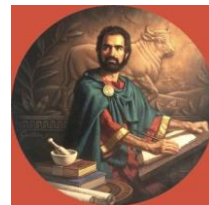


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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 10 JUNE 2018
TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B
THE YEAR OF YOUTH

This week's readings: Gen 3:9-15; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Gospel Mark 3:20-35

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: Family members are often the last ones to allow us to change from who we have been to who we want to become. Unintentionally, family will sometimes continue to treat us as the child we were growing up in the family environment, despite our various accomplishments and changes in direction. Sometimes it's easier to continue to treat someone we love as we have always treated them, rather than learning to adjust and accommodate a new way of relating. When you're the one seeking to establish a new life or a new way of operating, family can appear to be 'keeping you in a box'.

Today's gospel paints a picture of Jesus' family wanting him to play safe and remain the person they've known him to be, rather than growing into his ministry and preaching his challenging message. They can see that his actions are causing the authorities to pay attention and their reaction is to try to get Jesus to stay under the radar; to live small.

In a style typical of the Gospel of Mark, the two incidents with Jesus' family 'sandwich' and focus attention on the interaction with the Scribes who accuse Jesus of being under the influence of Satan. Like the family of Jesus who don't want to see him for who he really is becoming, or has become, the Scribes misunderstand Jesus' fight against evil. Jesus dismisses their claims through his use of the image of binding the strong man before entering the strong man's house. Jesus has 'bound' Satan – the strong man – proving himself the stronger and has set about undoing the work of evil in the world.

Gospel Focus – Binding the strong man: The incarnation of Jesus in the world – God becoming fully human and physically present in the world – was an act of supreme love for the world. The image of binding the strong man echoes this act of love. The image is reminiscent of a bully or tyrant who is reeking havoc and terrorising a community. Before justice can be restored and the victims/survivors lifted up, the 'strong man' must be restrained and subdued. To bring about the loving act of God in the world, the power of evil must be resisted and bound up.

Scriptural context – Mark's Messiah: Throughout the Gospel of Mark, the author explores the question of who people believe Jesus to be. Whilst his disciples have a less than perfect understanding of the question, 'Who do you say I am?', those whose faith reveals the truth of Jesus are quickly sworn to secrecy. In today's gospel, the misunderstanding of Jesus' family and the misunderstanding of the Scribes show their incomplete grasp of who Jesus is. Whilst the language about Satan (evil and unclean spirits) is unfamiliar language today, the gospel writer uses this imagery to further his point that Jesus is the Messiah, the one who saves the world.

Living the Gospel – Who is my mother or brother? At the end of today's gospel passage, Jesus states, 'Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.' Family bonds were critically important in 1st Century Palestine. Jesus does not deny his family kinship, but expands it to include anyone who does the will of God. All those who work to bring about the Kingdom or Reign of God share a bond with Jesus, they share a familial link with him. Whenever we act to bring about God's dream for this world, we join our efforts with those of our brother, Jesus.

Raise your voices ...

Entrance antiphon: The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Response to the Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

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We are Companions on the Journey ...

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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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Parish Priest

Marilyn Robert
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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 especially Soane and for those
Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For Father Stan Hill and those who
died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, R.I.P.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Monday:** St Barnabas,
apostle; **Wednesday:** St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor; **Sunday Masses:** Preface II
of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. Euch. Accl. No. 3 & Eucharistic Prayer I.

A VOCATION VIEW: God bestows abundant grace upon us with the expectation
that we will share this grace with others in thanksgiving, so they too can rejoice in
God's love. (2 Corinthians 4:15)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "And if a house is divided against itself, that house will
not be able to stand." – MARK 3:25 Do your parish ministries complement each other
or do they compete against each other? Is your parish "one Body of Christ" or a
bunch of little, separate ministries controlled by human ego? The goal of all parish
ministries is to bring people to Christ. All of our parish work should be for the glory of
God's name, not our own name.

PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION held last
Thursday evening 7th June @ 7.00pm in our Parish Church with Monsignor Tony
Ireland, episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Region. We congratulate all those people who
were Confirmed and please continue to pray for them and their families. Please take
the time to read their Posters around the Church which tell the story of the Saints they
have chosen for their Confirmation name.

**AN OPEN INVITATION TO PARISHIONERS TO ATTEND THE RESILIENCE
PROJECT: "Teaching Young Australians to be mentally healthy"** Come along to an
information night to learn more about methods to support mental health and
wellbeing. **When:** Monday 18th June **Time:** 7.00pm – 8.30pm **Where:** Discovery Centre.
RSVP: Parish School Reception – 9877 4023 to make sure there are enough chairs out
for people who want to join the conversation.

THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OVERHEAD SCREEN in our Parish Church has
malfunctioned. A technician assessed it recently from pcaudio – the company that
installed it and the disappointing news is that it is not worth fixing. We have been
offered two options: replace the one that is there with a new one at a cost of
\$1932 **OR** realign the right-hand overhead screen to enable people on the East side
of the Church to see it clearly at a cost of \$411. Please see Church noticeboard for
the quotes. What do you recommend? Please let Fr Gerard know at your
convenience.

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve on this Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass Sat 9th and 23rd June.

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

CATHOLIC MISSION: Cardinal Charles Bo, SDB of Myanmar to speak in Melbourne.
Friday June 15 10.00am – 3.00pm The Oratory, Newman College. Please see Church
noticeboard for further details.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 17 JUNE 2018 This week
on the Journey Fr Steve Varney reflects on the parable of The Mustard Seed, Sr Hilda
from the Abby talks to us about "The Giver of Life", and Fr Dave Callaghan in his God
spot, The Call uses the words "My Sheep, Listen To My Voice". We bring this all
together with music and fun to 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.

PETITION TO REGULATE DONATIONS: Please find available on the notice table
in our foyer a petition about the Bill to potentially regulate donations to churches like
donations to political parties. An initiative of the Uniting Church. More details on our
Church noticeboard.

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO: 75 bite-size explanations of Catholic practices
© The Story Source, 1993. TeresaPirola.net - **Part I. Sunday Mass Why Sunday?**
*On Sundays we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. According to the
biblical story, on the seventh day God rested having completed the creation of the
world. Appropriately, on the first day of the week Christians commemorate the 'new
creation': the renewal of the world through Christ's loving sacrifice. Traditionally
Christians approach this day as a day of worship and celebration, focusing on their
faith community and their family. This Sunday, take time out to give extra emphasis to
this celebration. (E.g., Spend time with your children, take a walk with a friend,
prayerfully review the Sunday readings.) Why go to church when I can pray alone?
'Why go to Mass when I can pray to God by myself?' some people ask. To
understand the Mass we need to understand the Church as a community, as a
family. A simple analogy: Family members come together for meals, not just for
physical nourishment, but as a way of sharing life together. The Sunday Eucharist is a bit
like that for Catholics. It is the sacred meal, our 'family meal', whereby we come together
to worship God, not just for our private spiritual nourishment, but to acknowledge that we
belong to one another as God's family, that we are a people who share in the mystery of
Christ's death and resurrection. **What's that word mean?** The word 'liturgy' comes from two
Greek words meaning the 'work of the people.' We are reminded that when we gather to
worship it is the whole community that participates. It is not simply the work of the priest
and altar servers with the rest of the congregation looking on.*

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

9 AND 10 JUNE 2018

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Terry Wells
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Kana Chelliah
	10:30 AM	Elizabeth Dixon

16 AND 17 JUNE 2018

Olive Hammill
Beryl Chelliah
Marg Yore

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

9 AND 10 JUNE 2018

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Olive Hammill
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Kana Chelliah
	10:30 AM	Dale Dixon

16 AND 17 JUNE 2018

Mia Perang
Beryl Chelliah
Steve Kilroe-Smith

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

9 AND 10 JUNE 2018

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Greg Grant
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Dom McKenzie
	10:30 AM	Leigh Kelly

16 AND 17 JUNE 2018

Lorraine Kermond
Rosemary Donaldson
Pam & Michael

SLIDE OPERATORS

9 AND 10 JUNE 2018

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

16 AND 17 JUNE 2018

David Prabha
Darren McLean
Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

16 JUNE 2018

Engelina Nyhuis &
Margaret Renwick

CHURCH CLEANING

16 JUNE 2018

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

MAINTENANCE

16 JUNE 2018

Team 6
Barry Rawlines & Tim Blair

The term 'eucharist' comes from the Greek word 'eucharistia' ('thanksgiving'). It was used in the early Church to refer to the entire celebration as well as to the consecrated bread and wine. The Mass is the greatest act of worship by which Christians give thanks for the salvation God has offered us through Jesus Christ. **First things first:** The initial part of the Mass (the Introductory Rites) is an important time of gathering and preparation. The entrance song helps to open the celebration, unite us as a body and lead our thoughts towards the mystery of God's love which we have come to celebrate. The priest's greeting ('The Lord be with you') and the congregation's response ('And also with you') affirms that Christ is present in our midst. This is a time for focusing on the importance of the opportunity for worship that lies before us. **Why do we make the sign of the cross?** Do you rush through the sign of the cross as if swatting a fly? Don't! This gesture contains powerful symbolism connected with the Trinity and with your baptism. Indeed, it can be viewed as a prayer in itself. By making this sign you are declaring: I am completely under the power of the risen Christ, our Redeemer. You are identifying yourself with generations of Christians, for the common usage of the familiar formula - In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen - can be traced back to the second century. **The Penitential Rite:** 'To prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins,' says the celebrant at the penitential rite. Far from being a negative focus, the emphasis of this prayer is the infinite love of our compassionate God, personified in Jesus. In a healthy family, members are not afraid to recognize that they are always in need of forgiveness. Similarly, for our faith family, the penitential rite is one way of acknowledging that we always stand in need of reconciliation. This part of the Mass often includes the 'Kyrie eleison' ('Lord have mercy') which is one of the most ancient of Christian responses. **Why do we sign ourselves before the Gospel?** The Church distinguishes between the 'large' sign of the cross (made with right hand outstretched on forehead, chest and shoulders) and the 'small' sign of the cross (made with the thumb on forehead, mouth and chest). With this latter action just prior to the reading of the Gospel, we are asking God's blessing upon our thoughts, words and desires. Next time you make this sign, be aware that you are praying to open yourself to God's Word. **The Sunday readings:** Does your family enjoy looking back over treasured photo albums and re-telling the stories behind the pictures? While every historic detail of your ancestry may not be recorded, the photos do capture the highlights and carry a 'sense' of your family's history, identity and values. The scriptures are a bit like that. They are our faith family's 'photo album', the inspired recordings of our ancestors, re-telling the stories of God's revelation in their midst. As you listen to the readings each Sunday at Mass, allow God to speak to you through the stories of your faith heritage. **Why do we say 'alleluia'?** Alleluia comes from the Hebrew word which means 'Praise God'. It appears as a prayer in the Old Testament psalms and as the chant of the saints in heaven in the Book of Revelation. It was adopted by the Christian liturgy as the response of those redeemed through Christ. In the Mass, the alleluia verse is our way of responding to the second reading and preparing for the proclamation of the Gospel. For Christians, 'alleluia' is a bit like a cheer leader's whoop! of celebration, life, strength, freedom and all those wonderfully liberating qualities offered us through the resurrection of Jesus. To mutter it is to contradict its meaning!

To be continued ...

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.

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Parish Groups & Contacts

Did not our hearts burn within us as we walked along ...

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Marilyn Robert - 9877 2292

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Judy Noy - 9894 1506

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Greg Grant 0401 644 474

Church Linen

Toni Plevier

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Megan McLean 9878 8691

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Bill Goodwin 9803 6056

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to the housebound

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Marg Yore & Kat Bergin

9877 4023

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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?