

# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2018**  
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

**THE YEAR OF YOUTH & PARISH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL PROGRAM**

*This week's readings: Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Gospel Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** The first part of today's gospel deals with the disciples' jealousy at someone else 'cashing in' on Jesus' name and authority. It is a continuation of their limited understanding about the message and ministry of Jesus. They still cling to an idea that Jesus is going to rise up in power against the forces of Rome and, in the aftermath, they are going to be sitting pretty as associates of this powerful figure. The disciples have been blinded by their dreams of glory and forgotten that the real story is that people are being cured and having demons cast out. Rather than celebrating the healing that is occurring in Jesus' name, the disciples are jealous that it's someone else who is getting the credit. Jesus assures them, and us, that any good work being undertaken genuinely in his name is to be welcomed. It is a reminder to us that sometimes we look down on the work of others because 'they're not one of us', or 'they're not doing it our way'. The second portion of the gospel is one of the really challenging teachings of Jesus. Drawing on the image of the community as being a whole body, the teaching suggests that it is better to remove the part of the body/community that is causing sinfulness than have the whole body/community perish. It is a concept we are familiar with in modern medicine: sometimes it is necessary to remove diseased tissue to prevent the spread of disease. We are reminded that if we surround ourselves with negative people and negative influences, we too will become negative. If we separate ourselves from negative influences and surround ourselves with positive ones then the positive aspects of our lives will flourish.

**Have you thought? Jealousy:** The disciples are portrayed as being jealous of someone healing in the name of Jesus. It is almost an intellectual property argument – you can't use Jesus' name to heal, only we can 'cause we're with Jesus. Their attitude sounds quite childish but it is an attitude we encounter all the time – and are perhaps guilty of ourselves at times. In our world that encourages competitive behaviour at every turn, Jesus' attitude is a challenging one – if good is being done, why care who gets the credit for it? Perhaps politicians would get more done if they weren't concerned about getting credit for what they do.

**Living the Gospel – Cut it out!:** The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye seems a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behaviour that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to 'cut it out'. We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behaviour even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behaviour and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.

**Gospel Focus – Anyone not against us is for us:** It is sometimes quite baffling why the movement for ecumenical dialogue is so laboured and apparently delivering such limited results. It seems that it is human nature to dwell much more on what makes us different rather than on what we have in common. Unfortunately, efforts to build dialogue between Christian churches seem to inevitably turn up the differences that impede dialogue more than the commonalities that foster dialogue. Jesus made it clear that 'anyone who is not against us is for us'. Perhaps if we focus on the common goal of leading people to Jesus we can get beyond the differences that set us against each other.

**Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**Response to the Psalm:** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

**Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

**Communion antiphon:** By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.



## Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

We are Companions on the Journey ...

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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 Shannon O'Mara,  
William (Bill) Woolmore and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, may  
they all rest in peace.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time. **Monday:** St Thérèse of the  
Child Jesus, virgin, doctor; **Tuesday:** The Holy Guardian Angels; **Thursday:** St Francis of  
Assisi; **Saturday:** St Bruno, priest; Saturday Mass of the BVM; **Sunday Masses:** Eucharistic  
Prayer III and Euch. Accl. No. II.

**MONTH OF OCTOBER:** The months of May and October are special months on the  
Catholic Church's liturgical calendar, dedicated to the veneration of the Virgin Mary,  
mother of Jesus. An opportunity to pray for Married Life and Family Life with the  
intercession of the Mother of the Church.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** The Law of the Lord exists to guide and direct our steps here on  
earth so that we might arrive safely at the palaces of heaven. Embrace the Law with  
your whole heart, mind and soul that you might also grow in love with the Law-giver.  
(Psalm 19)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you  
belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." MARK 9:41 Does your life  
reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When  
others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face  
of Jesus in them?

**WELCOME ROSTERS:** To all Parishioners who are on the 'Welcome Roster' please be  
advised that a new one is waiting for you on the notice table in the Church foyer. If you  
would like to become a regular 'Welcomer' please make contact with Sonya at the  
Parish Office.

**OUR THANKS** to the Parishioner who spent their valuable time and talent this week  
weeding the rose garden along the front fence and fertilizing it as well; getting it ready  
for us to enjoy this Spring and Summer and making a statement to those who pass our  
way.

**WELCOME FLIERS THIS WEEK:** To kick start our Parish Stewardship Renewal  
Program, Fliers will be delivered by Australia Post this week to every letter box within our  
Parish boundaries - except boxes that have "no junk mail" clearly stated on them. Over  
the coming weeks it will be in all our best interests to be on our best behaviour because  
after homes receive this invitation people within them may choose to be with us again.  
It is up to all of us to receive them well, make them feel welcome and encourage them  
to become a member of the Parish family of families once again. 'Putting our best side  
to London' hopefully will deliver the appropriate message to anyone who chooses to  
accept our invitation. (If you don't receive one you might have 'no junk mail' on your  
letterbox).

**THE 6PM CHOIR** will serve again this evening, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

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

**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](http://TeresaPirola.net)

**THE PARISH:** If a hallmark of the Church is  
its love and unity, how does this happen in practice? How can millions of Catholics all  
over the world love one another?! Part of the answer is that the universal Church is  
comprised of many small cells of community. Individual members experience love and  
unity at a local level. One way this happens is through the parish. The word 'parish'  
comes from the Greek word 'paroukia' (district) which, in the early Church referred to  
a section of the Christian population under the leadership of the bishop; that is, the  
equivalent of the modern diocese. From the late 14th century, however, it applied to  
subdivisions of the diocese. **WHY DO WE USE INCENSE?** Incense is a symbol of our  
prayers ascending to God. It also symbolizes purification, honor and the presence of the  
Holy Spirit. Based on Old Testament tradition, the use of incense in the Christian liturgy  
dates back to the fourth century in the east, later spreading to the west. The word  
'incense' comes from the Latin 'incensum' (literally: something burned) and from  
'incendere' (to kindle). **WHY PRAY?** Relationships thrive on good communication.  
Married couples especially will attest to that. To grow in love and friendship we need to  
communicate, not just honestly but often! When we pray, we express our desire to grow  
in relationship with God. We use our human capacities to open ourselves to a profound



## PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

	<u>29 AND 30 SEPT. 2018</u>		<u>6 AND 7 OCT. 2018</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 PM	Olive Hammill	Terry Wells
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM	Megan McLean	Engelina Nyhuis
	10:30 AM	Val Gardiner	Marg Yore

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

	<u>29 AND 30 SEPT. 2018</u>		<u>6 AND 7 OCT. 2018</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 PM	Shirley Praba	Olive Hammill
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM	Godfrey Thong	Kana Chelliah
	10:30 AM	Marg Yore	Dale Dixon

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

	<u>29 AND 30 SEPT. 2018</u>		<u>6 AND 7 OCT. 2018</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 PM	Terry Wells	Greg Grant
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM	Joe Brogno	Don McKenzie
	10:30 AM	Leigh Kelly	Leigh Kelly

### SLIDE OPERATORS

	<u>29 AND 30 SEPT. 2018</u>		<u>6 AND 7 OCT. 2018</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 PM	David Prabha	David Prabha
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM	Darren McLean	Mary White
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

**29 SEPT. 2018**  
Sonya O'Farrell  
**6 OCT. 2018**  
Kate Skowronska

### CHURCH CLEANING

**6 OCT. 2018**  
Team 4 (Joanne's Team)  
Joanne Nolan, Tina Tempany,  
Mellisa O'Mara, & Jesse Barrett

### MAINTENANCE

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

mystery. Through prayer we can praise, thank, ask, cry, argue and express many emotions. We can speak, listen, sing, chant, dance, smile, embrace or just sit with our God. As Christians, our prayer takes on a specified character. We approach God through the person of Jesus Christ and with a consciousness of being part of a Spirit-led community, the Church.

**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.

**MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER** will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 9.00am – 3.00pm at 154 Cotham Road Kew. This year the proceeds will go to help provide primary education and health services for 150 poor girls and 100 poor boys in the Catholic Sohag Diocese, Egypt. Enquiries: 9817 3715.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS:** MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact) Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au) Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895

**WORLD ROSARY DAY SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER:** Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies across the world to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Together we are calling upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. The World Rosary will start with a '54-day Novena' on 15 August (Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) until the feast of the Holy Rosary on the 7 October. Each nation has been asked to pray for its own intentions on the day. The Australian intentions for the world rosary will be family, rekindling of faith and continued Godly protection. Details: Call Jane from OzRosary 0476 535 595 or <http://holyleagueofnations.com> Register: <https://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53/contact-us-and-participate>

**ROSARY RALLY - 13 OCTOBER, 10AM - ST SCHOLASTICA'S PARISH:** An invitation is offered to all to participate in The Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, to celebrate the anniversary of Our Lady's appearance at Fatima. The Rosary is being offered all day around Australia to celebrate this event. Place: 10am at St Scholastica's Parish (School Quadrangle), 4-8 Starling Street, Burwood. We suggest you bring your own chair.

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 30 SEPTEMBER 2018:** This week on The Journey, Teresa Brierley - DoMN reflects on the Gospel of Mark, Our Wisdom from the Abby with Sr Hilda is inspired from St Jerome, Trish McCarthy in her Milk and Honey God Spot, reminds us the importance of forgiveness, and Sam Clear reminds us that "Unity Takes Risk" in his segment, Walking the Walk. One piece of music this week in part 3 is written by our very own Paul Mason and is our Diocesan song for the Plenary 2020 encouraging all of us to "Listen what the Spirit is Saying". 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**

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

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Greg Grant 0401 644 474

**Church Linen**

Toni Plevier

**Church Cleaning & Flowers**

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**Maintenance**

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**Fete Committee**

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Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

**Parish School**

**Parents' Association**

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**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?*



# Whoever is not against us is for us



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

One day the disciples saw a man working miracles in Jesus' name. Because he was not one of them, the disciples told him to stop. Use the words below to find out why Jesus did not want the disciples to stop the man.

No one who does a \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_ will  
say something \_\_\_\_\_ about me.  
Whoever is not \_\_\_\_\_  
us is \_\_\_\_\_ us.



power  
against  
deed  
bad  
for  
name

Jesus rewards those who do good things in his name.



I can help others in Jesus' name by...

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



Jesus rewards my good deeds by...

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus performed many miracles.  
Draw a picture about one of the miracles  
you have read about in the bible.



# St Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2018

Our Parish Stewardship Program begins next week – commencing with our **Welcome Weekend**.

The Program recognizes that 'Parishes are the Heartbeat of the Church' and will challenge us to reflect on what it means to be a member of St Luke the Evangelist parish community.

Assisting us over the next eight weeks will be our Stewardship Program Leadership Team comprising: Darren McLean – Chairperson; Margaret Gearon; Steve, Lynda and Jessica Kilroe-Smith; Kana Chelliah; Marilyn Raj; Steve Brennan; Dale Dixon; Laurie Peatrie; Christolyn Raj; and Jackie Purcell. Please do not hesitate to ask the team any questions you may have throughout the Program.

We encourage you to be actively involved – read the materials, listen to the speakers and follow the Program on the parish website and our parish Facebook. Reflect, pray about and discuss the themes and topics with your family, friends and fellow parishioners.

## PARISH 'OUR FUTURE' FORUM

All parishioners are warmly invited to a special meeting as part of the Program – '**Our Future' Forum** on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm in the Church. We are offering two session times, but you only need to attend one session time that suits you. This is a great opportunity to make your contribution to the discussion. You will hear about the values we hold dear, our recent achievements and the priorities we have for the future. Please mark this date in your calendar. Full Program details will be available on the dedicated Program page on our parish website – which will be updated regularly throughout the Program.

Together we pray for the success of the Program:

### ***Stewardship Program Prayer***

*Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.  
Through our Baptism and Confirmation we are called to service and to witness.  
In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.  
By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.  
By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.  
Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve,  
to grow in faith and service  
and to give without counting the cost.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*





invitation are lacking, then we are disconnected from our vision and have lost the direction of our mission. We also will be cut off from our donors, because we will find ourselves begging for money and they will find themselves merely handing us a check. No real connection has been created because we have not asked them to come and be with us. We have not given them an opportunity to participate in the spirit of what we are about. We may have completed a successful transaction, but we have not initiated a successful relationship.

Here we see that if fundraising as ministry invites those with money to a new relationship with their wealth, it also calls us to be converted in relation to our needs. If we come back from asking someone for money and we feel exhausted and somehow tainted by unspiritual activity, there is something wrong. We must not let ourselves be tricked into thinking that fundraising is only a secular activity. As a form of ministry, fundraising is as spiritual as giving a sermon, entering a time of prayer, visiting the sick, or feeding the hungry. So fundraising has to help us with our conversion too. Are we willing to be converted from our fear of asking, our anxiety about being rejected or feeling humiliated, our depression when someone says, “No, I’m not going to get involved in your project”? When we have gained the freedom to ask without fear, to love fundraising as a form of ministry, then

fundraising will be good for our spiritual life.

When those with money and those who need money share a mission, we see a central sign of new life in the Spirit of Christ. We belong together in our work because Jesus has brought us together, and our fruitfulness depends on staying connected with him. Jesus tells us: “I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). With him, we can do anything because we know that God surrounds us with an abundance of blessings. Therefore, those who need money and those who can give money meet on the common ground of God’s love. “God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work” (2 Cor. 9:8). When this happens, we can indeed say with Paul, “There is a new creation!” (2 Cor. 5:17). Where there is a new creation in Christ, there the kingdom of God is made manifest to the world.

### Helping the Kingdom Come About

**F**undraising is a very concrete way to help the kingdom of God come about. What is the kingdom? Jesus is very clear that

if we make the kingdom our first priority, “all these other things will be given you as well” (Matt. 6:33). The kingdom is where God provides for all that we need. It is the realm of sufficiency where we are no longer pulled here and there by anxiety about having enough. “So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself” (Matt. 6:34). Jesus also compares the kingdom to a mustard seed, “which, at the time of its sowing, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth. Yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade” (Mark 4:32-32). Even a seemingly small act of generosity can grow into something far beyond what we could ever ask or imagine (see Eph. 3:20) — the creation of a community of love in this world, and beyond this world, because wherever love grows, it is stronger than death (1 Cor. 13:8). So when we give ourselves to planting and nurturing love here on earth, our efforts will reach out beyond our own chronological existence. Indeed, if we raise funds for the creation of a community of love, we are helping God build the kingdom. We are doing exactly what we are supposed to do as Christians. Paul is clear about this: “Make love your aim” (1 Cor. 14:1).