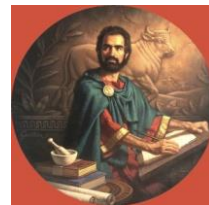


# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 29 JULY 2018**  
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**  
**THE YEAR OF YOUTH**

*This week's readings: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Gospel John 6:1-15*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** In the readings for Ordinary Time, we take a break from the sequence of readings from the Gospel of Mark for a few weeks and this week's reading begins a diversion into chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. The whole of John 6 is an extended discourse that explores the image of Jesus as the Bread of Life. The chapter and the discourse begin with this week's miraculous feeding of the multitude. As this event occurs in each of the four gospels there is a compelling argument that there is some basis in fact or, at the very least, that the metaphoric image of Jesus feeding a crowd was an enduring one in Christian communities.

Jesus is described as testing the disciples, asking them where they might be able to purchase bread for the crowd. Phillip is overwhelmed at the thought of spending a fortune on enough bread for more than 5,000 people. A small boy nearby had a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish. Jesus took the bread and fish, gave thanks and then had the disciples begin to distribute the food. When everyone had eaten their fill, the disciples collected twelve hampers of leftovers. Some commentators suggest that the twelve baskets represent the twelve tribes of Israel – indicating that the message of Jesus will be enough to feed and sustain the whole of Israel. Having witnessed this miracle the people have a sudden insight into who they think Jesus might be – the promised Messiah come to free them from their Roman oppressors. Wary of the crowd's mistaken understanding of what the Messiah is to be, Jesus literally heads for the hills to avoid being made a political figurehead for the people.

**Living the Gospel – Plenty for all:** The feeding of the multitude is a profoundly political statement. Quite simply, there is sufficient food in our world to ensure that no one should ever be hungry. Sadly, the distribution of that food is such that there are some in our world whose bellies are expanding from an excess of food while others' are distended from the lack of it. We can easily feed the entire world. It is the responsibility of those of us in the developed world with more than we need to bring about a more equitable distribution with those who don't even have enough to live.

**Different View – A miracle of sharing:** Some scripture scholars suggest that the real miracle of the feeding of the multitude was not so much a multiplication of meagre resources by Jesus but rather a personal response by individuals within the crowd. It is suggested that upon seeing the willingness of Jesus (and the small boy whose food it was) to share the small amount of food available, everyone dug into their pockets and pulled out the small amount of food they also had and shared it with one another. The miracle was a breaking through from selfishness and isolation to a spirit of sharing and community.

**Gospel Focus – Messiah:** At the time of Jesus there was a heightened expectation that the Messiah – the anointed one of God – would come and once again set the people of Israel free. However, there was great conjecture about what sort of person the Messiah would be. Some thought he would be a warrior king; others a wise priestly leader; others thought a shepherd-king in the image of David. Confounding all these expectations, Jesus' model of Messianic leadership was that of the servant leader; a leader who was one with the people, offering hope and meaning in the midst of their everyday suffering and struggling.

*Are you wondering about the new Resilience sign on our front fence? See our noticeboard for more details ...*

**Raise your voices ...**

**Entrance antiphon:** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**Response to the Psalm:** The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

**Communion antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

## Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

*We are Companions on the Journey ...*

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Whitehorse Deanery  
Eastern Region  
Archdiocese of Melbourne

Rev Father Gerard Johnson  
Parish Priest

*To be advised ...*

**Part-time Parish Secretary**  
Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday & Friday  
10.00am – 2.00pm

Email: [BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au](mailto:BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au)

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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 and for those Parishioners unable to  
be among us this weekend. For Therese Parker and Geoffrey (Jeff) Hook who died  
recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially  
Roma Rolfs, may they all rest in peace.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time. **Monday:**  
St Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor; **Tuesday:** St Ignatius of Loyola, priest; **Wednesday:**  
St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor; **Thursday:** St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop & St Peter  
Julian Eymard, priest; **Friday:** St Dominic, priest; **Saturday:** St John Vianney, priest.  
**Sunday Masses:** Preface IV of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. Euch. Accl. No. 2 &  
Eucharistic Prayer II.

**OUR SINCERE THANKS TO:** Frs Jim Staunton, Zaher Mhanna and  
George O'Connor for their priestly service recently in our Parish; giving Parishioners  
access to the Sacrament of the Eucharist during the week and on weekends while our  
P.P. was on annual leave.

**MASS OF RECEPTION FOR ARCHBISHOP ELECT PETER A. COMENSOLI:**  
Archbishop Elect Peter A. Comensoli'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)

**A VOCATION VIEW:** There is a unity in the faith, for we are made one in Christ Jesus.  
No matter our call, we are urged to foster a deep unity in the Church so that we might  
boldly proclaim the Gospel of Christ. (Eph. 4:1-6)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two  
fish; but what good are these for so many?" JOHN 6:9 The miracle of the Loaves and  
Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two  
important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to  
share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we  
are just willing to let Him. No gift is too small or insignificant!

**WE WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC FAMILY** this weekend Augustine Benji Quinton  
Mafi, Son of Eileen and Okalani.

**OUR THANKS TO MARILYN ROBERT:** After two and a bit years of service to our  
Parish Marilyn wants to pursue her commitment to Catholic Education. We are grateful  
to her for all the time, talent and her personal approach she has offered so willingly to  
our Parish during this time. Please let Marilyn know how grateful you are during our  
Morning Tea after the 10.30am Sunday morning Mass next weekend.

**THANKS TO MARGARET GEARON** who has recently been able to prepare and  
distribute our Liturgical Rosters, with the able assistance of **LINDA KILROE-SMITH**, till  
the end of this year; no easy task. We are all very grateful to both of you for your  
willingness to provide your time and talent to complete this Parish service for all of us.  
Please pick up your Roster from the notice-table after Mass this weekend.

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS ANNUAL APPEAL:** Welcome back to Fr Zaher, who is  
wearing a different 'hat' this weekend with us. "**Healing a nation through education**".  
This year's Catholic Mission Annual Church Appeal highlights the important work of  
Catholic Mission in Myanmar; through programs aimed to improve education for  
children, specifically through teacher training and the implementation of alternative,  
child-centred education around the country.

**A NOTE FROM OUR DIOCESAN DIRECTOR FOR CATHOLIC MISSIONS,  
MR KEVIN MEESE:** "Thankyou for your prayerful and financial support for St Luke's  
Women and maternal Health Centre in Bujuni West Uganda. The centre has now  
received the much needed ultrasound machine, a humid crib, new medical  
equipment and an ambulance. The centre is currently renovating the expansion of  
the maternity ward.

**THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OVERHEAD SCREEN:** A Group of Parishioners is currently  
involved with the reconnaissance work to determine the best option for our Church,  
Sunday Worship, purpose for use and our ability to finance a replacement. Some  
Parishioners have suggested that we 'think outside the square' and so the challenge  
will be to become better informed with contemporary technologies that will do what  
we want done. If there is a Parishioner who works in the Audio and Visual industry who  
would like to be involved, please let Fr Gerard know at your earliest convenience. This  
is a **Work In Progress** so your patience is very much appreciated as we who are  
committed to this task negotiate the best outcome for all concerned.

**THE 6PM CHOIR** will serve again on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> July.

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

**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.jci.org.au](http://www.itunes.jci.org.au) where you can listen anytime and  
subscribe to weekly shows by email.

## PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

**28 AND 29 JULY 2018**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Ian Holmes
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Melina Barcellona
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Elizabeth Dixon

**4 AND 5 AUG 2018**

Lorraine Kermond
Melina Barcellona
Elizabeth Dixon

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**28 AND 29 JULY 2018**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Tony Lobo
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Ken D'Souza
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Dale Dixon

**4 AND 5 AUG 2018**

Mia Perang
Ken D'Souza
Jess Kilroe-Smith

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

**28 AND 29 JULY 2018**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Lorraine Kermond
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Don McKenzie
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Margaret Gearon

**4 AND 5 AUG 2018**

Greg Grant
Joe Brogno
Leigh Kelly

### SLIDE OPERATORS

**28 AND 29 JULY 2018**

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

**4 AND 5 AUG 2018**

Tony Lobo
Rosemary Donaldson
Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

**4 AUG 2018**

Val Wells & Marie Parker  
**11 AUG 2018**  
Lesley Cormick & Toni Plevier

### CHURCH CLEANING

**4 AUG 2018**

Team 3 (Maree's Team)  
Maree Moss, Lynda Kilroe-Smith,  
Rita Gibb, Nancy Stephen

### MAINTENANCE

**11 AUG 2018**

Team 1  
Bob Dimmittina &  
Steve Kilroe-Smith

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** *Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!* Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. *There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.* **2018 Melbourne weekend dates: 17-19 August, and 9-11 November 2018** Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: PH: Andre and Maria 0403 569 079 Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

**TREASURING OUR LATER YEARS:** Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily. Come join us at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre in Box Hill on Saturday, 11 August from 10 am – 4 pm/. Cost \$60 (BUO Lunch). Enquiries and bookings can be made by reply email ([holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com)) or to tel 03 9890 1101 or [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)

**BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD® TEACHER TRAINING COURSE:** Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2018, Billings LIFE, 2A/303 2A/303 Burwood Highway, East Burwood, 3151. This is an opportunity for those interested in offering women and couples a reliable and scientific method of natural fertility management. Nurse practitioners, community health nurses and others interested in women's reproductive health will find the knowledge and skills gained through their participation in this course to be invaluable. To Register or to get more information: 1800 335 860

**WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO:** 75 bite-size explanations of Catholic practices © The Story Source, 1993. [TeresaPirola.net](http://TeresaPirola.net); **WHY DO CATHOLICS 'PRAY' TO SAINTS?:** It is a common and beautiful practice for Christians to turn to one another for support and encouragement as they journey through life. The Catholic way of 'praying' to the saints is simply an extension of this practice of drawing support from our faith family. Far from undermining adoration of God, devotion to the saints strengthens our love of God. Awareness of the saints raises our sights, empowers us to aspire to gospel qualities and helps us to see our earthly lives from the perspective of the promise of eternal life.

**WHY DO CATHOLICS HOLD OUR LADY IN SUCH HIGH ESTEEM?** Every community has its heroes and heroines; people whose lives embody an ideal and inspire us to greater heights. The Church, too, looks up to men and women who are outstanding witnesses to the gospel. Of all the saints, prophets and holy people who have gone before us in faith, Catholics honor the Jewish woman Mary in a special way because of her unique role in the story of salvation. As the mother of Jesus, she was the first to bear the Gospel to the world. Mary's life is the most perfect example we have of a life lived under the grace of the Holy Spirit. Her feminine presence opens us to essential dimensions of the Gospel and draws us closer to the heart of Christ.

**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**  
Margaret Gearon - 0409 807 135

**Children's Liturgy Group**  
Nina Grieve - 9877 4023  
Jess Kilroe-Smith - 0452 613 863

**Thanksgiving Counters**  
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**

**Finance Council**  
Steve Brennan  
Parish Accountant

**Hall Hire**  
Parish Office - 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  
9877 4023

**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?*