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

**Entrance antiphon:**

**See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

**Response to the Psalm:**

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Gospel acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord: I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!**

**Communion antiphon:**

**The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.**

**Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter:**

Fifty years ago the word ‘stress’ was only ever applied to materials like steel and the wings of planes. But since then, along with ‘pressure’, it has first crept into our language and more lately become an everyday term. Everyone experiences stress now. You can even hear Grade One students talk about the stress they’re under at school! Perhaps it’s the ever-growing pace of life or an innate competitiveness but pressure and stress have become part of daily life for most people in the so-called civilized world. Although he may never have used the words ‘stress’ or ‘pressure’, Jesus knew all about the demands of ministry with other people. When the disciples returned from their first efforts away from Jesus he knew that they needed some time out to debrief, to pray and to re-energise themselves. He ordered them all into a boat and they headed for a lonely place where they could be by themselves and rejuvenate. Jesus recognised the importance of taking time out.

If you are engaged in a vocation or ministry that sees you meeting the needs of others, you need some time out to reflect on your experiences; time to hold those people up to God in prayer; time to make sense of your work and the interactions you’ve shared; time to simply recharge your batteries so that you can once again give fully of yourself. Unfortunately, when Jesus arranged for himself and the disciples to have some time out, the crowd anticipated where they were going and actually beat them there! When the disciples arrived at their lonely spot, they were once again overwhelmed by the crowd. However, Jesus recognised the demands of the crowd as being more urgent than the demands of the disciples and himself. He took pity on them – he was moved by compassion – and responded to their need.

**Have you thought? Prayer and reflection :** Jesus demonstrated how important it is to engage in times of quiet prayer and reflection. When you expend a lot of time and energy in the service of others it is essential to reflect on those experiences, to learn from them and consider what you’d do differently next time. It is also important that any ministry that seeks to be based in the message of Jesus can only remain so if it is fuelled by prayer. Only through prayerful dialogue with God can we learn what God desires for us.

**Living the Gospel – Take time out :** I recently travelled to France and was amazed that in the smaller towns and villages everything stopped for two hours in the middle of the day and people went home for lunch. As a tourist used to almost 24 hour convenience, it was at first terribly frustrating. Even tourist attractions would close down. The only businesses open were restaurants. However, the wisdom of the custom soon became apparent. How wonderfully civilised and life-giving to stop for two hours in the middle of the day, go home and have a leisurely lunch. It made me ask myself, ‘When do I take time out to renew myself?’

**Historical Context – Sheep and Shepherds :** This gospel passage is one of many gospel references and even more Old Testament references to sheep and shepherds. It is an enduring image from the Bible. Much of it stems from the shepherd-become-King, David. When a monarchy developed in Israel it was clear that the role of king was like that of a shepherd, caring for his flock. Jesus applied the image to himself on several occasions, reinforcing an image of servant leadership. The language continues today, with bishops referred to as shepherds of their diocese and carrying a crosier that is reminiscent of a shepherd’s crook.



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**Weekly bulletin: Sunday 22 july 2018**

**16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B**

***The Year of Youth***

*This week’s readings: Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13 -18; Gospel Mark 6:30-34*

**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**

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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. **Monday:** St. Bridget, religious; **Tuesday:** St. Sharbel Makhluf, priest; **Wednesday:** Feast-St. James, apostle; **Thursday:** St. Joachim and St. Anne**,** parents of Blessed Virgin Mary**;**

**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 22, 2018 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time** *“…come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile.” (MARK 6:31)*. Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some “alone” time with God.

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

**Mass of Reception for Archbishop-designate Peter A. Comensoli -** The Archbishop-Designate Peter’s Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass will be held in St Patrick’s Cathedral on Wednesday, 1 August 2018 at 7.00 pm. Refreshments will follow in Central Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy and all are welcome to attend. Please book on [www.cam.org.au](http://www.cam.org.au).

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**(Most Rev) Peter A Comensoli DD STL MLitt PhD**

**New Archbishop of Melbourne**

**Peter Andrew Comensoli** was born in the Illawarra region of NSW on 25 March, 1964, the fourth son and last child of Mick and Margaret Comensoli. He was baptized at St John Vianney Church, Fairy Meadow, in the Diocese of Wollongong. He received all his sacraments of Christian Initiation, as well as priestly Ordination, at the parish.

Educated by the Good Samaritan Sisters at St John Vianney Primary School, and by the Marist Fathers at St Paul's College, Bellambi, Peter Comensoli worked for four years in the banking sector, while studying Commerce at Wollongong University.

He commenced his studies for the priesthood at St Patrick's College, Manly in 1986 and was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Wollongong on 22 May 1992. During his time in the Diocese of Wollongong Fr Comensoli served as Assistant Priest and then Administrator in a number of parishes, and was Diocesan Chancellor for six years. On 20 April 2011, he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, and ordained to the Episcopate on 8 June 2011 at St Mary's Cathedral. In March 2014, Bishop Comensoli was appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Sydney, until the appointment of the new Archbishop of Sydney in November 2014. On 20 November 2014, he was appointed the third Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, and installed at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Friday 12 December 2014.

At the national level, Bishop Comensoli is currently a member of the Bishops' Commissions for Family, Youth, and Life, and for Evangelisation, with a particular focus on life matters, euthanasia and media. From November 2018 he will take up the appointment of Chair of the Bishops' Commission for Life, Family and Public Engagement, and a member of the Bishops’ Commission for the Plenary Council. At the Province level, he is currently a Board Director of Catholic Schools NSW. Bishop Comensoli holds a Bachelor of Theology (1989) and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology (1991) from the Catholic Institute of Sydney. He holds a Licentiate of Sacred Theology (STL) in moral theology from the Accademia Alfonsiana (2000), a Master of Letters (MLitt) in moral philosophy from the University of St Andrews (2007), and a Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in theological ethics from the University of Edinburgh (2011). He is the author of ‘*In God’s Image: Recognizing the* *Profoundly Impaired as Persons’*, as well as a number of articles in the area of disability and Christian anthropology.

His Episcopal motto is: ***Praedicamus Christum crucifixum*** (‘We proclaim a crucified Christ' – 1 Cor 1.23).

**Parish Ministry Roster**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

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

**WELCOMER’S ROSTER**

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

**SLIDE OPERATERS**

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|  |  | **21 AND 22 July 2018** |  |
| **Saturday** | **6:00 PM** | David Praba |  |
| **Sunday** | **8:30 AM** | Megan McLean  |  |
|  | **10:30 AM** | Manny Gonzalez |  |
| **CHURCH FLOWERS****28JULY 2018**  | **CHURCH CLEANING****28 JULY 2018**Team 2 ( ) | **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 …*

**Lectors, Welcomers Collectors Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, & Rosters**

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Nina Grieve - 9877 4023

Jess Kilroe-Smith - 0452 613 863

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Dale Dixon - 0433 885 087

Steve Kilroe-Smith - 0404 864 232

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Steve Brennan
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Greg Grant 0401 644 474

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Toni Plevier

**Church Cleaning & Flowers**

Megan McLean 9878 8691

**Maintenance**Bill Goodwin 9803 6056

**Holy Communion**to the housebound

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Maria Pinto, Lina Mafi

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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**

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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 29 July 2018**

This week on The Journey, Fr Mike Delaney returns to reflect on the Gospel of John, Trish McCarthy returns with a great segment on Motivation & Discipline in our lives, and much more!  Your regulars, Bruce Downes the Catholic Guy returns with a brilliant piece all about Seeking God in our lives, and Sr Hilda Scott OSB speaks to us about the face of God.  We’ve also got a great selection of brilliant Christian music that we’re very excited to bring you!  Faith, Hope, Love, and Life, you’re on The Journey. 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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**Why do we celebrate Trinity Sunday?**

God is love. That is the simple, profound truth at the heart of Trinity Sunday. Consider a husband and wife who have loved each other for many years. They approach life with a sense of ‘we’ rather than ‘I’. Paradoxically, instead of losing a sense of self-identity, each spouse discovers a greater sense of uniqueness through the love of the other. This analogy helps us to glimpse the unity of the three persons of the Trinity. God is persons in a relationship of perfect unity; unique persons, but completely one. In a society full of isolated individuals crying out ‘Who am I?’ on a restless search for self-identity, the feast of the Trinity calls us to ask another question: Whose am I? To whom do I belong? Through relationships of love, we discover God.

**Body and Blood of Christ**

The feast of Corpus Christi focuses on the Eucharist as a symbol and sacrament of unity. While we celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday, today we give special consideration to the Bread of Life nourishing our lives. When we break bread and share the one cup we recall that sacred meal between Christ and his disciples just before sacrificing his life on a cross. Like those disciples, Christ’s death and resurrection has bonded us in a love relationship. For this reason, the Eucharist is never a private affair but always a call to unity. In receiving communion today, be aware of Christ’s presence not only in the Eucharistic host, but in those receiving with you.

**Part III – Saints and Statues**

**Why do we have statues of saints?**

Does your home display photos of deceased family members? Do you sometimes visit the grave of a loved one on special occasions of remembrance? Sometimes painful, sometimes comforting, gestures like these allow families to continue to include their ancestors in the fabric of daily life. The Catholic community, too, has ways of acknowledging its ancestors, the communion of saints, with whom we are bonded through faith even beyond the grave. Statues, art and various devotional practices that abound in Catholic churches are concrete expressions of our enduring relationship with those who have gone before us in faith.

**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)