

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER 2018

OUR PARISH'S PATRONAL FEAST DAY – YEAR B

THE YEAR OF YOUTH & PARISH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL PROGRAM

Our Parish's Patronal Feast Day readings: 2 Tim 4:10-17; Heb 4:14-16; Gospel Luke 24:13-35

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognise him at first. In the instance on the road to Emmaus, two of the disciples are walking the road feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognise the presence of Christ walking the journey with us – in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus; he hadn't delivered all that they had dreamed. But the Risen Jesus makes them realise that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit.

It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognise him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalising and frustrating for the two disciples – when they finally realised who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realised didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' They are saying to each other, how stupid must we have been not to recognise Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that!

Living the Gospel – Living the journey: The story of the road to Emmaus is a perfect model for our Christian life. It reminds us first of all that none of us walk the journey alone. Even when we don't recognise his presence, Jesus joins us in the everyday realities of life. The breaking open and interpretation of scripture is essential to making sense of our life experiences and through the celebration of Eucharist and table fellowship we are nourished to not only continue the journey but to share the good news with others. Where do you find yourself in the events of this story?

Gospel Focus – Hearts on Fire: The disciples recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread and at that moment he disappeared. The immediate reaction of the disciples might have been to dismiss the notion that Jesus had been with them as wishful thinking. However, they remind each other that their hearts had been set on fire by Jesus as he spoke to them along the road. It is an extraordinarily powerful image; to set hearts on fire. Yet, that experience is not locked in the pages of the gospel; Jesus continues to set hearts of fire, inspiring everyday people to do extraordinary things.

Have you thought? – Recognising Jesus: These two disciples, although not any of the Twelve, would have considered themselves close followers of Jesus. They are devastated by his death and so must have known Jesus quite well. However, they fail to recognise him when he joins them on the road. Whether they were prevented from recognising him or whether he was somehow transformed through the resurrection we don't know. But two close followers were unable to recognise him walking beside them. Perhaps we shouldn't feel too bad, two millennia later, when we fail to recognise Jesus as he continues to walk beside us.

The more we touch the intimate love of God which creates, sustains, and guides us, the more we recognise the multitude of fruits that come forth from that love. – *Lifesigns*, Henri Nouwen

Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God: turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Response to the Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Communion antiphon: The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.

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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

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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 Brian Gardiner, Bill Side
and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, may they all rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Monday:** St John Paul II,
pope; **Tuesday:** St John Capistrano, priest; **Wednesday:** St Anthony Claret, bishop;
Saturday: Saturday Mass of the BVM; **Sunday Masses:** Preface of Apostles II and
Eucharistic Prayer III. 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. Pope Francis invites the faithful to pray the
Rosary in October [https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-09/pope-francis-
pray-rosary-october.html](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-09/pope-francis-pray-rosary-october.html)

A VOCATION VIEW: Greatness in the Kingdom is found not in ruling and lordship, but
in service. Daily, we must put the needs of the other before our own. (Mark 10:35-45)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to
serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." MARK 10:45 If you held a mirror up to
your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try
changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have
given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through
service to others.

WEEK 3 OF OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL PROGRAM – 'COMMUNITY':

It's the third week of the Program – and the second of the three themes. This week
celebrates the role of our parish as a community of faith – as an authentic community
where people are welcomed, known and loved. It is a place of care, support and
outreach – with a clear mission to live the values of the Gospel. During these weeks it
will be in all our best interests to be on our best behaviour because now that homes in
our Parish have received their 'Welcome' invitation people within them may choose to
be with us again. It is up to all of us regulars to receive them well, make them feel
welcome and encourage them to become a member of the Parish family of families
once again. Come to 'Our Future' Forum on Tuesday 23rd October in the Church – to
either the 10.00 am or the 7.30 pm session – and contribute to the discussion Please fill
out an RSVP card today – it'll help us know how many parishioners are attending the
sessions. Please RETURN your 'Groups and Ministries' form to the box on the Church
notice table at your convenience. Our genuine thanks to the Parish Care Group for their
enthusiastic and hospitable efforts providing the 'cuppa' for all of us after each of the
Masses last weekend.

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL 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 and all our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen

WEEK THREE – COMMUNITY WEEKEND: This week our Parish Expo focuses
particularly on Groups and Ministries in Outreach and Mission. Parishioners are
invited and encouraged to review the list of groups and ministries identified in
the 'Parish Groups & Ministries two-page Form' (available on our Parish website
too); this is an opportunity to prayerfully discern and explore how your unique
gifts can be used to make a difference in our Parish; what special gifts and
talents God might be calling you to share. Through the gifts of time and talent
our Parishioners generously share, we are the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in
our parish community.

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST ANNUAL THANKYOU TO PARISHIONERS BBQ:
Yes it is on again this year as usual, Sunday 21 October. After the last Sunday morning
Mass, the Parish's Annual Feast Day Spit roast & Picnic will be ready, there will be an
Art Exhibition in our Parish Primary School and a Parish 'Groups & Ministries' Expo
providing information about what our Parish does/offers and an invitation to you to
seriously consider becoming more involved by any service you would like to do.

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve again on Saturday 27th October.

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

AS A FOLLOW UP to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference social justice
statement for 2018–2019 'A PLACE TO CALL HOME: MAKING A HOME FOR EVERYONE IN OUR
LAND' You are invited to a Housing and Homelessness Forum on 24 October. The forum
will bring together parishioners and parish leaders with relevant Catholic service
agencies to consider how parishes can contribute to resolving the housing crisis for
people in our communities. Click here for a [flyer](#) and for a [program](#) for the event.

- Wednesday 24 October, 5.30 for 6.00 – 8.45pm
- St Columba's Parish Centre 24 Glenhuntly Road, Elwood
- Rsvp www.trybooking.com/YHAV

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

		<u>20 AND 21 OCT. 2018</u>	<u>27 AND 28 OCT. 2018</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Ian Holmes	Lorraine Kernond
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Melina Barcellona	Godfrey Thong
	10:30 AM	Margaret Gearon	Val Gardiner

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

		<u>20 AND 21 OCT. 2018</u>	<u>27 AND 28 OCT. 2018</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Kathryn Holmes	Bernie Brennan
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Kana Chelliah	Rosemary Donaldson
	10:30 AM	Jess Kilroe-Smith	Margaret Gearon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

		<u>20 AND 21 OCT. 2018</u>	<u>27 AND 28 OCT. 2018</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Terry Wells	Greg Grant
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Joe Brogno	Marie Pekish
	10:30 AM	Mary Taranto	Dixon Family

SLIDE OPERATORS

		<u>20 AND 21 OCT. 2018</u>	<u>27 AND 28 OCT. 2018</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Tony Lobo	Choir
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Megan McLean	Rosemary Donaldson
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

20 OCT. 2018
Lesley Cormick & Toni Plevier
27 OCT. 2018
Joan McHugh

CHURCH CLEANING

27 OCT. 2018
Team 7 (Bernard's Team)
Bernard O'Malley, Darren Owens,
Melina Barcellona & Anne Allsop

MAINTENANCE

27 OCT. 2018
Team 7
Steve Brennan, George
Brodawka & Bernard O'Malley

PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO VIEW THE

ST LUKE'S ART EXHIBITION: 'A Trip Around the World'. **Date:** Sunday 21st October, after the 10:30am Mass. **Venue:** Discovery Centre, **Entrance Fee:** Gold Coin Donation. Monica Adams, a talented artist from the Mornington Peninsula (and aunt to some St Luke's students) has painted an original piece for our school and parish. Toni Wynne is managing the Raffle ticket sales in our Church Foyer after the 10.30am Mass. Your support is very much appreciated. Please come along ...

ON MONDAY 22 OCTOBER AT 11AM, THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA

will deliver the **National Apology** to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse at Parliament House in Canberra. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has been a painful and difficult time for the people of God as so many stories of unimaginable abuse perpetrated by some priests, religious and lay people have been revealed. The **National Apology** provides an opportunity for us to remember and recall these stories and to pray for healing and atonement. We also acknowledge the courage of those who appeared before the Royal Commission to tell their stories. In addition, we recognise the work that has been undertaken and continues to be done to shape a culture of accountability and trust to enable us to protect all children and vulnerable adults. *Those who are able are invited to spend a minute in silence at 11am on Monday as a sign that we stand with all those who have been hurt and abused and that we pray for them, their families and friends and all who have been affected by abuse.*

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY (AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN, VICTORIAN UNIT):

Date: Thursday 25th October; **Time:** 10.00am for 10.30am **Speaker:** Sister Margaret Burchell; **Venue:** Blackburn nth/Nunawading Uniting 355-357 Whitehorse Road Nunawading. Everyone welcome. Please see Church noticeboard for further details

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO: 75 bite-size explanations of Catholic practices

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CATECHUMENATE? When people enter your home for the first time, it is hospitable

to welcome them! In simplest terms, this is the idea behind the Catechumenate. The Catechumenate is the process of initiation through which people are baptized Christians. After a period of preparation, the catechumens are baptized, confirmed and receive the eucharist at the Easter vigil. A period of further catechesis follows. Various smaller rituals are celebrated at points along the overall journey. In the early Church, initiation was a joyous celebration of the immersion of the newly baptized into the Christian community. Over the centuries, however, the communal orientation of this process died out. Until relatively recently, more often than not, 'converts' slipped into the Sunday pews unannounced, uncelebrated. In 1972, under the name Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (R.C.I.A.) the ancient Catechumenate was revived as the norm for adult baptism. Its introduction has challenged parishes to develop a greater spirit of welcome and celebration involving the whole parish community in the way it relates to enquirers and newcomers. The Catechumenate today is gradually becoming an established part of parish life.

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 ...

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

Stewardship 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

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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?

OUR THANKS TO Tony Lobo and David Prabha who supervised, on our behalf, the smooth transition of 'out with the old (unrepairable) and in with the new' installation of the new Church short throw projectors last Friday. Please let them know what you think and how grateful you are.

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S IN MULGRAVE are having their "Family Fun Day" on the 27/10 & you're invited. Please see their flyer on the Church noticeboard for more details.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 21 OCTOBER 2018: This week on The Journey, our Gospel is read by Nick Weir, Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey, Bruce Downes and The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes encourages us with his sage words. Our music is sourced from local artists and Australia wide Christian music artists who come together to help us make our program amazing. It is where faith, hope, love and life come together in the Journey. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

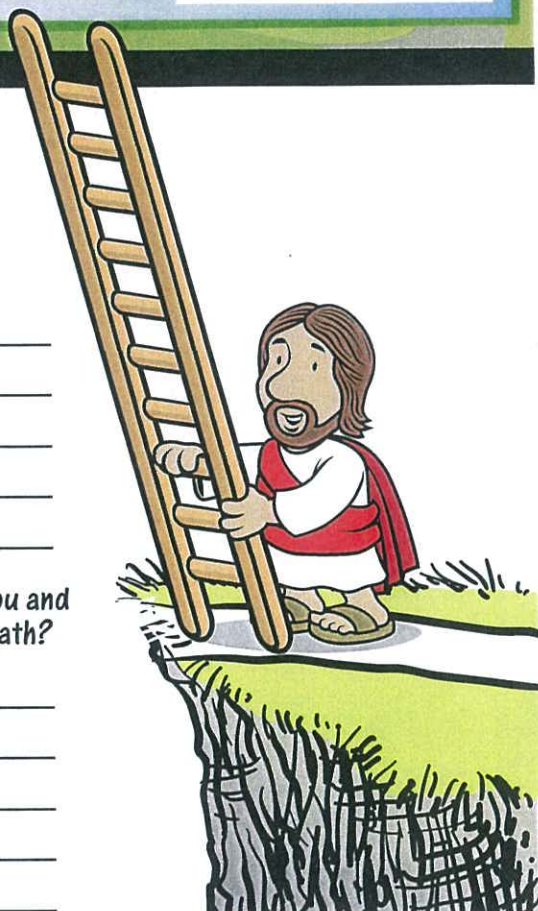
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY occurs across the globe this weekend and which encourages prayerful and financial support for the people of God, especially the poor, marginalised and oppressed.



Life is like being on a journey of faith, but sometimes we encounter obstacles along the way. What are some of the toughest obstacles on your path of life?



How does Jesus help you and guide you along that path?



Jesus is always with us, even when we don't realise he is there. Where or when can we recognise Jesus in our everyday life?



Colour the shapes that contain a white dot ◦ in red. Colour the remaining shapes in colours that you find in a loaf of bread.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2018

Welcome to week three of our Parish Stewardship Program.

This week celebrates the role of our parish as a community of faith – as an authentic community

where people are welcomed, known and loved. It is a place of care, support and outreach – with a clear mission to live the values of the Gospel.

This means that we have a responsibility to use our gifts and talents for the benefit of others – making our time available to be involved in one of our many Groups and Ministries. We all have a contribution to make – so have a look at the “Groups & Ministries” form to see what best suits you.

Today we will hear from members of the Parish Leadership Team who will share with us the impact of faith and our parish on their lives and how important it is for us all to make our contribution to parish life. We thank them for doing so!

REMINDER - ‘OUR FUTURE’ FORUM: All parishioners are warmly invited to a special event as part of the Program – ‘Our Future’ Forum on Tuesday 23rd 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. It will be a great opportunity for you to contribute to the discussion on our priorities for the future.

In case you haven’t done so yet, please complete the RSVP cards available at all Masses over the weekend, or the RSVP form on the parish website and indicate which session time you will attend.

WEBSITE UPDATE: The dedicated Stewardship Program section this week features a special video from Monsignor Tony Ireland, Episcopal Vicar – Eastern Region of the Archdiocese.

THOUGHTS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM: *Why is it important to be actively involved in Parish Groups and Ministries?*

“When you actively take part you gain friendships and you feel like you are a complete member of the parish. I believe I get more out of contributing than what I give.”

Lynda Kilroe-Smith

“Many hands make light work! It’s also a great way to socialise with other parishioners.”

Sonya O’Farrell

“Active involvement keeps our parish strong and vital. By involving more people, it supports those already involved and strengthens and deepens their own faith.”

Steve Kilroe-Smith

“It is important to be actively involved in Parish Groups and Ministries as this reinforces the community setting as an important part of belonging. This gives people a sense of worth.” *Darren McLean*

POPE FRANCIS SAYS:

“A parish is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach” – Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* 28



Prayer and Gratitude – The spirit reveal that we belong not to a world of success, fame, or power but to God. Bread for the Journey

by Henri Nouwen

How do we become people whose security base is God and God alone? How can we stand confidently with the rich and poor alike on the common ground of God's love? How can we ask for money without pleading, and call people to a new communion without coercing? How can we express not only in our way of speaking but also in our way of being with others the joy, vitality, and promise of our mission and vision? In short, how do we move from perceiving fundraising as an unpleasant but unavoidable activity to recognising fundraising as a life-giving, hope-filled expression of ministry?

Prayer is the spiritual discipline through which our mind and heart are converted from hostility or suspicion to hospitality toward people who have money. Gratitude is the sign that this conversion is spreading into all aspects of our life. From beginning to end, fundraising as ministry is grounded in prayer and undertaken in gratitude.

Prayer is the radical starting point of fundraising because in prayer we slowly experience a reorientation of all our thoughts and feelings about ourselves and others. To pray is to desire to know more fully the truth that sets us free (see John 8.32). Prayer

uncovers the hidden motives and unacknowledged wounds that shape our relationships. Prayer allows us to see ourselves and others as God see us.

Prayer is radical because it uncovers the deepest roots of our identity in God. In prayer we seek God's voice and allow God's word to penetrate our fear and resistance so that we can begin to hear what God wants us to know. And what God wants us to know is that before we think or do or accomplish anything, before we have much money

or little money, the deepest truth of our human identity is this: "you are my beloved son. You are my beloved daughter. With you I am well pleased". (see Luke 3.22). When we can claim this truth as true for us, then we also see that it is true for all other people. God is well pleased with us, and so we are free to approach all people, the rich or the poor, in the freedom of God's love. Whether people respond to our fundraising appeal with a "Yes," a "No," or a "Maybe" is less important than the knowledge that we all are gathered as one on the holy ground of God's generous disposition toward us. In prayer, therefore, we learn to trust that God can work fruitfully through us no matter where we are or who we are with.

As our prayer deepens into constant awareness of God's goodness, the spirit of gratitude grows within us. Gratitude flows from the recognition that who we are and what we have are gifts to be received and shared. Gratitude releases us from the bonds of obligation and prepares us to offer ourselves freely and fully for the work of the kingdom. When we approach fundraising in a spirit of gratitude, we do so knowing that God has already given us what we most need for life in abundance. Therefore our confidence in our mission and vision, and our freedom to love the person to whom we are talking about donating money, do not depend on how that person responds. In this way, gratitude allows us to approach a fundraising meeting without grasping neediness and to leave it without resentment or dejection. Coming and going, we can remain secure in God's love with our hearts set joyfully on the kingdom.

The Prayer of Jesus: Since the centre of the person of Jesus is prayer, it is essential to participate in his prayer if we are to know and understand him ... prayer is the act of self-surrender by which we enter the Body of Christ ... The person of Jesus is constituted by the act of prayer, of unbroken communication with the one he calls "Father". It is therefore only possible really to understand this person by entering into this act of prayer, by participating in it. Benedict XVI