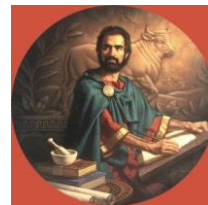


# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 12 AUGUST 2018 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B *THE YEAR OF YOUTH*

*This week's readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Gospel John 6:41-51*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** This passage continues the extended discourse on the Bread of Life. The passage shows the crowd bristling at Jesus describing himself as the 'bread that came down from heaven'. They dismiss his claim because they know his earthly parents, Mary and Joseph. How could he have come down from heaven if they are aware of his parents on earth? It must also be remembered that Jewish tradition held firm to the idea of God as one God only, with no offspring or personified manifestations. For the Jews of Jesus' time, the very idea of Jesus being the Son of God was completely blasphemous. But this gospel is a Christian document, written at a time when the Christians and Jews were emphasising their differences.

Jesus replies to the complaints of the crowd through an extended image. He depicts the intimate relationship that exists between himself and the Father. Later, this discourse will be drawn on in the argument about the divinity of Jesus and that he is 'one in being with the Father'. Those who are drawn to Jesus and his message are – perhaps unknowingly – drawn by the Father and by listening to the teaching of Jesus they are in fact drawing closer to the Father. It is a somewhat complicated image that Jesus paints but at its heart he emphasises the intertwined nature between Father and Son. Refuting the concern of the crowd, Jesus again describes himself as the living bread that has come down from heaven. Unlike the manna the people ate in the desert that sustained them physically for a short period of time, the living bread of Jesus will sustain those who believe for all time.

**Historical Context – The Jews:** It might strike the reader as a little odd that this gospel passage begins with 'The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus'. Surely, Jesus and his disciples were also Jews, so why the derogatory use of 'the Jews'? At the time that this gospel was being written (probably in the last decade of the 1st Century) the Christians were firmly at odds with the Jewish community and were in fact banned from attending Jewish synagogues. This conflict is reflected in the way the Jews are portrayed throughout the Gospel of John.

**Scriptural context – Who is Jesus?** One of the great concerns of the Gospel of John is to convey an understanding of who Jesus is. This powerful message is conveyed through a number of significant discourses – with Nicodemus, with the Samaritan woman, with the Jews etc. The gospel contains some of the 'great' images that we have for Jesus: living water; living bread; light for the world; the good shepherd; the way, the truth and the life. As opposed to the more narrative synoptic gospels, this gospel can be seen as a gospel rich in imagery and theological perceptions.

**Gospel Focus – Living Bread:** There is an obvious connection between this week's reading and the sacramental celebration of Eucharist. Jesus describes himself as living bread and then says whoever eats this living bread will live forever. These words capture the essence of the Church teaching about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus is present in several ways at the celebration of Eucharist, particularly present in the bread and wine that become his body and blood. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus offers us his continuing, enduring presence.

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

**National Vocations Awareness Week** is celebrated during the first week of August

**Raise your voices ...**

**Entrance antiphon:** Look to your covenant, O Lord and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God and defend your cause and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**Response to the Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Communion antiphon:** The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

## 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

Sonya O'Farrell

**Part-time Parish Secretary**  
**Wednesdays, Thursdays &  
Fridays**

**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. 9.00am & 7.00pm  
Thurs - Sat. @ 9:00am

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

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am & 5.30pm

### MASSES THIS WEDNESDAY

Holy Day of Obligation  
9:00am & 7:00pm

### 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 those who died recently especially Audrey Murphy,  
June Wormold and Rev Fr John Van Suylen and for all those whose anniversaries occur  
about this time, may they all rest in peace.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time. **Monday:** Sts Pontian, pope,  
martyr and Hippolytus, priest, martyr; **Tuesday:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr;  
**Wednesday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; *Holy Day of Obligation in  
Australia.* **Thursday:** St Stephen of Hungary; **Saturday:** Mass of the Virgin Mary. **Sunday**  
**Masses:** Preface VI of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. Eucharistic Prayer I and Euch. Accl.  
No. 1.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Jesus, the Bread of Life, has come so that we might have life to  
its fullness. Fervent reception of the Holy Eucharist helps to discover the path God has  
created you to follow. (John 6:41-51)

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 5 - 12 AUGUST:** The Church in  
Melbourne needs more priests and religious. Each one of us can do something about  
this. Firstly – pray each day. A simple prayer may be the cause of one person saying  
'yes'. Secondly – talk about the possibility of a vocation to others. Lend your voice to  
the call of the Lord.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!"  
1 KINGS 19:7 Jesus knows that our stewardship journey will be difficult; we are not  
designed to do it on our own. Fortunately, Jesus gave us the greatest gift of all – the gift  
of the Eucharist; His own body and blood. When we join our sacrifices with the sacrifice  
of the Mass, we find the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

**WE WELCOME TO OUR CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY** this weekend  
Brendan Minarso Tjioe and Ferlyn Melania Tjioe, Son and Daughter of  
Melania and Minarso.

**WE WELCOME ALL OUR PARISH FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES THIS  
WEEKEND** to commence their immediate preparation to sit at the Table of the  
Eucharist for the first time later this month.

**CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY APPEAL** is being held in most Parishes this weekend. We  
are deeply grateful for your Parish's support in joining together to help the youth in our  
communities build a brighter future. As we turn our focus to the youth in our lives, we see  
that more and more young people who are struggling with the challenges and changes  
of life. They can easily find themselves on the margins of society, feeling isolated and  
excluded with no idea where to turn. It is times like this, where CatholicCare programs  
and interventions are needed most.

Relationships are at the heart of why CatholicCare exists and all our programs and  
services focus on helping people build positive relationships and repair connections with  
society and those closest to them. Strong families are the building blocks of a healthy  
community, but there are times when people need a little help. With the support of the  
Catholic community, CatholicCare will continue to provide these services to the most  
disadvantaged in our communities.

Pope Francis reminds us that the 'welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the  
world.'

Thank you for your support in helping us raise \$350,000, so that we can continue to build  
a society where all young people and their families – particularly those that are  
struggling – can look forward to a brighter future.

**EVENT MANAGEMENT CHILDSAFE LIMITED:** You are invited to join with many  
other children's care professionals and volunteers to hear from [Child Safe  
Australia](#) about the outcomes from the Royal Commission Enquiry into Institutional  
Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the report released in December 2017 and the new  
National Standards for Child Safe Organisations. Scripture Union in partnership with Child  
Safe Australia have been kind enough to open this training opportunity to the public  
and other child and youth service providers and leaders in governance of organisations  
working with children.

Two information sessions will be held on **Tuesday September 11th, in the Scripture  
Union Auditorium** (455 Springfield Road, Mitcham) from **10am-12pm and repeated  
again from 7.30pm-9.30pm**. Ticket cost is very low - \$10 for ChildSafe subscribers and  
\$25 for general admission. More session information is available from Eventbrite, along  
with ticket purchase: **MORNING SESSION:** [https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/making-  
australia-childsafe-roadshow-information-session-tickets-42144385993](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/making-australia-childsafe-roadshow-information-session-tickets-42144385993)  
**EVENING SESSION:** [https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/making-australia-childsafe-  
roadshow-information-session-tickets-42144525410](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/making-australia-childsafe-roadshow-information-session-tickets-42144525410)

Please join with many other leaders in the child and youth field and become a part of  
the conversation and movement to make Australia child safe for all children. We will  
give practical examples of implementation strategies, so that your organisation can  
meet the new National Standards and your current Victorian legislated requirements.  
ChildSafe has over 10 years experience providing tools and support to community  
organisations to ensure they meet legislated requirements and keep children safe in  
their care. This presentation is prepared and delivered in conjunction with our partners  
EA Insurance and Lewis Holdway Lawyers. Hear from the spectrum of professionals  
about current best practice and creating cultures of safety and care.

## PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

**11 AND 12 AUGUST 2018**

**18 AND 19 AUG 2018**

**SATURDAY** 6:00 PM  
**SUNDAY** 8:30 AM  
10:30 AM

Monica Hodder  
Engelina Nyhuis  
Marg Yore

Ian Holmes  
Godfrey Thong  
Val Gardiner

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**11 AND 12 AUGUST 2018**

**18 AND 19 AUG 2018**

**SATURDAY** 6:00 PM  
**SUNDAY** 8:30 AM  
10:30 AM

Bernie Brennan  
Godfrey Thong  
Dale Dixon

Olive Hammill  
Maria D'Souza  
Jess Kilroe-Smith

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

**11 AND 12 AUGUST 2018**

**18 AND 19 AUG 2018**

**SATURDAY** 6:00 PM  
**SUNDAY** 8:30 AM  
10:30 AM

Lorraine Kermond  
Don McKenzie  
Pam & Michael

Terry Wells  
Rosemary Donaldson  
Kilroe-Smith Family

### SLIDE OPERATORS

**11 AND 12 AUGUST 2018**

**18 AND 19 AUG 2018**

**SATURDAY** 6:00 PM  
**SUNDAY** 8:30 AM  
10:30 AM

David Prabha  
Rosemary Donaldson  
Manny Gonzalez

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### CHURCH FLOWERS

**11 AUG 2018**  
Lesley Cormick & Toni Plevier  
**18 AUG 2018**  
Joan McHugh

### CHURCH CLEANING

**18 AUGUST 2018**  
Team 5 (Kellie's Team)  
Kellie McCarthy, Emma Brodawka,  
Toni Wynne, Danielle Manolopoulos

### MAINTENANCE

**25 AUG 2018**  
Team 2  
Dale Dixon &  
Ian Holmes

**THE RINGWOOD REGIONAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY COUNCIL** invites YOU to reflect upon 'The Spirit of Being a Vincentian' – a time of reflection, renewal and reconnection. Facilitated by Julie Fewster – Mission & Spirituality Manager. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Beginning with 9.00am Mass at St Luke the Evangelist Church Blackburn South; 9.30am Morning tea, Parish School Staff room, 10.00am Start in Parish School Discovery Centre and 1.00pm close. RSVP Essential for catering by 18 August 2018 **Email:** [margaret.gearon@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:margaret.gearon@svdp-vic.org.au) **Telephone:** Margaret Gearon 0409 807 135. Parishioners are very welcome.

**THE 6PM CHOIR** will serve again on Saturday 11th August and Sat 1st September.

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

**AT THE REQUEST OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE:** I draw your attention to the fact that the Senate has decided to debate the [Restoring Territory Rights \(Assisted Suicide Legislation\) Bill 2015](#) on 14, 15 and 16 August, to allow territories the right to make laws on euthanasia. If the bill passes, it will effectively mean euthanasia will be legalised in the ACT and perhaps also in the Northern Territory. Parishioners are being asked to seriously consider writing to their senators expressing their concerns. [Write to senators to oppose euthanasia](#). The Senate will soon vote on a Bill which would allow territories to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please contact your senators **TODAY** and ask them to protect vulnerable people by voting against the Bill. Visit the **HOPE** website to send your message <http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/sign>

**TEACH WITH TIMORESE TEACHERS!** Take your teaching skills to new heights in the mountains of Timor- Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. For more opportunities, visit [palms.org.au/volunteer](http://palms.org.au/volunteer) Can't commit just yet? Check out [palms.org.au/encounters](http://palms.org.au/encounters)

**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)

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 12 AUGUST 2018:** This week on The Journey, we have invited the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle to share with us their reflection from the Gospel of John. Trish McCarthy joins us in her Milk & Honey segment and reminds us that Life is Fragile, and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy talks to us about Trusting is a Better Life. Christian Music is an integral part of our show and together with our God Spots, this is the Journey Catholic Radio, where faith, hope, love and life come together. Tune into or 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.

**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?*