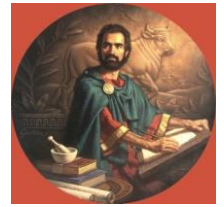


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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2018
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B
THE YEAR OF YOUTH

This week's readings: Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Gospel Mark 8:27-35

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: 'But you, who do you say I am?' This would have to be one of the most powerful questions of the gospels. It echoes down the centuries and is just as relevant today as it ever was. 'Who do you say I am?' Our answer to that question is perhaps the most revealing statement of our faith. Our answer no doubt changes over time as we grow in understanding and as we experience the ups and downs of life, but nonetheless, just like Peter in the gospel passage, our answer remains a clear statement of our faith. 'Who do you say I am?' Just a good guy who lived 2,000 years ago? A role model? A friend? God made flesh? The Word come down from heaven? Nobody? Everybody? Our saviour? An inspired man of God? The Messiah?

Perhaps you've never tried to actually answer the question yourself. It is a confronting question, 'Who do you say I am?' It's confronting because, as Christian people, we believe that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and values. It's confronting because whatever we say in answer to that question has implications for the way we live. 'Who do you say I am?' You see, the question is in the present tense, not the past. It doesn't ask 'Who do you say I was?'; it asks, 'Who do you say I AM?' The very question asks us to recognise that Jesus was not just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather someone who continues to be a presence in our lives today. And he stands before each and every one of us today and asks that same, demanding, confronting, purposeful question: 'Who do YOU say I am?'

Scriptural context – A Turning Point: This passage forms a crucial turning point in the Gospel of Mark. It occurs at the very mid-point of the gospel – the end of chapter 8 in a 16 chapter gospel. From this point on the gospel takes a greater focus on what it means to be a disciple and Jesus' movement towards Jerusalem. This passage in which Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah is immediately followed by the account of the Transfiguration. From this point onwards, the gospel writer reveals the growing understanding of Jesus' identity that until now has been wrapped in secrecy.

Gospel Focus – Peter's insight: When Peter answers Jesus' question he demonstrates the disciples' dawning awareness of Jesus' true identity. It is the first occasion that the disciples are called to own what they think about Jesus. However, when Jesus begins to spell out what being the Messiah reality means – persecution and death – Peter tries to convince Jesus that he doesn't need to go down that path. Jesus turns on Peter and snaps, 'Get behind me, Satan!' It is a reminder of the desert temptation Jesus had to face at the start of his ministry when he wrestled with what sort of messiah he was called to be.

Scriptural context – Sandwich technique: The Gospel of Mark is famous for a technique of 'sandwiching' stories or sections between two related events to bring what is sandwiched into greater focus. This gospel passage falls within a significant sandwich that runs from 8:22 (the healing of a blind man at Bethsaida) to 10:52 (the healing of blind Bartimaeus). The healings of blindness that surround the sandwich reflect the lack of 'sight' that the disciples have. The 'meat' of the sandwich is all about the disciples not really understanding Jesus' mission and what it means to truly be a disciple. Read the whole section from 8:22 – 10:52 and see how it works.

Raise your voices ...

Entrance antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

Response to the Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Communion antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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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

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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 Yvonne Yeo and Don Byrnes who died recently and for all
those whose anniversaries occur about this time, may they all rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Monday:** St Robert Bellarmine,
bishop, doctor; **Wednesday:** St Januarius, bishop, martyr; **Thursday:** Sts Andrew
Kim Tae-gŏn, priest, martyr and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & companions, martyrs; **Friday:**
St Matthew, apostle, evangelist; **Saturday:** Saturday Mass of the Virgin Mary. **Sunday**
Masses: Eucharistic Prayer For Use In Masses for Various Needs III and Euch. Accl. No. III.
A VOCATION VIEW: "The Lord GOD is my help." When Christ calls one to follow as a
priest or religious, He also gives the strength to overcome the obstacles that are
sometimes in the way, but we must ask to receive this strength! (Isaiah 50:5 - 9)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me." MARK 8:34 When we truly believe that all we have is
a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share
our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being
responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve again on Saturday 29th September.

PARISH MEMORIAL GARDEN: It has been recommended that we complete the
work on the Plinth that supports the 'Nurture' sculpture in our Parish Memorial Garden.
The following words will be attached to the plinth in the form of a wrap-around laser-
cut metal double page: **NURTURE:** *This sculpture is inspired by several Gospel stories
where Jesus touches and heals people. The hands are symbolic of both the love and
healing we experience when we return home to our loving God and the support and
care our St Luke the Evangelist Community offers to those who experience grief and loss
in their lives and families. 2nd page/sheet: The gum leaves are uniquely Australian; they
symbolise resurrection, reflect hope and new beginnings. After the most severe bush
fire, the blackened gum trees seemingly dead, regenerate as the cycle of life begins
anew through God's initiative. Total cost for this project is \$3383.60. If you would like to
contribute to this Parish project please leave your contribution in a specially marked
envelope in one of the following Sunday Mass collections at your convenience.
Thankyou in anticipation, Fr Gerard, P.P.*

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

WALK OF WITNESS HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING TUESDAY 18TH 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.

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 Can't
commit just yet? Check out palms.org.au/encounters For more details please see
Church noticeboard.

ISTAND WEEKEND - COMMITMENT TO JESUS What: Weekend run by YMT
melbourne filled with games, dramas, sport, prayer, good food, live music, testimonies
and talks. Bring along friends and sign up before spots run out! You can register via the
YMT website at <https://www.ymt.com.au/istandevents/> Who: Year groups 8-12 Where:
60 Adekate Camp Road, Dean, VIC When: 3rd of October on Wednesday 5:00pm to
the 5th of October Friday 2:00pm Contact the team on 0419 103 511 for more details.

ST. CECILIA'S, SOUTH CAMBERWELL, is holding a **Parish Reunion Sunday**
14 October 2018 Commencing with 10am Mass followed at 11am by a gathering of
friends in St. Cecilia's Hall. A wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends from the
past.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT FOR 2018-2019 'A PLACE TO CALL HOME: MAKING A HOME FOR

EVERYONE IN OUR LAND' Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated this year on 30
September. The 2018-2019 Statement, is a response to the growing problem of
homelessness in Australia. It seems hard to believe that in a rich nation such as ours, the
latest Census figures show that the number of Australians who are homeless has grown
to more than 116,000. House prices and even rents are spiralling out of reach of too
many families and placing huge financial stress on ordinary people, even when they
are employed. For those living on pensions or allowances, finding secure housing can
be a far greater challenge - one that often takes a terrible toll on social wellbeing and
mental health. The Scriptural basis of this year's Statement is Jesus' parable of the Good
Samaritan (Luke 10:30-35), about the outsider who stops to help a man in desperate
need, takes him to safety and pays for his care. <https://vimeo.com/289003473>

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO: 75 bite-size explanations of Catholic practices
© The Story Source, 1993. TeresaPirola.net **WHY DO COUPLES 'MARRY IN THE
CHURCH'?** When a couple is married in the Catholic Church, they not only say 'yes' to
each other and to God's blessing on their marriage; they say 'yes' to being a
sacrament. That is, they declare before the community of faith that they will be a special

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

		<u>15 AND 16 SEPT. 2018</u>	<u>22 AND 23 SEPT. 2018</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Lorraine Kermond	Monica Hodder
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Megan McLean	Engelina Nyhuis
	10:30 AM	Elizabeth Dixon	Lynda Kilroe-Smith

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

		<u>15 AND 16 SEPT. 2018</u>	<u>22 AND 23 SEPT. 2018</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Mary Wighting	Tony Lobo
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Kana Chelliah	Melina Barcellona
	10:30 AM	Jess Kilroe-Smith	Margaret Gearon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

		<u>15 AND 16 SEPT. 2018</u>	<u>22 AND 23 SEPT. 2018</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Greg Grant	Lorraine Kermond
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Don McKenzie	Marie Pekish
	10:30 AM	Dixon Family	Margaret Gearon

SLIDE OPERATORS

		<u>15 AND 16 SEPT. 2018</u>	<u>22 AND 23 SEPT. 2018</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	David Prabha	David Prabha
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Mary White	Rosemary Donaldson
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

15 SEPT. 2018
Lesley Cormick & Toni Plevier

22 SEPT. 2018
Joan McHugh

CHURCH CLEANING

22 SEPT. 2018
Team 2 (Monica's Team)
Monica Hodder, Marie Parker,
Filomena Manley,
Beryl Kanagalinggam

MAINTENANCE

6 OCT. 2018
Team 4
Frank Melville, Rodney Caple
&
Danny Nolan

sign to that community; a sign of the life of unity that Christ desires for his Church. That's a lofty calling! By the example of their daily witness, sacramental couples summon all members of the Church to live as one, to be united in mind and heart. **WHY DO WE ORDAIN?** Like a husband and father, a priest in the Catholic Church is called to a sacred, lifelong relationship of love; however instead of giving his love exclusively to one woman and to one family unit, he is called to give his love in a non-exclusive celibate manner to the community in his care. Through the sacrament of holy orders, priests are called to empower the gifts of the community into a workable whole. They live out their baptism through a specific mission of leadership, service, prayer and teaching. In the midst of the community, the priest stands as a sacred sign, a sacrament of Christ, the Good Shepherd, who personally cares for his people. The priest also stands as a witness to the Holy Spirit's action in the Church. The Spirit continually breathes life into the community and guides it to ever new depths of unity and faith. **WHY DO WE ANOINT PEOPLE?** The practice of anointing with oil goes back to ancient times. In the Old Testament it was used in the consecration of priests and kings. The healing and fragrant properties of the oil made it an appropriate symbol of the strength of God and the sweetness of a virtuous life. The Christian Church adopted this ritual to indicate the imparting of the Holy Spirit. Today we anoint the sick and those in danger of death to invoke God's healing and comforting presence. We also anoint people in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and holy orders as a sign of their consecration to Christ through the transforming power of the Spirit.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 16 September 2018 This week on The Journey, Sr Hilda Scott shares Wisdom from the Abbey with her reflection on Cardinal Basil Hume, Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy encourages us to "Surrender To God", and Francine Pirola shares her vision and "Willingness to Grow". We are blessed to have amazing talented musicians sharing their gifts with us, it is also where faith, hope, love and life live together in the Journey Catholic Radio Program. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

SPIRITUAL LEADERS FORMATION PROGRAM – This one-year, part-time program held on Friday mornings in Box Hill is offered to people in various positions of leadership, spiritual formation and outreach ministries. It is suitable for priests and ministers, lay ecclesial ministers, chaplains, community leaders, principals and nurses. The program, which commences 22 Feb 2019, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Applications close 16 Nov 2018. Contact Heart of Life for the brochure and application form: holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101.

VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DOB BOSCO: We are seeking volunteers for January 2019 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Zambia & Solomon Island. Applications close October 15th. Send us an inquiry www.cagliero.org.au

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

Do not our hearts burn within us as we walk along ...

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Jess Kilroe-Smith - 0452 613 863

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Parish Accountant

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Judy Noy - 9894 1506

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Greg Grant 0401 644 474

Church Linen
Toni Plevier

Church Cleaning & Flowers
Megan McLean 9878 8691

Maintenance
Bill Goodwin 9803 6056

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to the housebound

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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
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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?