***N.B. The next series of Parish Thanksgiving Envelopes are ready for collection, this weekend and next. 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:** All peoples, clap your hands, Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**Response to the Psalm:** I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life

through his gospel. Alleluia!

**Communion antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

**Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter:** This week’s gospel passage presents two miracle accounts, one, in effect, ‘interrupting’ or being framed by the other. Jesus is approached by the synagogue official, Jairus, to come and heal his dying daughter. In the milling and surging crowd, Jesus suddenly becomes aware of being touched by someone. The story of the woman with a haemorrhage is a story of social and religious isolation as much as it is a story of illness and pain. Because of the Jewish prohibitions against blood, the woman would have been regarded as permanently impure and unclean. She would have been unable to engage in any worship; she could not touch another person without also making them unclean; she was effectively outcast for the 12 years of her illness. She knew it would be forbidden for her to touch Jesus openly but took her chances of being unobserved in the crowd – she risked all on the belief that even touching Jesus’ cloak might heal her. Jesus immediately stopped and drew attention to the woman. By doing so he made it clear to her that it was her faith that had healed her (a feature of healing stories in the Gospel of Mark). His actions also made it clear to the crowd that she was now healed and should not be shunned any longer; she was publicly declared fit to re-enter society and religious participation. After 12 years of virtual non-existence, the woman was now able to begin her life again. The delay, however, meant that Jairus’ daughter was dead by the time Jesus arrived. Undeterred, Jesus performs another miracle and raises the girl from death. The girl was 12 years old – the same 12 years the woman suffered with a haemorrhage – and now she too was able to begin her life again. There is a neatness and a completeness about the two stories.

**From the perspective of … Jairus -** What a whirlwind of emotions Jairus must have gone through. His daughter was sick and getting worse but Jesus had left the region and travelled across the Sea of Galilee. Suddenly, Jairus heard that Jesus had returned! He raced to Jesus and begged him to save his daughter. What joy when Jesus set out to do so! But Jesus was slowed by the crowd and then came to a complete stop and spoke to some woman. Didn’t he know this was urgent? Then the news came that the little girl was dead – no need to hurry now. Finally, unbelievable relief and joy: Jesus raises the little girl and reunites her with her parents.

**Gospel Focus – A lesson in faith -** Although Jairus obviously believed that Jesus might be able to do something to help heal his daughter, once news came that she had died he needed a strong reminder from Jesus to not be afraid and to have faith. Was it the example of the woman’s faith in Jesus that gave Jairus the strength to continue to believe? When they arrive at the house the mourners laugh at Jesus and are consequently excluded from witnessing the miraculous raising. Since they don’t have faith, they are not given the opportunity to witness faith in action.

**Have you thought? What’s my haemorrhage? -** In the gospel story, the woman suffers a serious physical complaint – an unending flow of blood – that must have left her physically, emotionally and spiritually exhausted. For many of us there is some aspect of our lives that has an almost equally draining effect as the physical complaint of the woman. In effect, some aspect of our lives may be haemorrhaging – a constant outflow of energy and emotion that prevents us from being all that we might be. It may be an unhealthy relationship; an addiction; a lack of confidence; a grudge; a lack of emotional control.



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**Weekly bulletin: Sunday 1 july 2018**

**13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B**

***The Year of Youth***

*This week’s readings: Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24;2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15 ; Gospel Mark 5: 21-43*

**WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** all who are sick and for those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Anthony Godwin.

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*We are Companions on the Journey …*

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Eastern Region

Archdiocese of Melbourne

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**Parish Priest**

Marilyn Robert

***Part-time* Parish Secretary**

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9.30am – 4.30pm**

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**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  
Wednesday 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.*



**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. Tuesday: St Thomas, Apostle; Wednesday: St. Elizabeth of Portugal; Thursday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, priest; Friday: St. Maria Goretti, virgin,martyr; Saturday: Blessed Peter To Rot, martyr**

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (7/1/18)

“Little girl, I say to you, arise!” Jesus reaches out to those in need and gives life to those who seek Him. Turn to Him in times of difficulty that you might have that same spark of divine life. (Mark 5:41)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** “…as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality.” 2 CORINTHIANS 8:14. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of those around us. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the “Body of Christ”. We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

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

**THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OVERHEAD SCREEN** 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 a Parishioner is 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 end of the month expenses. What do others think?

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

**WINTER APPEAL - THANK YOU FROM SVP** - The Blackburn South Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the parishioners for their  donations, both monetary and goods in kind for the winter appeal. We are truly blessed to have such caring and generous supporters. The collections at the three masses raised nearly $2000 which will be spent assisting disadvantaged families with the costs of utilities' bills, education and supplying food hampers and Woolworths vouchers.

Margaret Gearon, Conference President.

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 8 July 2018**

Just a reminder, that all Journey Catholic Radio information is always a week in advance. This week on the Journey Fr Richard Healey reflects on the Gospel of Mark, Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey talking about “The Broken Heart Syndrome”, our very own Pete Gilmore reminds us to “Live Big” and Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent, encourages us with her God spot on “Creating Memories”. 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.

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES FOR JULY 2018 to JUNE 2019, LETTER FROM FR. GERARD JOHNSON & THANKSGIVING RECEIPT**

Please collect your envelopes from the church foyer. This time, we have only 1 set of envelopes to reduce cost. Please read Fr. Gerard’s letter for more details. Please contact the parish office if you are yet to be allocated a number for the Thanksgiving Envelopes. Your kind contribution is greatly appreciated and makes a difference to the upkeep of our parish.

**MARILYN ROBERT (Part-time PARISH SECRETARY) - FAREWELL**

Dear Parishioners, Greetings of peace & joy! It gives me great honour to say that I have been with the Parish since May 2016, and it’s now been a bit more than two years. How time flies. It’s been a blessing from above for the great opportunity I have had working here at St. Luke’s Parish. During this time, I’ve had the privilege of journeying with you-the parishioners, Fr. Dishan Candappa and Fr. Gerard Johnson; all who have been instrumental in assisting me to execute my duties during this time. It’s been a real pleasure working with you. I have gained so much from your warmth, hospitality and friendship, and I’m richer by it all. I thank you sincerely for every moment, contribution and assistance in every way in making my time at St. Luke’s a happy, rewarding and memorable one. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue to serve God in the adventures set before me. And I will continuously keep you in mine. I will be serving the Parish for another month until end of July 2018. I will certainly be in touch by visiting you whenever I have the chance. God bless you and your families evermore.

In Christ,

Marilyn Robert.

**Parish Ministry Roster**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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|  |  | **30 JUNE AND 1 JULY 2018** | **7 & 8 JULY 2018** | **30 JUNE AND 1 JULY 2018** |
| **Saturday** | **6:00 PM** | Melina Barcellona | Monica Hodder | Melina Barcellona |
| **Sunday** | **8:30 AM** | Godfrey Thong | Megan McLean | Godfrey Thong |
|  | **10:30 AM** | Val Gardiner | Ian Holmes | Val Gardiner |

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

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|  |  | **30 JUNE AND 1 JULY 2018** | **7 & 8 JULY 2018** | **30 JUNE AND 1 JULY 2018** |
| **Saturday** | **6:00 PM** | Bernie Brennan | Mary Wighting | Bernie Brennan |
| **Sunday** | **8:30 AM** | Rosemary Donaldson | Maria D’Souza | Rosemary Donaldson |
|  | **10:30 AM** | Marg Yore | Kathryn Holmes | Marg Yore |

**WELCOMER’S ROSTER**

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|  |  | **30 JUNE AND 1 JULY 2018** | **7 & 8 JULY 2018** | **30 JUNE AND 1 JULY 2018** | **2ND AND 3RD JUNE 2018** |
| **Saturday** | **6:00 PM** | Greg Grant | Lorraine Kermond | Greg Grant | Terry Wells |
| **Sunday** | **8:30 AM** | Marie Pekish | Don McKenzie | Marie Pekish | Joe Brogno |
|  | **10:30 AM** | Dixon Family | Leigh Kelly | Dixon Family | Mary |

**SLIDE OPERATERS**

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|  | |  | | **30 JUNE AND 1 JULY 2018** | | **7 & 8 JULY 2018** | |
| **Saturday** | | **6:00 PM** | | Tony Lobo | | David Praba | |
| **Sunday** | | **8:30 AM** | | Darren McLean | | Rosemary Donaldson | |
|  | | **10:30 AM** | | Manny Gonzalez | | Manny Gonzalez | |
| **CHURCH FLOWERS**  **7 JULY 2018**  Lesley Cormick & Toni Plevier | | **CHURCH CLEANING**  **7 JULY 2018**  Team 7 (Bernard’s Team)  Bernard O’Malley, Darren Owens, Melina Barcellona, Anne Allsopp | | **MAINTENANCE**  **14 July 2018**  **Team 8**  Don McKenzie & Charles Chin | |

**Parish Groups & Contacts***Did not our hearts burn within us as we walked along …*

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**Child Safety Officer**Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

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Steve Brennan   
Parish Accountant

**Hall Hire**

Marilyn Robert – 9877 2292

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Greg Grant 0401 644 474

**Church Linen**

Toni Plevier

**Church Cleaning & Flowers**

Megan McLean 9878 8691

**Maintenance**Bill Goodwin 9803 6056

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**Parish & School Choirs**

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Marg Yore & Kat Bergin

9877 4023

**Parish and School  
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Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

**Parish School Advisory Board**

Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

**Parish School  
Parents’ Association**

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**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?*

**WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO:** 75 bite-size explanations of Catholic practices

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**Advent**

The Church calendar begins with the Advent season, the four weeks leading up to Christmas. This period is a time of preparation, not just for Christmas gifts and luncheons and holidays, but for the great celebration of God’s revelation through the birth of Jesus Christ. How privileged we are to live in this age of salvation! For centuries before Jesus’ birth, the Jewish people waited for the coming of the promised Messiah as foretold by the Scriptures. We find ourselves in a similar position as we look forward to the second coming of Christ at the end of time. In this sense, Jews and Christians share in a messianic yearning. Although we do not know the hour or the day, each Advent we renew our faith in this great promise.

**A Christmas question**

Since we do not know the exact historical date of Jesus’ birth, why do Christians celebrate Christmas on 25th December? In the ancient world, a pagan festival held on 25th December worshipped the sun as the divine controller of all life. The Roman Emperor Aurelian established this festival in 274, naming it Natalis Solis Invicti (‘the Birth of the Unconquered Sun’). By choosing this day as the birth of Christ, Christians intended to counteract the pagan belief as they celebrated Christ as the true light of the world, the Saviour who dispels the darkness of sin with the light of God’s love.

**The Jesse Tree**

No, it’s not just another Christmas tree you see in churches at this time of year. In Christian tradition the Jesse Tree represents the family tree of Jesus. Beginning with Abraham, the names that you see decorating the tree are the characters listed in the genealogy of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew (1:1-16). The name Jesse comes from the father of King David who is listed in verse 6. The tree reminds us that Jesus our Saviour is revealed not as an isolated super-hero, but as the Messiah intimately connected with the people of God. He is God-with-us.

**The Holy Family**

On the feast of the Holy Family we pause to reflect on our own families. For some of us this raises happy thoughts. For others, painful. For most of us it is a mixture of both. Undoubtedly, blood bonds are the most life-affecting relationships we have, even if by their absence! It is precisely because of their significance that families can teach us so much about the Gospel and about the Church. In the ups and downs of relating to one another, family members cannot help but be confronted by the challenge to love, to forgive and to put others before one’s own agenda. Families often underrate their holiness. In fact they are among the greatest of witnesses to the depth of love that Christians are called to share.

**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**](http://pol.org.au/blackburnsouth/Policies.aspx)