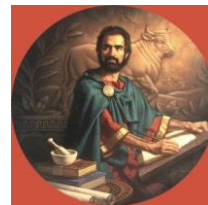


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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 17 JUNE 2018
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B
THE YEAR OF YOUTH

This week's readings: Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Gospel Mark 4:26-34

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: This week's gospel is a wonderful example of the teaching style of Jesus. It even tells us that 'he would not speak to them except in parables'. Jesus used the parable form almost exclusively to share his message. He used imagery that was familiar to his audience; parables about the everyday life of a rural community: seeds, planting, growing, harvesting. The secret of Jesus' parables, when we understand the cultural context, is that there was always a 'twist in the tale' – what is called a 'discombobulating shift' – that turns the expected outcome of the story on its head.

This is nowhere more evident than in the image of the mustard seed. On the surface the parable is about the kingdom of God starting from very small, humble beginnings and growing into something great. However, immediately prior to this kingdom parable, Jesus has reminded us that the community makes a living out of growing grain crops like wheat for bread, etc. His parable about the mustard seed describes a tiny seed that grows into a great shrub 'so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade'. A farming community that was growing grain crops would be greatly alarmed at the thought of actually attracting birds to their fields or even nearby. Jesus' message about the kingdom of God is that it is actually disruptive and invasive. The kingdom brings unrest and disquiet to the predictable. The kingdom of God is unsettling. This is a much more challenging parable than it appears from a literal reading.

Gospel Focus – The Kingdom of God: The references to the kingdom of God in the gospels always carry a paradox. It exists in the present, yet is something to be achieved in the future. It is here, but not yet. If we live 'as if we are living in the kingdom here and now then we hasten its coming. The kingdom of God is not a place but a way in which the world operates. It is a kingdom that is ruled by justice and gives precedence to those who are regarded as nothing in the world. It is a kingdom of promise and hope that inspires and calls all people to more than they currently are.

Scriptural context – Kingdom Parables: Jesus sought to describe the kingdom of God by comparison and analogy – 'The kingdom of God is like ...'; 'To what can we compare the kingdom of God?' He never gave a lecture about the kingdom, rather, he painted a picture in terms that were readily recognised by his audience but forced them to think differently about the image he used. It forced them to think about themselves and their world in a different way. Kingdom parables begin innocently enough with a familiar image but very quickly shift to a challenge about the way we normally perceive things. The kingdom is often portrayed as a contradiction.

Living the Gospel – Seed on the land: The first parable in the gospel passage describes the unerring work of the kingdom. It is like the seed that almost magically transforms into a fully grown plant that may be harvested – apparently without any external forces. Of course, we know that plants need to be fed, watered, weeded and nurtured to ensure their proper growth. However, the kingdom of God works in our lives in a similar way – if we feed and nurture it, the kingdom will produce a great harvest. Even if we don't pay it attention, the kingdom is present and acting in our world.

N.B. The next series of Parish Thanksgiving Envelopes will be ready for collection over the next couple of weekends. There is a covering letter with them, a way to update your records, an opportunity to choose an EFT approach to financially supporting the Parish and a Report of your giving over the past year or so.

Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon: O Lord hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Response to the Psalm: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Communion antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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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

Website:

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

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil – 6:00pm

Fr Zaher Mhanna

Sunday - 8:30am & 10:30am

Fr George O'Connor

WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY

Tues. 11.00am & Fri. 9:00am

Fr Jim Staunton

Rosary prayed after Mass times as
listed above. All welcome.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.30pm

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for
Adoration & Benediction on
Wednesday evenings
is now in recess until further notice.

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 for those Parishioners unable to
be among us this weekend. For June Francis who died recently and for
Veronica Downie and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, R.I.P.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Tuesday:** St Romuald,
abbot; **Thursday:** St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious; **Friday:** Sts John Fisher, bishop, and
Thomas More, martyrs; **Saturday:** St Paulinus of Nola, bishop; BVM. **Sunday Masses:**
Preface III of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. Euch. Accl. No. 1 & Eucharistic Prayer II.

A VOCATION VIEW: "Lord, it is good to give thanks to You." Our life is one of
gratitude for the many gifts that God has given. What are the gifts God has given to
you, uniquely; and how is He asking you to share those gifts with the Church and the
world? (Psalm 92)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of
Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in
the body." – 2 Cor 5:10. We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us – our
time, our talent and our treasure. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life
but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do
with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:
Certificates will be presented to our new Confirmees this weekend and next as well.

**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. I have received conflicting advice from Parishioners and as yet no
consensus: to realign the right-hand side has been recommended and save the
money for other things at the same time as replacing the Left-hand side projector
(if we have the money) and some Parishioners are prepared to help financially
support this. Please remember that our Weekly Thanksgiving is currently around \$700
a week on average, just short of the *National Minimum Weekly Wage*, so that will
take three weekends to pay which does not account for other weekly outgoings -
like utilities, Parish Secretary's salary, ad hoc gardener and the end of the month
expenses. What do others think?

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

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

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 24 JUNE 2018 Just a
reminder, that all Journey Catholic Radio information is always a week in advance.
This week on the Journey Fr Steve Varney reflects on the Gospel of Luke. Sr Hilda
shares her Wisdom from the Abby about "The Sun is rising", Pete Gilmore reminds us
to "Be Still" in his Living the Gospel God spot and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy,
talks to us about "Overcoming Busyness". We have some great music this week,
creating 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.

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO: 75 bite-size explanations of Catholic practices
© The Story Source, 1993. TeresaPirola.net - **Why a homily?** The homily is an essential
part of the Sunday Mass. The homily, the Scripture readings, the Profession of Faith
and the Prayers of the Faithful form a unity which we call the Liturgy of the Word. The
goal of this part of the Mass is to proclaim God's word and to illuminate its meaning
and its ramifications for our lives. The homily, therefore, is usually based on a theme
arising from the readings or from the particular mystery of faith being celebrated that
day. **Why do we recite the Profession of Faith?** Why do people pledge allegiance to
their national flag? Why do married couples renew their wedding vows? They do so
as a public declaration of their commitment to a particular relationship and to ideals
which guide their lives. Similarly for Catholics, the profession of faith ('I believe in one
God...') is a declaration of commitment. Having listened to God's Word through the
readings, we stand and declare our assent to the message proclaimed. Yes! We
believe in God. Yes! We belong to this community that professes to live by the Gospel
of Jesus Christ. **Why do we have a Prayer of the Faithful?** In these prayers (also called
the General Intercessions) the congregation intercedes for all humanity. We pray that
the Church will be a life-giving sign of salvation to the world. We pray for Church
leaders and public authorities, for those oppressed by various needs, and for all
people. In making these petitions we are conscious that the Church exists for others
rather than for its own sake. United at the eucharistic table as the body of Christ, we

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

16 AND 17 JUNE 2018

23 AND 24 JUNE 2018

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Olive Hammill
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Beryl Chelliah
10:30 AM Marg Yore

Ian Holmes
Melina Barcellona
Sonya O'Farrell

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

16 AND 17 JUNE 2018

23 AND 24 JUNE 2018

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Mia Perang
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Beryl Chelliah
10:30 AM Steve Kilroe-Smith

Ian Holmes
Kana Chelliah
Jess Kilroe-Smith

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

16 AND 17 JUNE 2018

23 AND 24 JUNE 2018

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Lorraine Kermond
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Rosemary Donaldson
10:30 AM Pam & Michael

Terry Wells
Joe Brogno
Mary

SLIDE OPERATORS

16 AND 17 JUNE 2018

23 AND 24 JUNE 2018

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

David Prabha
Rosemary Donaldson
Mary White

CHURCH FLOWERS

23 JUNE 2018
Kate Skowronska

CHURCH CLEANING

23 JUNE 2018
Team 5 (Kellie's Team)
Kellie McCarthy, Emma Brodawka,
Toni Wayne & Daniel Manolopoulos

MAINTENANCE

23 JUNE 2018
Team 7
Steve Brennan, George
Brodawka, & Bernard O'Malley

are powerfully equipped to reach out as a loving and liberating force in the world. **The Liturgy of the Eucharist:** Having been nourished through the scripture readings at the Liturgy of the Word, we turn to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. At this part of the Mass, the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar and we begin the Eucharistic Prayer which is one of the most ancient prayers from our tradition. We ask the Holy Spirit to transform the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. We also ask that, in receiving Jesus, the entire assembly will be transformed as the body of Christ. By re-enacting the eucharistic words and actions of Jesus we remember and live anew the great events of his death and resurrection. **Why do we shake hands?** Before receiving communion, the celebrant invites the congregation to 'offer one another a sign of peace', usually in the form of a handshake, smile or embrace. By this action we affirm our relationship as brothers and sisters in Christ. It is a genuine sign of reconciliation that prepares us for the profound act of intimacy which is signified when we share at the one eucharistic table. So, you see, the sign of peace is more than a 'nice' thing to do. It is an expression of the bond that unites us as Christians. Think about it next time you offer this sign. Please. No 'dead-fish' handshakes! Extend your hand with warmth and conviction. Why do we say 'amen' when we receive communion? 'Amen' is a prayerful way of affirming our religious convictions. When we say 'Amen' as we receive communion we affirm our belief in the great mystery of the Eucharist. St Augustine had a great way of looking at it. He suggested that when we receive the host we should say a double amen. 'Amen' (Yes!) I believe this to be not just a piece of bread but the body of Christ. And 'Amen' (Yes!) I believe this to be not just a bunch of people but the body of Christ, a faith family called to a life of loving unity (a communion). **What's that little light?** Christ is the light of the world! That little red light you see glowing on the sanctuary near the tabernacle indicates the presence of Christ in the form of eucharistic bread. We acknowledge this eucharistic presence when we genuflect (kneel on one knee). In our Christian tradition, genuflection is an act of adoration of Jesus Christ as Lord. **Go!** 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,' says the celebrant at the end of Mass. This concluding rite is best understood as a commissioning. Renewed in our relationship as brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, we are sent forth to share Christ's love with others. In fact, the word 'Mass' is derived from the Latin word *missa* which in turn is derived from 'mittere': to send. As you leave church today, think of how you can reach out to one specific person. Find a practical way of sharing with that person the strength you have drawn from this eucharistic celebration. **Why do we take up two collections each Sunday?** The simplest answer is that, as with any organization, it costs money to run the Church: schools, hospitals, maintenance, wages, projects for the spread of the Gospel and caring for those in need, crisis appeals in the wider community... But the Church is more than an organization. It is a community with a familial character and operates as such. There are no membership fees. No one is excluded from church services because they cannot pay. Rather, Catholics are asked to 'pitch in' according to their means. Normally the first Sunday collection is devoted to the living costs of the priest and the presbytery. The second goes to various Church ministries and building projects. A third collection is sometimes included for a special appeal.

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**
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Nina Grieve - 9877 4023
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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
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**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?