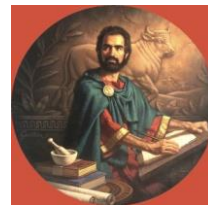


# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2018 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B *THE YEAR OF YOUTH*

*This week's readings: Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** No matter how good the intention, sometimes misguided principles can lead to false action. This is what Jesus chastised the Pharisees about. The traditions that had been established through the Pharisees and the Lawyers were certainly based on the Law as stated in the Torah. However, the practices that had been established to try to help people honour the Torah had effectively replaced the Law. In order to maintain spiritual cleanliness, a tradition of physical cleanliness had emerged – particularly around interaction with Gentiles and around eating. However, the purpose of the tradition had become lost. The need for physical cleanliness had replaced the maintenance of spiritual cleanliness.

The Pharisees observe some of the disciples eating without properly washing their hands and challenge Jesus about it. They are upholding the tradition that has effectively become the Law. Jesus reminds them – somewhat forcefully – that these external practices are not the Law; rather the Law is observed internally. Jesus goes so far as to call the Pharisees hypocrites. It is a criticism of them that the gospel writers attribute to Jesus quite frequently. For Jesus, hypocrisy was one of the greatest failings. Because Jesus placed such a high price on integrity of word and action he could not abide those who proclaimed to be just, pious or forgiving and yet acted in ways that were contrary to these claims. His chastisement of the Pharisees – calling them hypocrites – was a challenge to their observation of external practices and rituals instead of seeking to understand the Torah as a call to a change of heart. Jesus points out that no amount of ritual cleansing will make a person clean within. Similarly, evil and uncleanness come from within a person – one doesn't 'catch it' from contact with strangers.

**Historical Context – Pharisees:** Pharisees were mostly lay men (i.e. generally not Priests) who were characterised by a strict observance of the Torah as well as an oral tradition of teaching and interpretation. They believed that the Torah required interpretation – by engaging in this interpretation they participated in God's ongoing revelation. They also had a strong belief that all Jewish people were called to be a priestly people. This belief naturally put them at odds with the Priests of the Temple. After the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE, the teachings of the Pharisees gained prominence and eventually developed into Rabbinic Judaism that continues today.

**Scriptural context – Mark's Audience:** It is widely believed that the Gospel of Mark was written for a predominantly Greek-speaking, Gentile audience. Today's gospel passage is a perfect example of literary evidence that has been used to establish this position. The gospel writer clearly explains the Jewish practice of washing to the elbows before eating and ritual cleansing upon return from the marketplace where they would have encountered Gentiles. Obviously, a Jewish audience would not need this explanation. This practice of looking for information about the author and their audience within the text itself is a form of Literary Criticism.

**Gospel Focus – The things within:** We live in a culture that is very quick to lay blame on external factors; some people are very reluctant to accept responsibility for their own actions and look for opportunities to distance themselves from feelings of guilt or even regret. Jesus makes it very clear that evil intentions – the things that make a person 'unclean' – actually come from within. He presents a confronting list of the things that come from within and we may be able to add others relevant to our own time. In our culture of no personal responsibility, Jesus challenges us to rethink just where the buck does stop.

**Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**Response to the Psalm:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

**Communion antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

## 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  
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Fridays  
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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 and for all those whose  
anniversaries occur about this time, especially George and Dorothy Peattie and  
Clive and Brett Adams, may they all rest in peace.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time. **Monday:** St Gregory the Great,  
pope, doctor; **Friday:** Spring Ember Day (These days mark the beginning of each of the four  
seasons. In Australia, the Church observes the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring [March and  
September] as special days of prayer and penance, focusing on the environment, the seasons of  
God's providence.); **Saturday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Sunday Masses:** Eucharistic  
Prayer For Use In Masses for Various Needs III and Euch. Accl. No. I.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** "Be doers of the word and not hearers only." The reception of  
the Word of God demands a living response, for the Word is active and alive, spurring  
us on to action. (James 1:22)

**ORDINATION OF DEACONS:** You are invited to attend Saint Patrick's Cathedral East  
Melbourne on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am. For further details please see Parish  
noticeboard.

**A PARISHIONER HAS REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**  
Electronic Funds Transfer details for the Parish Presbytery Account =  
BSB: 083 347 Account Number: 18677 9058 (First Collection) and the Parish Church  
Account = BSB: 083 347 Account Number: 77217 1467 (Second Collection).

**PARISHIONERS' LUNCHEON @** The Manhattan Hotel Ringwood corner Heatherdale  
& Canterbury Road, Ringwood Victoria 3134 on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 12.00pm.  
If you would like to join us please contact **Kate & Godfrey Thong on 9899 0802 for RSVP  
by no later than this coming Tuesday evening** to book a seat at the table.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." James 1:22 It's easy  
to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God's  
word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need?  
Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

**PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION ANNUAL APPEAL - CARING FOR THOSE  
WHO CARED SINCE 1990:** "It has been a wonderful custom in the Archdiocese of  
Melbourne to invite the faithful of the Archdiocese to show something of their own  
appreciation through an annual Father's Day Appeal. The appeal goes to the care of  
retired priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a  
comfortable standard of living for them. Please pray for your priests as they pray for  
you!" Archbishop Peter Comensoli

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

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR DAD'S:** Father's Day is the perfect day to thank  
your dad/ grandpa/ uncle/ someone who's like your dad for always being there for you.

**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)

**ARE YOU A MECHANIC WITH A MISSION? ALL SKILLS NEEDED!** Could you make  
a wheel difference mentoring local mechanics in Myanmar? Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333.  
For more mission 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)

**EVENT MANAGEMENT CHILDSAFE LIMITED:** You are invited to join with many other  
children's care professionals and volunteers to hear from [Child Safe Australia](http://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. Hear  
from the spectrum of professionals about current best practice and creating cultures of safety and  
care.

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

## PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

		<u>1 AND 2 SEPT. 2018</u>	<u>8 AND 9 SEPT. 2018</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Olive Hammill	Ian Holmes
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Godfrey Thong	Melina Barcellona
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Jess Kilroe-Smith	Margaret Gearon

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

		<u>1 AND 2 SEPT. 2018</u>	<u>8 AND 9 SEPT. 2018</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Mia Perang	Kathryn Holmes
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Beryl Chelliah	Rosemary Donaldson
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Elizabeth Dixon	Steve Kilroe-Smith

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

		<u>1 AND 2 SEPT. 2018</u>	<u>8 AND 9 SEPT. 2018</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Lorraine Kermond	Terry Wells
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Marie Pekish	Joe Brogno
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Leigh Kelly	Mary Taranto

### SLIDE OPERATORS

		<u>1 AND 2 SEPT. 2018</u>	<u>8 AND 9 SEPT. 2018</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	David Prabha	David Prabha
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Rosemary Donaldson	Darren McLean
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

**1 SEPT. 2018**  
Kate Skowronski  
**8 SEPT. 2018**  
Val Wells & Marie Parker

### CHURCH CLEANING

**8 SEPT. 2018**  
Team 8 (Judy's Team)  
Judy Noy, Chelsea Brown,  
Debbie Brown, Sarah Santilli

### 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 arrived in the mail this week and so are now available from the notice table this weekend.

**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) Part IV. Signs & Sacraments: **Why do we have Sacraments?** Relationships grow through communication. We communicate in many ways beyond words: smiles, handshakes, gestures of affection, gifts, cards, flowers. In our relationship with God, too, we use signs to express the mystery of God's loving presence. There are many ways we do this, but some community rituals have developed in our Church which we hold to be particularly sacred and which mark the various stages of a person's life as a member of the Church. We call these sacraments: signs or symbols that 'make present' within us the reality of God's love that is signified.

**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?*