey to his disciples in this week's gospel. He is trying to share with them some understanding of the incredible joy he experiences through his relationship with the Father. And just as he is loved by the Father, so Jesus loves his disciples and so are they invited to share in the love of the Father. Jesus' whole mission and ministry was to share with people the love of God that he knew so intimately. His actions towards the 'lesser ones' of the world was to demonstrate to them that they are not only worthy of love but were already loved. Jesus tells his disciples that all they have to do to constantly remain in his love is to keep his commandments and then he clarifies for them that his only commandment to them is to love one another as Jesus loved. To live in the love of Jesus and know the love of the Father, all we have to do is love one another. It seems simple. The challenge is that we are to love all people – even those who make our lives difficult and unpleasant. As we are told in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, 'If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them!' (Lk 6:32; Mt 5:46)

Scriptural context – The Last Supper Discourse: In the three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke), the events of the Last Supper are dealt with in a very similar way. They all include Jesus taking bread and wine and speaking what are referred to as the words of institution – the words that are spoken over the bread and wine in every Eucharistic celebration today. In the Gospel of John, however, the Last Supper is dealt with very differently. It includes an extended 'discourse' that is incredibly rich in imagery and theological implications. Perhaps because this gospel was written well after the others it was deemed unnecessary to retell the story but it was timely to do some reflecting on the meaning of the events?

Living the Gospel – Love One Another: Have you ever thought what it really means when Jesus commands us to love one another? At first, it seems like a simple commandment: I can love my family; my friends; I can even feel love for some people I've never met. But there was a condition that Jesus placed on the command: love one another as I have loved you. How did Jesus love? Without restriction and without seeking something in return. He loved those that no one loved and he even loved those who hated him and sought his downfall. Can I love those who hate me? Those that others ridicule and despise? Can I love without counting the cost?

Have you thought? – Love: There is a wonderful line from the musical, *Les Miserables*, when the hero, Valjean, is told, 'To love another person is to see the face of God.' As Christian people, we believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. To look upon another person with love and compassion is to see the face of God revealed. When we are called to love, we are called to recognise that every single person is worthy of love and every single person is made in the image of God – even ourselves!

Raise your voices ...

Entrance antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Communion antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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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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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 Francesca Brogno who died recently and for all those
whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Pius and Irene Pereira. May
they rest in peace. *Parishioners may like to remember their loved ones in this way by
submitting their request in writing to the Parish Office (current Privacy legislation
requirements) 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 Nereus and
Achilleus, martyrs; St Pancras, martyr. **Sunday Masses:** Preface of Easter 11. Euch.
Accl. No. 1 & Eucharistic Prayer I.

EASTER TIME (SPIRITUAL) EXERCISES: Weekday Mass, Holy Hour each
Wednesday evening at 7.00pm, the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) –
available twice a week and continuing to learn by heart the (new) Mass responses.

DIVINE MERCY SHRINE: 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
Sat 12th May and Sat 26th May.

A VOCATION VIEW: "God shows no partiality." He does not call those who are
equipped for the work; He equips those whom He has called. (Acts 10:34)

URGENT: OUR LOCAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE needs
2 to 3 people to assist with the bread run once every 5 weeks on a Wednesday
evening (4.45 to 6.15pm). If you are able to assist, please contact Margaret Gearon
on 0409 807 135.

**PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(PENANCE) COMMENCEMENT DATE: MAY 22 2018:** Please pray for our
First Reconciliation Candidates, their Parents, Teachers and Catechists who are
preparing for the celebration of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in our Parish.
*Loving God, you are our friend always. We are good people but sometimes we mess
things up and hurt one another. We are sorry for the uncaring things we do. Thankyou for
loving us all the time even when we hurt one another and make one another unhappy.
Help us to make good choices in our family so that the sun can shine and drive away the
clouds. Help us to be more caring and thoughtful towards one another. Please keep all
our Candidates and their families in your prayers.*

PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION on
Thursday evening 7th June @ 7.00pm in our Parish Church with Monsignor Tony Ireland,
episcopal Vicar for the Easter Region. *Please pray for all our Candidates.*

CATHY PATCHING AND FAMILY CONVEY THEIR THANKS: The Patching family
organised a fund-raiser to combat Cancer last weekend in our Parish Hall and raised
\$4000 to fight Prostate Cancer, Bone marrow Cancer and to support Heart and Lung
transplant operations. We the Parish made a contribution too, providing the facility.

PARISH CARE GROUP: Parishioners wanting to support this Parish work please make
contact with Judy either via phone 9894 1506 or email: judyroy@optusnet.com.au
to advise of your willingness to be involved, your specialty when it comes to baking and your
availability to be of service setting up, serving and/or tidying up on occasions when the
need arises. Judy will make contact with our Parish School to canvass for support from our
Parish families their as well.

A NEW CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER FOR 2017/2018: Parishioners are invited
to join the Church Cleaning Roster by contacting Megan McLean. Her phone
number is 0419 347 693 and email is mcleans1@bigpond.net.au Anyone who wants to
join are asked to contact me either by phone or email **by the 12th May** please. *If you
have any queries about how often, what the duties are etc. please do not hesitate to
give me a ring.*

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

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 or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or
mailing lmf@cam.org.au Please note that registration closes on Friday 18 May.

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

5 AND 6 MAY 2018

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Ian Holmes
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Godfrey Thong
10:30 AM Marg Yore

12 AND 13 MAY 2018

Ian Holmes
Melina Barcellona
Val Gardiner

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5 AND 6 MAY 2018

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Kathryn Holmes
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Robyn Marxsen
10:30 AM Steve Kilroe-Smith

12 AND 13 MAY 2018

Kathryn Holmes
Rosemary Donaldson
Elizabeth Dixon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

5 AND 6 MAY 2018

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Lorraine Kermond
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Marie Pekish
10:30 AM Leigh Kelly

12 AND 13 MAY 2018

Terry Wells
Joe Brogno
Mary

SLIDE OPERATORS

5 AND 6 MAY 2018

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

12 AND 13 MAY 2018

Terry Wells
Megan McLean
Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

12 MAY 2018

- Engelina Nyhuis &
Margaret Renwick

CHURCH CLEANING

12 MAY 2018

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

MAINTENANCE

12 MAY 2018

Dale Dixon & Ian Holmes

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 -9926 5710

Finance Council

Steve Brennan

Parish Accountant

Hall Hire

Marilyn Robert - 9877 2292

Care Group & 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 Conference

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?*

INTER-PARISH WALK, 27 MAY 2018: Lysterfield Lake (20 minute from Waverley Gardens SC), 2pm. **Meeting point:** Mahogany Car Park; **Time:** 2.00pm sharp. **Walk Difficulty:** Easy – with two short gradients. More details please see parish notice-board. Enquiries to Nimmi 0413 135 889, Thuy 0423 882 718, Michaela 0412 260 406.

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

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB over 28's Party Night For Single Catholics in 28 – 60 Age Group. Saturday 19th May 2018 starting at 8.00pm. location: Benedict House at St Benedict's Parish, 301 Warrigal Road Burwood; Melways Map 61 H 6. Cost \$13 includes luck door prizes and supper. Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167 See Parish noticeboard for similar details.

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 or phone 9412 3304. **R.S.V.P.:** Wednesday 9 May. **Venue:** Catholic Leadership Centre, Corner Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne.

'FRIENDS' OF EILEEN: Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor (Brown Nurses) foundress, Eily Rosaline (Eileen) O'Connor, led an exemplary life. A new website for her "Friends" has been launched: <https://www.ourladyasnurses.org.au/eileen-oconnor> If you would like to receive their newsletter please contact them via this email address Eileen@ourladyasnurses.org.au to be included in their distribution of their quarterly newsletter. Their motto is "to Jesus through Mary".

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM - AIRS 13 May 2018: This week on the Journey Catholic Radio, our Gospel this week is from Mark 16:15-20, proclaiming "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel" The Wisdom from the Abbey comes to us from Sr Hilda, Pete Gilmore talks to us about tuning in the radio in his Living the Gospel God spot and Frances Pirolas reminds us of Gratitude in her Smart Loving segment. With the support of our amazing musicians we create a show about faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage! Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. 2018 Melbourne weekend dates : 1-3 June, 17-19 August, and 9-11 November 2018 Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: PH: Andre and Maria 0411 225 992 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.wwme.org.au

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>