

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2018
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

THE YEAR OF YOUTH & PARISH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL PROGRAM

This week's readings: Deut. 6:2-6; Heb. 7:23-28; Gospel Mark 12:28-34

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: Generally, in the gospels, the scribes are shown as antagonistic towards Jesus and when we begin this passage we may be expecting a trap being laid by the scribe. In Jewish tradition, a lot of teaching occurs through a question and answer style and often the question is related to a particular teaching from Torah. Here, the scribe approaches Jesus as a teacher, a rabbi, and poses a question just as he would to any other worthy teacher. He asks which of the commandments Jesus regards to be foremost. This could be an opening question to any teacher and one would expect it to be the start of a long conversation. Neither of the commandments Jesus quotes come from the Ten Commandments with which we are most familiar, but, rather, they come from other parts of Torah (the Law). His qualification of the first commandment – to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength – is a way of capturing the whole person. What Jesus is saying is to love God completely and utterly with your whole person. Then he follows up and adds another commandment – ‘You must love your neighbour as yourself.’ The scribe agrees with Jesus’ teaching and adds that these are far more important than offering sacrifice. This is a pretty controversial statement from a scribe! Sacrifice has been the official form of prayer practised in the Temple for a very long time and he suggests that love of God and love of neighbour are far more important! It is because of this understanding about the priority of love over religious practice – the hallmark of the kingdom of God that Jesus proclaims – that Jesus pronounces the scribe to be ‘not far from the kingdom of God.’

Historical Context – Sacrifice: We know from the Old Testament that sacrifice was an important religious practice dating back to the foundations of Jewish faith. After the construction of the Temple in Jerusalem, sacrifice of birds and animals was practised there as the highest form of worship. With the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE – about the time Mark’s gospel was written – temple worship and sacrifice came to an abrupt end. The entire nature of Judaism changed from a Temple-centred faith to a much more decentralised faith. In this week’s gospel, the gospel writer is projecting the reality of his time back into the scribe’s encounter with Jesus.

Living the Gospel – Love: Jesus reminds us ‘You must love your neighbour as yourself.’ There’s an unspoken, underlying idea here that is absolutely crucial. Before you can love your neighbour, you must first love yourself. To say that you love yourself today can imply a level of boastfulness or ego. However, what is required is a genuine love of self – an acceptance; a respect; a true valuing of self. Only then can we know how to treat others. When we ask ourselves how we would want to be treated it points us towards how we should treat others. What is summed up so simply by Jesus is a very tough ask!

Gospel Focus – First of all: Jesus is asked which commandment is first and he provides two commandments as his answer. However, he doesn’t bundle them together as one overarching commandment – he very distinctly identifies them as first and second. Sometimes we can feel the way to express love for God is through demonstrating our love for other people in charitable or justice-focused actions. However, Jesus makes clear that the first commandment of all is the love of God with all our being – that God is worthy of love in God’s own right. Our love of God may inspire us to action for others but the first step is loving God for who God is.

Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Response to the Psalm: I love you Lord, my strength.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Communion antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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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

Wed. - Sat. this week @ 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, especially Fiona Kilduff and for those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently, especially Eugene Pereira, Susan Kovacsics, Antonio Gangoiti and Fr Leo Patrick Griffin and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, may they all rest in peace.

This month of November we remember: Frank Aldag, Kathleen Bookluck, Wilma Kingston, Audrey Murphy, Jean Maguire, Alicia Buccat, John Andrews; Hugh, Laura, Clive and Joan, Patrick & Maria, Michael, M^cDade; Leslie & Marie, John and Anne Pyke; Kevin & Joan Cranich; Edward, Dorothy, Fred, Franklin & Catherine Holmes; Graeme Doring, Arthur Clark, Bruce M^cKenzie, Richard & Lillian Plant, Eileen & Alan Cameron, Gurna Dixon, Olga Soyer, Hans Leitich, Willy Plevier, Laurie Eade, members of the Fahey family, Giovanni & Francesca Iannazzo, Pasquale & Antonietta Stella, Emma Spadea.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Friday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica; **Saturday:** St Leo the Great, pope, doctor; **Sunday Masses:** Eucharistic Prayer for use in Masses for Various Needs II. Eucharistic Acclamation No. 1

MONTH OF NOVEMBER: This month is a special time in the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar to pray for the dead. **November Mass envelopes** are available for you in the pews.

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD: Once again, we will have a **Book of the Names of the Dead** during the month of the Holy Souls, November. The names of our beloved dead can be recorded by you (*in a legible and orderly way, filling one page at a time, in front of the Lectern or Ambo please*) in the Book, and we will pray for those whose names are recorded in the Book in a special way during our November Masses.

A VOCATION VIEW: Love of God and love of neighbour are not mutually exclusive, but rather are mutually enriching. Demonstrate the love you have for God by acting in service to your neighbour in Christ. (Mark 12:28-34)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." MARK 12:33 Of all the gifts that God gives us the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

WEEK 5 OF OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL PROGRAM -

FOLLOWING-UP AND FOLLOWING THROUGH: It's the fifth week of the Program - and the opportunity to seriously consider how **we look to the future** (*laying the footings for the next 50 years*) - imagining what sort of parish **we want to be and become**. Ours is one filled with optimism - but one that needs the support and contribution of every individual if we are to achieve our dreams.

This week we ask you to finalise and realise your commitments by:

- Signing up for a Parish Group or Ministry (*we've had 29 returned thus far*)
- Making your meaningful Stewardship and Presbytery pledge of financial support to the Stewardship Renewal Program

Please **RETURN your 'Groups and Ministries' form** into the box on the Church notice table as soon as possible.

WEEK FIVE - FOLLOW-UP AND FOLLOW THROUGH: This is the last weekend of our Parish Ministry Expo. 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. Whether you are a new parishioner joining for the first time or you are currently on any and lots of ministries of service, please complete the *Parish Groups & Ministries Form* and leave it in the box provided. Thank you to all parishioners who have joined our parish ministries. Parish Groups & Ministries Form will be followed up by the Parish Pastoral Council in due course.

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL CHORISTERS & MAESTRO once gain this weekend to the 10.30am Sunday morning Mass; they do complement our prayer.

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve again on Saturday 10th November and Sat 24th November. **ALL OUR YEAR 12 PARISHIONERS** have now finished their secondary schooling. Please keep them all in your prayers as they change gear now, preparing for and sitting their final exams.

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

WIDENING THE DOOR OF HOPE: A RESPONSE TO THE VICTORIAN ASSISTED DYING LEGISLATION Date: Tuesday 20th November 2018; Time: 7.30pm start, 7.00pm light refreshments
Venue: Mercy Theatre Australian Catholic University 115 Victoria Parade Fitzroy (enter via Young Street) Orators: Assoc. Prof. Natasha Michael MBChB FRACP FACHPM MRCPI MRCGP MSc Director, Palliative Medicine Cabrini Health University of Notre Dame Sydney School of Medicine Dr Stephen Parnis MBBS DipSurgAnat FACEM FAICD FAMA Former Vice-President AMA Emergency Physician, St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne RSVP / Inquiries: by Monday 12th November 2018 justice@cam.org.au or (03) 9926 5727. Please see Church noticeboard for more details.

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

		<u>3 AND 4 NOV. 2018</u>	<u>10 AND 11 NOV. 2018</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Monica Hodder	Lorraine Kermond
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Megan McLean	Engelina Nyhuis
	10:30 AM	Jess Kilroe-Smith	Lynda Kilroe-Smith

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

		<u>3 AND 4 NOV. 2018</u>	<u>10 AND 11 NOV. 2018</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Mary Wighting	Shirley Prabha
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Beryl Chelliah	Melina Barcellona
	10:30 AM	Marg Yore	Steve Kilroe-Smith

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

		<u>3 AND 4 NOV. 2018</u>	<u>10 AND 11 NOV. 2018</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Lorraine Kermond	Terry Wells
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Don McKenzie	Rosemary Donaldson
	10:30 AM	Leigh Kelly	Pam & Michael

SLIDE OPERATORS

		<u>3 AND 4 NOV. 2018</u>	<u>10 AND 11 NOV. 2018</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	David Prabha	Choir
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Darren Mc Lean	Mary White
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

3 NOV. 2018
Engelina Nyhuis
10 NOV. 2018
Kate Skowronska

CHURCH CLEANING

10 NOV. 2018
Team 1 (Val's Team)
Val Fogarty, Jim Fogarty,
Megan McLean, Raquel Ramirez

MAINTENANCE

10 NOV. 2018
Team 8
Don McKenzie &
Charles Chin

TALK AND TOUR MORNINGS: 23 NOVEMBER Our Lady of Sion College warmly invites prospective students and families to attend a Talk and Tour morning. Hear from our principal and take a tour with our Year 10 students to see our College in action. Tour mornings begin at 9.30 am; please allow enough time for parking. Register at info@sion.catholic.edu.au. Enrolment applications for Year 7, 2021, will open on 1 February 2019. For more info please see flyer on Church Noticeboard.

INFORMATION NIGHT AT YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2018: 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Study Theology as an Undergraduate or Postgraduate Student for credit. Or choose to enroll, for your own interest without completing essays for credit. All welcome to come along and find out more. Feel free to bring a friend. No booking required.

HOLY SAVIOUR COMMUNITY FESTIVAL: Saturday 10th November 765 Highbury Road, Vermont South Huge variety of Stalls from 11.00am. Delicious Food all day, Rides from 12.00pm-6.00pm, Free Music & Activities all day, Entertainment, food drinks till 8.00pm. All Welcome. For further details please see our Church noticeboard.

INTER-PARISH WALK: Sat 17 Nov 2018, meet at 1.45pm, Pound Bend Car park, Warrandyte State Park, Warrandyte. 30 mins from St John Vianney's. Rides can be arranged. Join us for a walk around Warrandyte State Park, enjoy the abundance of native life from kangaroos and kookaburras, cockatoos, galahs, and (apparently!) a koala too. Easy, flat walk on unpaved path. Share coffee, cake and a chat afterwards. See flyer on Church noticeboard for more details or call Nimmi 0413135889, Thuy 0423882718.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 11 Nov 2018: This week on The Journey, Fr Graham Schmitzer reflects on the Gospel of Mark, Sr Hilda Scott shares her Wisdom from the Abbey, Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, shares his piece on 'The Journey of Conversation', and Francene Pirola gets us thinking in her God spot, 'When Desires Don't Match'. Our music reflects our passion and drive for the Journey Catholic Radio program, where faith hope, love and life come together. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB over 28's Party Night for Single Catholics in 28 to 60 age group. **Saturday 17 November 2018** starting at 8.00pm; **Location:** Benedict House at St Benedict's Parish 301 Warrigul Road Burwood Melways Map 61 H 6; **Cost:** \$13 includes lucky door prizes and supper. **Enquiries:** Peter 9885 2167 Please see Church noticeboard for further details.

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO: 75 bite-size explanations of Catholic practices @ The Story Source, 1993. TeresaPirola.net **RITE OF WELCOME:** The Rite of Welcome is a parish liturgical celebration which marks a person's decision to undertake the process of becoming a Catholic. Having established a certain relationship with the Catholic community, this person now enters into a deeper period of formation. *To Be Continued*

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

Finance Committee

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 0419 347 693

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?

Which are the most important commandments?



Love GOD
& love your neighbour

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Jesus said that the most important commandments were to love God and to love others as we love ourselves. What are some ways we can show our love?

I show love for God when I

I show love for others when I



Whenever we show kindness, love and respect for others, we are loving God. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that shows love for God.

Fill in the missing words to complete the story.

- love
- second
- God
- answered
- yourself
- teacher
- heart
- first
- asked
- commandment

An expert in the Jewish law _____ Jesus, "_____, what is the most important _____?"



Jesus _____: "Love the Lord your _____ with all your _____, soul and mind." This is the _____ and most important commandment. The _____ is like it: "_____ your neighbour as much as you love _____".

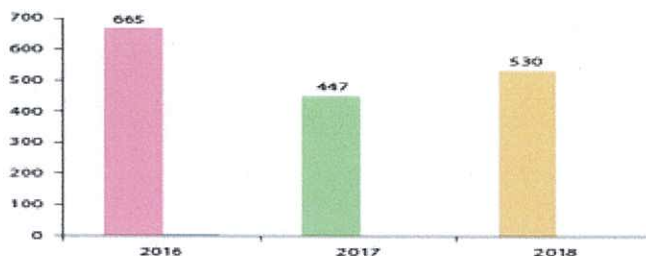


I present to you the following information because Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish needs your help:

St Luke's Parish precarious financial situation



- YTD ~96 families contribute \$530 p/week to Stewardship



- 2016 and 2017 annual operating losses were \$40K and \$43K respectively
- Parish has drawn down \$100K from investments in last two years to cover operating expenses and losses
- **We cannot sustain this – so we need ALL FAMILIES help!**

The graph above highlights that the average Stewardship pledge is \$5.52 per week per giver. The current average pledge across the Melbourne Archdiocese is just under \$13.00 per week. However, what you can manage on a regular basis for both Parish and resident Priest will help a great deal to meet our commitments.

All Parishes support their resident priest financially; it is his only source of income. Currently the parish is not doing this. It is important to alert you to this.

Your support will also provide financial security for us to realise any major refurbishment work and/or building program being entertained in and for our school and parish.

It costs approximately \$2,220+ per week to run St Luke's Catholic Parish, i.e.

Weekly expense description	Weekly amount
Pastoral & Professional Services incl salaries	\$575
Heating, lighting, power, insurance	\$353
Archdiocesan Levy	\$247
Telecommunications & copying	\$169
Repairs/Maintenance/Cleaning/Gardening	\$228
General expenses	\$216
Liturgical/Supply Priest/Conferences/Resources	\$436

What?

- Make a meaningful **Stewardship** and **Presbytery** pledge of financial support to the 2018 Stewardship Renewal Program &
- Volunteer to join a Parish **Group** or **Ministry**

How? Fill in:

- **A Pledge card**, plus a Groups & Ministry form that has been issued to all families
- **Return** the card and Groups & Ministry form to the Parish Office **by Friday 9 November**

*We are Companions on the Journey ...
& ... do not our hearts burn within us as we walk along! (Luke 24:32)*



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2018 PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

THANK YOU to parishioners who have already returned their completed pledge commitments and Parish Groups and Ministries form – either at Mass last week or to our Parish Office. Your support is very much appreciated!

If you have not yet done so, additional pledge cards will be distributed at all Masses this weekend. These completed cards and any that you have brought from home should be placed in the second collection bags straight after communion. Your completed Groups & Ministries commitments should also be placed in the collection bags. Note that additional forms are available on the table at the rear of the church.

A special thanks to Father Tony Doran, PP of the Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ringwood who generously gave his time to be with us at all Masses last weekend. I certainly enjoyed my time at Our Lady of Perpetual Help's as part of the 'swap of parishes'. Thanks also to Mr Frank Schobben, our Director from the Development Office for the Archdiocese. His informative, clear and positive approach has been welcomed by both the Leadership Team in particular and parishioners.

Please note that your new pledges will take effect on Sunday 25 November, so please return your completed pledges no later than Friday 9 November to the Parish Office. Letters of confirmation, and where appropriate new sets of renumbered **dual pledge** envelopes, will be available at all Masses on the weekend of Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 November.

I thank you once again for your generous response and gentle regards,

Fr Gerard

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 and all our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen*

