***Raise your voices ...***

**Entrance antiphon:**

**As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.**

**Response to the Psalm:**

**Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

**Gospel acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!**

**Communion antiphon:** **Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.**

**Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter:**

This account of the sending out of the twelve disciples appears in all three of the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and so originates from the Gospel of Mark. It is a commissioning of the disciples to spread the ministry of Jesus – teaching, healing and casting out demons. It seems rather harsh conditions under which Jesus sends out his disciples. They are to carry nothing but a staff – a walking stick – and to trust completely to the hospitality that they will encounter. For the disciples going out on their mission, it is a challenge to their faith and their trust that God will provide for them. The act of sending out the disciples can also be seen as a challenge to the towns and people that the disciples visited. A challenge for them to fulfil their duty of hospitality – of welcoming the stranger and caring for those in need. By travelling without a ‘fallback position’ the disciples are utterly at the mercy of those they encounter but there is an implicit demand on the other to extend hospitality to the one who seeks it.

How would the disciples be greeted in our world today if they arrived in a country or town with no food, no possessions and calling on the hospitality of the place in which they had arrived? Does this sound familiar? There are refugees and asylum seekers who arrive on our borders and seek the hospitality of our country. They are fleeing inhospitality – often starvation, war, persecution, poverty – and they ask for welcome and hospitality. Unfortunately, in the culture of fear and intolerance that has developed, they are not met with welcome and hospitality; they are met with obstacles, rejection and ill treatment.

**Scriptural context – Mission and Ministry**

This seems an odd event in the narrative of the Gospel of Mark. The twelve are sent out and we are told that they ‘cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them’. After a diversion to explain the fate of John the Baptist the gospel picks up again by simply stating that the disciples returned and reported all they had done. There is no explanation of why Jesus sent them out; no indication of how long they travelled; no evidence of what reception they were given. This was a prelude to the later ministry that would be performed; it was an instruction by Jesus for how the mission was to be carried on.

**Have you thought? Sent in pairs.** It is interesting that the disciples were sent out in pairs. It is indicative of the fact that such ministry is difficult to accomplish alone. When we are engaged in ministry it is important that we seek and provide mutual support. Whether it is a hospitality ministry at Sunday Mass, visiting the sick, or a street ministry to the homeless, we will feel more confident and willing to reach out to others if we know that we are sharing that ministry and are supported by others. It is important to invite others to join in our ministry but it is also important to make sure that we support them as they enter into it.

**Living the Gospel – Travelling Light**

Jesus made it plain to the disciples that they were to travel unencumbered by the extras of life. In fact they were to carry next to nothing and rely on the goodness of others. The challenge to travel lightly through life is a difficult one in a world today that is dominated by material possessions. In the race between the ‘haves’ and ‘have nots’ the ‘haves’ are way out in front. The gospel passages challenges us to think about the ‘things’ with which we burden ourselves. What is really necessary to live a good life and follow Jesus?



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**Weekly bulletin: Sunday 15 july 2018**

**15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B**

***The Year of Youth***

*This week’s readings: Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3 -14; Gospel Mark 6:7-13*

**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.

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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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**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. **Monday:** Our Lady on Mt. Carmel; **Friday:** St. Apollinaris, bishop, martyr **Saturday:** St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Even before we were formed in the womb, God has chosen and called each of us to be a disciple. To find true happiness, find that pathway that God has uniquely created you to fulfill. (Eph 1:3-14)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER: July 15, 2018 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” (MARK 6:8).How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our life’s journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. When we really put God first in everything and put money and possessions second, we experience more freedom to joyfully serve God and others.

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST & MINISTERS OF THE WORD & WELCOME ROSTERS -** Please collect new rosters beginning from the 1st weekend of August.

**NEW ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE –**

**MOST REV BISHOP PETER ANDREW COMENSOLI**

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The Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed Most Reverend Bishop Peter Andrew Comensoli of the Diocese of Broken Bay as the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne, from 1st of August 2018. Here’s Archbishop Denis Hart’s acknowledgement address:

***“Dear Friends,***

***With joy I inform you that our Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Peter Andrew Comensoli of the Diocese of Broken Bay as the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne. The announcement has been made at 8pm, Friday 29 June Australian Eastern Standard Time (Noon in Rome). We greet him with warm hearts and hope for the future, and will be honoured to welcome him at the Mass of Reception in St Patrick’s Cathedral on Wednesday 1 August at 7pm. I have been asked to act as Apostolic Administrator until that date. I extend to you all my humble gratitude for your goodness, prayers and magnificent support.***

***Yours sincerely in Christ,***

***-signed-***

***Apostolic Administrator of Melbourne***(Source: [www.cam.org.au](http://www.melbourne.catholic.org.au/))

* Archbishop Hart will celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving at

St Patrick’s Cathedral, East Melbourne on Saturday 21 July at 11am.

* The Mass of Reception for Archbishop-designate Comensoli will be held at

St Patrick’s Cathedral, East Melbourne on Wednesday, 1 August at 7pm.

All are invited to attend.

* To view Archbishop-Elect Most Rev Peter A Comensoli’s address to the people of Melbourne, go to : [**https://youtube/Xd6vEKjljAo**](https://youtube/Xd6vEKjljAo).

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

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES FOR JULY 2018 to JUNE 2019**

Please collect your envelopes on the left side of the church foyer as you enter.

Just a gentle reminder that the 1st Collection is for ‘Presbytery’ (for support of Parish Priest & Presbytery-(no envelope) & the 2nd Collection is for ‘Thanksgiving Offering’ (for Parish maintenance, services, utilities, insurance, etc. as outlined in Fr. Gerard’s letter 2 weeks ago-contribution to be put in ‘My Thanksgiving Offering’ envelopes if have been allocated an envelope number). Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be allocated an envelope number. Again, THANK YOU for your kind contribution.

**STEWARDSHIP THANKSGIVING FORM - to be returned to the Parish Office**

Kindly drop off your completed Stewardship Thanksgiving Forms, which accompanied Fr. Gerard’s letter two weeks ago,

 in the box at the church foyer or into the letter box at the Presbytery. Alternatively, you may scan and email the form to blackburnsouth@cam.org.au. Thank you. something out of the show this week!  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.

**Parish Ministry Roster**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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|  |  | **14 AND 15 JULY 2018** | **21 AND 22 July 2018**  |  | **30 JUNE AND 1 JULY 2018** |
| **Saturday** | **6:00 PM** | Lorraine Kermond | Terry Wells  |  | Melina Barcellona |
| **Sunday** | **8:30 AM** | Engelina Nyhuis | Kana Chelliah |  | Godfrey Thong |
|  | **10:30 AM** | Lynda Kilroe-Smith | Jess Kilroe-Smith |  | Val Gardiner |

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

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|  |  | **14 AND 15 JULY 2018** | **21 AND 22 July 2018** |  | **30 JUNE AND 1 JULY 2018** |
| **Saturday** | **6:00 PM** | Shirley Praba | Olive Hammill |  | Bernie Brennan |
| **Sunday** | **8:30 AM** | Melina Barcellona | Godfrey Thong |  | Rosemary Donaldson |
|  | **10:30 AM** | Margaret Gearon | Elizabeth Dixon |  | Marg Yore |

**WELCOMER’S ROSTER**

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|  |  | **14 AND 15 JULY 2018** | **21 AND 22 July 2018** |  | **30 JUNE AND 1 JULY 2018** | **2ND AND 3RD JUNE 2018** |
| **Saturday** | **6:00 PM** | Terry Wells  | Greg Grant  |  | Greg Grant | Terry Wells |
| **Sunday** | **8:30 AM** | Rosemary Donaldson | Joe Brogno |  | Marie Pekish | Joe Brogno |
|  | **10:30 AM** | Pam & Michael  | Kilroe-Smith family |  | Dixon Family | Mary |

**SLIDE OPERATERS**

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|  |  | **14 AND 15 JULY 2018** | **21 AND 22 July 2018** |
| **Saturday** | **6:00 PM** | Tony Lobo | David Praba |
| **Sunday** | **8:30 AM** | Mary White | Megan McLean  |
|  | **10:30 AM** | Manny Gonzalez | Manny Gonzalez |
| **CHURCH FLOWERS****21JULY 2018**Engelina Nyhuis & Margaret Renwick  | **CHURCH CLEANING****21 & 22 JULY 2018**Team 1 (Val’s Team)Val Fogarty, Jim Fogarty, Megan McLean, Raquel Ramirez | **MAINTENANCE****28 July 2018** **Team 9**John Ryan, Darren Foster & Anthony Fernandez |

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

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Toni Plevier

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**Parish & School Choirs**

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Fete Committee**

Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

**Parish School Advisory Board**

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**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?*

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 22 July 2018**

This week on The Journey, as we listen to the Gospel of Mark, we are again encouraged to follow Jesus. Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from The Abbey with “Teapot Stories”, and our very own Pete Gilmore shares his analogy of the “Flat Tyre” in his Living the Gospel God spot, As we know, music soothes the soul, and we are blessed to have soul lifting music as part of our weekly program. 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.

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

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**The Easter Season -** Easter, the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, is the climax of the Church’s life marking Christ’s victory over sin and death. Traditionally, the Easter vigil is the time for baptizing newcomers to our Church. The season of Easter extends for 50 days after Easter Sunday, closing with Pentecost Sunday. In the early Church this period was a time of catechesis for the newly baptized. Called mystagogy (‘reflection on the mysteries’), this catechesis led the baptized to a deeper understanding of what it meant to bear the light of Christ to the world. Appropriately, the Gospels of the Easter season reflect this missionary theme. It is an opportune time for all Christians to ponder the missionary significance of their baptism.

**Why do we celebrate the Ascension? –** On Ascension Sunday we celebrate Christ’s final appearance after the resurrection whereby he was taken up into heaven. To some ears this might sound like celestial theatrics! As Christians we understand it to be a profound affirmation of the fact that Jesus is indeed the Son of God who lives on forever beyond the material confines of this world. We are led to reflect on our own humanity from the perspective of the promise of eternal life. Christ has shown us God’s love, and God’s love is forever - limited by nothing, not even death. As Christians, our belief in this ‘tomorrow’ allows us to live ‘today’ with hope and courage.

**Why do we celebrate Pentecost?** - Pentecost commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples as tongues of fire (Acts 2). The name ‘Pentecost’ (Greek: ‘fiftieth day’) originally referred to the Jewish Feast of Weeks (in Hebrew: ‘Shavuot’) which fell fifty days after the Passover. This feast celebrated the first fruits of the harvest offered to God and also the giving of the Law to Moses. The early Church gave it Christian significance, rejoicing in the ‘first fruits’ and the ‘new law’ heralded by Christ’s resurrection. Today we celebrate Pentecost as the conclusion of the Easter season, fifty days after Easter Sunday. Conscious of the apostolic zeal that galvanized the disciples into a united body, we often think of Pentecost as the birth of the Church.

**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)