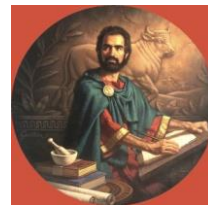


# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 26 AUGUST 2018 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B *THE YEAR OF YOUTH*

*This week's readings: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Gospel John 6:60-69*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** For the last few weeks we have heard a number of readings from chapter 6 of the Gospel of John focusing on the teaching of Jesus that he is the Bread of Life, come down from heaven. This reading is the last in the sequence and shows the reaction to Jesus' teaching. What Jesus has been saying in this discourse is incredibly confronting to his Jewish audience. Jesus asserts that he has come down from heaven – from the Father – and that through knowing him one can know the Father. Jews were the first people to have a concept of one God. This belief did not allow for any spouse or child of God, nor any personal manifestation. They struggled with what Jesus was saying because his claim to have come down from heaven could be seen as blasphemous. No wonder many of them walked away from Jesus and wanted nothing more to do with him!

Jesus gives an interesting response to them. He tells them that it is the spirit that is important, not his human flesh, and that the spirit is what he has been sharing with them through his words and actions. He is trying to say to these faithful Jews, don't be hung up about the fact that I'm here in person, listen to my message as you've never heard it before. It is an interesting thought for our modern audience as well. How often do we fail to hear the message of Jesus because we are dismissive of the way in which it comes to us; the messenger; or the circumstances in which we hear it? The message is all the more confronting when it comes from an unlikely (or even un-likable) source. The message of Jesus is to be found in our everyday encounters with everyday people.

**Historical Context – Christians and Jews:** The first followers of Jesus and those who became followers in the years after the death of Jesus were faithful Jews. They saw the teachings of Jesus as a way of being a better Jew. They didn't think that they were beginning a new religion; just a new way of interpreting their faith. However, as the years passed and the followers of Jesus began to clarify their understandings and beliefs, it started to become obvious that their belief in Jesus as the Son of God was distancing them from their Jewish brothers and sisters. Gradually the term, Christian, came into use and their differences from Judaism became more apparent.

**Gospel Focus – Peter's faith:** Having laid out a fairly difficult teaching to the crowd, Jesus is faced with the fact that many of those who were following him couldn't cope with what he was saying and they walked away from him. Jesus turns on the Twelve and demands of them, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' One can almost hear the frustration and weariness in his voice. Peter's response must have been a great relief to Jesus. Peter declares that Jesus has the message of eternal life and is the Holy One of God. He still hasn't quite got the full picture but it's something Jesus can continue to work with!

**Living the Gospel – Message and Medium:** We live in a world that is saturated by advertising and marketers trying to persuade us to think certain things, want certain things and even act in certain ways. At times the message and the medium of the message blur and it's not always clear where one stops and the other begins. For Christian people the medium – the person – IS the message (or at least ought be!). We are called to live what we believe. That can be tough at times, especially in our modern world, but the challenge comes from the example Jesus gave.

*Congratulations to all our Young Parishioners who are sitting at our Parish's Eucharistic table for their First time this weekend.*

*WE ARE UPDATING OUR PARISH CENSUS THIS WEEKEND AT EVERY SUNDAY MASS for those Families & Parishioners who were unable to do so last weekend.*

**Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

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

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**Communion antiphon:** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

## Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

*We are Companions on the Journey ...*

<http://pol.org.au/blackburnsouth/Home.aspx>

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)

Website:

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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 those who died recently, especially Jean Maguire,  
Fr Tom Brophy and Fr Joe Dargan and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this  
time, especially John Patrick, may they all rest in peace.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time. **Monday:** St Monica; **Tuesday:**  
St Augustine, bishop, doctor; **Wednesday:** The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr;  
**Saturday:** Mass of the Virgin Mary. **Sunday Masses:** Preface VIII of the Sundays in  
Ordinary Time. Eucharistic Prayer III and Euch. Accl. No. III.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." These  
words form the last words that Joshua leaves the people of Israel; let us also embrace  
these words that we, too, may live in freedom. (Joshua 24:15)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today  
whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA  
24:15 When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in  
the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully  
participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission.  
If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

**ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI'S LETTER** to the Faithful of the Archdiocese is on the  
Parish Noticeboard for all to read.

**THE 6PM CHOIR** will serve again on Saturday 1st September.

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

**PARISH CENSUS UPDATE:** Please take the time to fill in LEGIBLY **one  
(per household/family)** of the Census Cards you received from the Greeters on your  
way in to Mass tonight/today; there are **pencils in the pews**. The completed cards can  
then be **placed in the collection baskets** at the usual time. Our recent experience with  
the distribution of the current set of Parish Thanksgiving Envelopes has prompted this  
action. Also, it will equip us for the Parish Thanksgiving Renewal Program that will occur  
later this year in October. Thankyou for your cooperation with this matter, it lightens the  
administrative load for all of us.

**WALK OF WITNESS HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING TUESDAY  
18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018:** The Walk of Witness will commence in Federation Square at  
12.30pm with the Parable of The Good Samaritan At 1.00 the Walk will proceed from  
Federation Square to St. Patrick's Cathedral, with a stop on the Steps of the Victorian  
Parliament (approx. 1.45), arriving at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 2.00pm, where Bishop  
Mark Edwards will officially launch the Statement for the Archdiocese of Melbourne.  
[total distance 1.5kms] Please see Church noticeboard for more information.

**CALL OF GUADALUPE: THE MUSICAL** - Great opportunity to be involved in this  
exciting, inspiring, pro-life musical, Call of Guadalupe. Singers, actors & backstage  
volunteers required for the production. All abilities welcomed. Great way to develop  
your confidence and make new friends. For more information contact Geraldine at  
0413 398 528 or email [geraldine343@gmail.com](mailto:geraldine343@gmail.com) Website: [www.callofguadalupe.com](http://www.callofguadalupe.com)

**CROYDON PARISH PLAYERS PRODUCTION OF: BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** – Please  
see Parish noticeboards for details. Bookings: [www.CroydonParishPlayers.com](http://www.CroydonParishPlayers.com)

**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.

**BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD® TEACHER TRAINING COURSE** – Friday,  
31<sup>st</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2018, Billings LIFE, 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

## PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

		<u>25 AND 26 AUGUST 2018</u>	<u>1 AND 2 SEPT. 2018</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Terry Wells	Olive Hammill
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Beryl Chelliah	Godfrey Thong
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	First Communion	Jess Kilroe-Smith

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

		<u>25 AND 26 AUGUST 2018</u>	<u>1 AND 2 SEPT 2018</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Melina Barcellona	Mia Perang
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Kana Chelliah	Beryl Chelliah
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	First Communion	Elizabeth Dixon

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

		<u>25 AND 26 AUGUST 2018</u>	<u>1 AND 2 SEPT 2018</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Greg Grant	Lorraine Kermond
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Don McKenzie	Marie Pekish
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	First Communion	Leigh Kelly

### SLIDE OPERATORS

		<u>25 AND 26 AUGUST 2018</u>	<u>1 AND 2 SEPT 2018</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	David Prabha	David Prabha
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Mary White	Rosemary Donaldson
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	First Communion	Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

**25 AUG 2018**  
Val Wells & Marie Parker  
**1 SEPT 2018**  
Kate Skowronska

### CHURCH CLEANING

**1 SEPT 2018**  
Team 7 (Bernard's Team)  
Bernard O'Malley, Darren Owens,  
Melina Barcellona, Anne Allsop

### MAINTENANCE

**8 SEPT 2018**  
Team 3  
Sean Harford &  
Peter Fung

### THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 2 SEPTEMBER 2018:

Just a reminder, that all Journey Catholic Radio information is always a week in advance. This week on The Journey our Gospel reading is Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23. Sr Hilda shares her wisdom from the Abbey with her question of 'Where Should We Look?', Bruce Downes, the Catholic Guy encourages us in 'Hearing God Speak', and Marilyn Rodrigues, 'The Peaceful Parent reminds us the importance of 'Family Retreats'. We are blessed to have such talented Christian music artist on our show, where faith, hope, love and life come together. 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.

**DISCOVERING PRAYER THROUGH THE LABYRINTH:** A labyrinth becomes a spiritual journey on many levels, leading the person inward to their own centre, and then back out into the world. Come join us at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre in Box Hill on Saturday, 15 September 2018 from 10 am – 4 pm. Cost \$60 (BYO 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)

**ARCHBISHOPS CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES:** 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018 featuring our new Archbishop, Peter A Comensoli. Come along and be encouraged, inspired and challenged by him as he undertakes his leadership role in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Come along and support the new Archbishop. The venue remains the CQ Club 113 – 123 Queen St Melbourne. Cost \$45. Time 0700 – 0900 sharp. Enquiries Michael Bohan 0439 172 465 The **Catholic Man Breakfast Series** is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith."

**MARY MACKILLOP ANNUAL APPEAL:** In the spirit of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, we invite you to bring life to "the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard." Your donation to Mary MacKillop Today will support thousands of people in Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and here in Australia with education, health, finance and livelihoods opportunities, bringing hope to communities for generations to come. Envelopes are available from the notice table this weekend.

**CAMPION CENTRE OF IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY - SEASON OF CREATION:** Upcoming Events and 2018 Program <https://mailchi.mp/deb264d32d1e/season-of-creation?e=3ad743d5bc>

**ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE FOR EVANGELISATION, PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:** Listen to what the Spirit is saying ... A Listening and Dialogue session for Lay Ecclesial Ministers. Please see Parish noticeboards for details. As well as 'Sparks of Beauty' **In the Zone** – a conversation on the role of sport in building community ... please see Parish noticeboards for details.

**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 WE BLESS OURSELVES WITH HOLY WATER?** From the earliest days of Christianity (and, even earlier, in Judaism and other ancient religions), water was used in baptismal rituals as a symbol of life and cleansing. Today, when Catholics sprinkle themselves from that little bowl of holy water at the church door and make the sign of the cross, they do so as a reminder of their baptism. The holy water itself is simply water that has been blessed by a priest.

**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?*