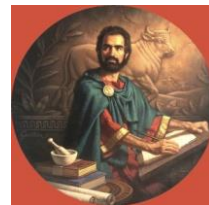


# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 20 MAY 2018**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY – YEAR B**

***THE YEAR OF YOUTH***

*This week's readings: Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Gospel John 15:26-27; 16:12-15*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

**Historical Context – Pentecost:** The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

**Have you thought? The Spirit:** We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energise it today.

**Living the Gospel – Come, Holy Spirit:** 'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, *Vene Sancte Spiritus*, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

**THE ARCHBISHOP'S 2018 PENTECOST LETTER** to Youth has been released this week, with a powerful message not just to young people, but all Christians. Here is where to find it: Video and story on the Melbourne Catholic website:

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/archbishop-harts-pentecost-message-to-youth-2018-take-the-risk-spread-the-joy>

Downloadable document in PDF form: <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Portals/0/2018PentecostLetter.pdf>

*A printed version is also available on our Church noticeboards*

**Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon:** The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**Response to the Psalm:** Lord, send our your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**Communion antiphon:** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

## 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)

Website:

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

### 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 for Christine Peattie and for all those  
whose anniversaries occur about this time, may they rest in peace.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time. May – month of Mary,  
Mother of God and Mother of the Church. **Monday:** St Christopher Magallanes, priest  
and companions, martyrs; **Tuesday:** St Rita of Cascia, religious. **Thursday:** Our Lady  
Help of Christians; **Friday:** St Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor; St Gregory VII, pope;  
St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, virgin. **Saturday:** St Philip Neri, priest. **Sunday Masses:**  
Preface of Pentecost. Euch. Accl. No. 3 & Eucharistic Prayer 1.

**THE 6PM CHOIR** will lead the singing on Saturday 6 pm Sunday Vigil Mass  
Sat 26th May.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Peter and the Apostles preach with a power and conviction  
that can only be attributed to the Spirit dwelling among them. Is God calling you to  
speak for Him in our day and age? (Acts 2:1-11)

**PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
(PENANCE) COMMENCING THIS WEEK:** 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. Thank you 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 7<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.00pm in our Parish Church with Monsignor Tony Ireland,  
episcopal Vicar for the Easter Region. *Please pray for all our Candidates.*

**LAUNCH OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL IN 2020 - LISTEN TO WHAT THE  
SPIRIT IS SAYING:** Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to  
hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the  
Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for  
the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question:  
**"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"** Find out more about  
the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online:  
[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) The plans for a national Plenary Council of the  
Catholic Church in Australia in 2020 were approved by Pope Francis in March of this  
year. Pope Francis also endorsed the national bishops' nomination of Perth  
Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB as the Council's President. Please visit this website  
for Frequently Asked Questions <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/faq/>  
**The Story** so far: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/about/> The Archdiocese of  
Melbourne, via the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation, will also be providing a  
range of opportunities and resources to assist Catholics of Melbourne to reflect on  
the Plenary focus question "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this  
time?" These conversations will take place at a local parish level, and in the case  
where parishes find it difficult to gather people in conversation, regional events will  
also be organised. Please see time-line on Church noticeboard.

**PLENARY COUNCIL YOUTUBE CHANNEL:** Please go online at the following  
web addresses to play the following videos.

a. Promotional Video [75 secs]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exNXH2YcB8Y>

b. Archbishop Timothy's Invitation [5:19secs]

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRVY7\\_uYCM4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRVY7_uYCM4)

c. Introduction to the Plenary Council [9:20secs]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZdk5ez3EcM>

"Love one another, just as I have loved you." Jesus, John 15:12. Pope Francis has  
spoken of the need to engage in the world and respond in faith. He said "The  
defining aspect of this change of epoch is that things are no longer in their place.  
Our previous ways of explaining the world and relationships, good and bad, no  
longer appears to work. The way in which we locate ourselves in history has  
changed. Things we thought would never happen, or that we never thought we  
would see, we are experiencing now, and we dare not even imagine the future. That  
which appeared normal to us – family, the Church, society and the world – will  
probably no longer seem that way. We cannot simply wait for what we are  
experiencing to pass, under the illusion that things will return to being how they were  
before."

"I hope that all communities will devote the necessary effort to advancing along the  
path of a pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they  
presently are." Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium 27 & "The real newness is the newness  
which God himself mysteriously brings about and inspires, provokes, guides and  
accompanies in a thousand ways." Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium 12.

## PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

**19 AND 20 MAY 2018**

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

**26 AND 27 MAY 2018**

Monica Hodder  
Engelina Nyhuis  
Lynda Kilroe-Smith

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**19 AND 20 MAY 2018**

**SATURDAY 6:00 PM** Mary Whiting  
**SUNDAY 8:30 AM** Maria D'Souza  
**10:30 AM** Jess Kilroe-Smith

**26 AND 27 MAY 2018**

Bernie Brennan  
Godfrey Thong  
Dale Dixon

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

**19 AND 20 MAY 2018**

**SATURDAY 6:00 PM** Greg Grant  
**SUNDAY 8:30 AM** Don McKenzie  
**10:30 AM** Dixon Family

**26 AND 27 MAY 2018**

Lorraine Kermond  
Marie Pekish  
Leigh Kelly

### SLIDE OPERATORS

**19 AND 20 MAY 2018**

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

**26 AND 27 MAY 2018**

David Prabha  
Rosemary Donaldson  
Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

**26 MAY 2018**

Val Wells & Marie Parker

### CHURCH CLEANING

**3 JUNE 2018**

Team 1 (Val's Team)  
Val Fogarty, Jim Fogarty, Megan  
Mclean & Raquel Ramirez)

### MAINTENANCE

**26 MAY 2018**

Team 4  
Frank Melville, Rodney Caple  
& Danny Nolan

"Every renewal of the Church essentially consists in an increase of fidelity to her own calling...Christ summons the Church as she goes her pilgrim way." Pope Paul VI, Unitatis Redintegratio 6 in Evangelii Gaudium 26. "Now is the time for each local Church to assess its fervour and find fresh enthusiasm for its spiritual and pastoral responsibilities, by reflecting on what the Spirit has been saying to the People of God." Pope John Paul II, Novo Millennio Inneunte 3

**ST SCHOLASTICA'S PARISH KINDERGARTEN**, Bennettswood. Our kindergarten is the only Catholic kindergarten. We are having an Open Day on Saturday 26th May 2018. Please see flyer on our Church noticeboard for more details. If you have any questions please telephone Katherine Presley on 9808 1006.

**VISIT THE FATIMA STATUE:** Arrives at the Parish of St Thomas the Apostle Blackburn on 25th May. Please see Church noticeboard for further details.

**BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL JEWISH AND CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP DINNER!** In keeping with the Year of Youth being observed in the Catholic Church, this year's event will focus on the life and contribution of youth in our communities. The dinner will be on Sunday 17 June at 7pm at the Catholic Leadership Centre, cnr Victorial Pde and Hoddle Street, East Melbourne. Bookings can be made at <https://www.trybooking.com/VSMN> or by phone or email to the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission (9926 5708 or [eic@cam.org.au](mailto:eic@cam.org.au)) For more details please see Church noticeboard.

**MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF CARITAS AUSTRALIA, DEACON JIM CURTAIN:** Please see Parish notice board.

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

**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 noticeboard. Enquiries to Nimmi 0413 135 889, Thuy 0423 882 718, Michaela 0412 260 406.

**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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://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>

## 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?*