

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2018 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B THE YEAR OF YOUTH & PARISH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL PROGRAM

This week's readings: 1 Kg. 17:10-16; Heb. 9:24-28; Gospel Mark 12:38-44

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: We would normally hear or read the second half of this week's gospel as a stand alone example of generosity and faith – often without the section that immediately precedes it. Whilst the actions of the widow are certainly worthy of comment, when we read it in the context of the condemnation that immediately precedes it, the widow's offering is placed in a different light. Jesus condemns the scribes who parade their wealth and seek trappings of earthly power and glory: being recognised and greeted as they walk the streets; taking the front seats in synagogue; and expecting to be seated in the place of honour at banquets. Whilst parading their wealth and feasting at banquets, they are also swallowing up the property of widows – taking advantage of those in need. We often hear widows and orphans named in the scriptures as those in need. Widows and orphans (and strangers in the land) are marked out for special attention in the Torah. They are named as deserving of special care – the lost and broken of society. So despite holding a special place in Jewish Law and tradition, the widows are being taken advantage of by the scribes, who are taking over their property for their own gain. One of the duties of the scribes was to administer the proper payment of Temple taxes. The treasury referred to in the passage is the Temple treasury. Rather than a great act of generosity, we can now see the widow's payment of Temple tax as a burdensome, heart-wrenching obligation to pay the very last coins she had to a corrupt, uncaring system. We usually read praise into Jesus' comments about the widow's offering, but it can also be read as moral outrage at the system that demands this woman pay all that she possesses to the Temple.

Living the Gospel – Hypocrisy: Throughout the gospels, what Jesus appears to abhor more than anything else is hypocrisy. His harshest condemnation of the scribes and the Pharisees is that they are hypocrites. In this passage, whilst Jesus hates the scribes' parading around and claiming honour that is not their due, what really sees him condemn them is their mistreatment of widows 'while making a show of lengthy prayers'. We cannot praise God in prayer while at the same time mistreating our neighbour. That is hypocrisy! Our actions are an extension of our prayer. We cannot celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and fail to live it the rest of the week!

Have you thought? What's in a word? It's interesting that we have traditionally read Jesus' comments about the widow's offering as praise and perhaps even some pride in her actions. Nothing in the words themselves give away Jesus' emotion. Try reading Jesus' words with a variety of different emotions: anger; sadness; joy; triumph; dismay. How does the emotion with which we read these words change our understanding of them? Can you think of other passages that could be read in a whole new light if we changed our preconceived ideas about the emotion with which Jesus spoke?

Historical Context – The Widow: In ancient Jewish culture, until a woman was married she was literally the property of her father. Upon marrying, the woman left her family and became part of her husband's family and became specifically the property of her husband. If the woman's husband were to die, leaving her a widow, she no longer had anywhere to belong. Because a woman's identity was based on which man she belonged to, she effectively ceased to belong anywhere. It is for this reason that the Torah names widows as deserving of special care and protection from the whole community.

Raise your voices ...

Entrance antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Response to the Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Communion antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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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 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, McDade; Leslie & Marie, John & Anne Pyke; Kevin & Joan Cranich; Edward, Dorothy, Fred, Franklin & Catherine Holmes; Graeme Dorning, Arthur Clark, Bruce McKenzie, Richard & Lillian Plant, Eileen & Alan Cameron, Gurna Dixon, Olga Soyer, Hans Leifich, Willy Plevier, Laurie Eade, members of the Fahey family, Giovanni & Francesca Iannazzo, Pasquale & Antonietta Stella, Emma Spadea; David's Parents, relatives mainly non Christian friends, Shirley's Parents, siblings, cousins, friends; Remy Carey, Felisa Aipuerto, Philip Perang, Liam O'Brien, Zenaida Da Zanduerta, Anun Catubie, Amosa Castaneda, Nora Gascon, Tonette Solatan, Maryann Sembrno, Willy Dehbonstel; members of the Hogan family; members of the Lee family; members of the Storey family; Rob, Margaret & Barney Reilly; Stephen Murphy; Giannino Fogale, Danube, Ellen & Kevin Callaghan and members of the Fogale family; Julia, Joseph Veronica, Gabrielle and members of the Wide family; Josephine Sybil D'Souza, Margarita Francis, Jesus Ariel, Pacifico, Josefina, Ernestina, Pastor Magale; Eutiquio Juan, Benjamina & Pedro Limsiaco; Martin & Marcel Wong; Nora Chong, Stephen Leong, Rooney Busing; Family members relatives and friends of the Harrington family; Nina Nieborski; Anna, Maria, Ben, Vincent, Luisa Gallichio; Ross Webb, Claire Weir; Tony, Benedetta, Francesco, Vincenzo Mileo; Michele Picardi, Aurora Mileo/Picardi; Eileen Jessup; **THIS YEAR MARKS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY** of the end of World War I. Each year at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month we stop to observe one minute of silence to remember those who served and died in wars and armed conflicts.

• While the fighting stopped on 11 November 1918 as a result of separate armistices being signed with Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary and the Ottoman Empire, the war did not officially end until the **Treaty of Versailles** was signed on 28 June 1919.

• What followed was an annual armistice commemoration on 11 November, which became known as Remembrance Day after World War II.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2018 11TH HOUR OF THE 11TH DAY OF THE 11TH MONTH 11AM - SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2018 Remembering 100 years ago..

Every year, on 11 November at 11 am - the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month - we pause to remember those men and women who have died or suffered in all wars, conflicts and peace operations. Originally called Armistice Day, Remembrance Day commemorates the end of the hostilities for the Great War, the signing of the armistice, which occurred on 11 November 1918. Armistice Day was observed by the Allies as a way of remembering those who died, especially soldiers with 'no known grave'. ... **LEST WE FORGET ... LEST WE FORGET ... LEST WE FORGET ...**

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Monday:** St Josaphat, bishop, martyr; **Thursday:** St Albert the Great, bishop, doctor; **Friday:** St Margaret of Scotland & St Gertrude, virgin; **Saturday:** St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious; **Sunday Masses:** Preface VI of the Sundays in Ordinary Time & Eucharistic Prayer II, Eucharistic Acclamation No. II, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Annual Deaf Collection this weekend at all Masses.

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: Jesus upholds the example of the widow who puts two small coins into the Temple treasury as the greatest treasure given. We are to give not out of our surplus, but from our very selves. (Mark 12:38-44)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." MARK 12:43-44 Jesus gets right to the point - we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

ST. LUKE'S PARISH GROUNDS MAINTENANCE ROSTER - 2018/2019: Please add your name to the list on the clip boards this weekend to assist with parish maintenance. Your help should only be required about four times a year on a Saturday morning.

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve again this weekend, Saturday 10th November and then again on Sat 24th November.

ALL OUR YEAR 12 PARISHIONERS have now finished their secondary schooling. Please keep them all in your prayers as they sit their final exams.

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

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

		<u>10 AND 11 NOV. 2018</u>	<u>17 AND 18 NOV. 2018</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Lorraine Kermond	Terry Wells
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Engelina Nyhuis	Megan McLean
	10:30 AM	Lynda Kilroe-Smith	Sonya O'Farrell

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

		<u>10 AND 11 NOV. 2018</u>	<u>17 AND 18 NOV. 2018</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Shirley Prabha	Olive Hammill
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Melina Barcellona	Godfrey Thong
	10:30 AM	Steve Kilroe-Smith	Elizabeth Dixon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

		<u>10 AND 11 NOV. 2018</u>	<u>17 AND 18 NOV. 2018</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Terry Wells	Greg Grant
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Rosemary Donaldson	Joe Brogno
	10:30 AM	Pam & Michael	Kilroe-Smith Family

SLIDE OPERATORS

		<u>10 AND 11 NOV. 2018</u>	<u>17 AND 18 NOV. 2018</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Choir	Tony Lobo
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Mary White	Rosemary Donaldson
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

10 NOV. 2018
Kate Skowronska
17 NOV. 2018
Val Wells & Marie Parker

CHURCH CLEANING

17 NOV. 2018
Team 2 (Monica's Team)
Monica Hodder, Marie Parker,
Filomena Manley, Beryl
Kanagalingam

MAINTENANCE

17 NOV. 2018
Team 9
John Ryan, Darren Foster
& Anthony Fernandez

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.

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 MRCPG 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.

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.

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, Thy 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.

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?



Be generous and selfless like the poor widow

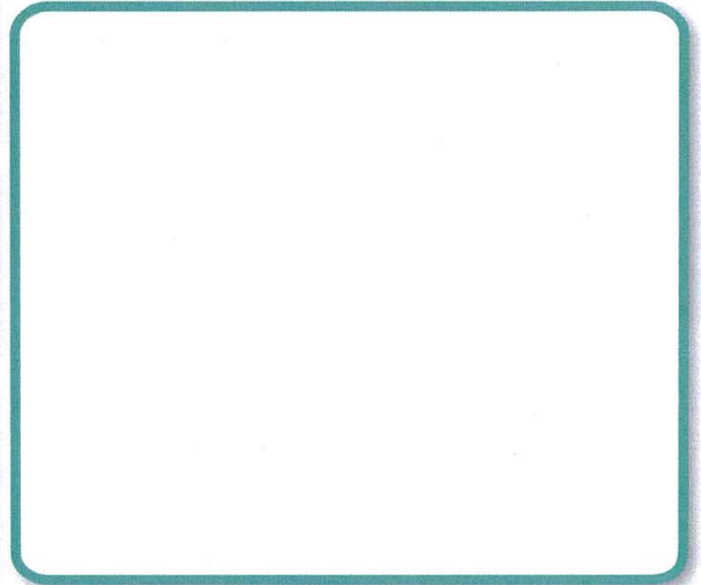
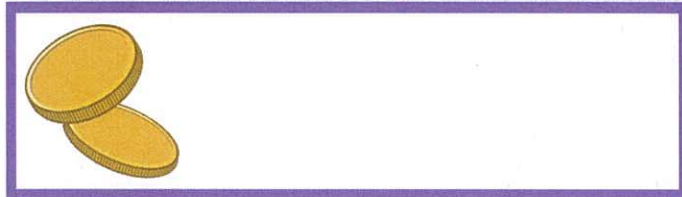


32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Jesus praised the widow for her generosity because she gave everything she had even though she was poor. What are some ways we can be generous like the poor widow?

Jesus could see past the outward appearance of people and into their hearts. He could see the good inside people who were shunned and despised in his society. Draw a picture of another occasion when Jesus helped or acknowledged someone who was considered a lesser person.



Spot the difference

Can you spot the seven differences between these two pictures?





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2018 PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

THANK YOU once again to parishioners who have already returned their completed pledge commitments – either at Mass last week or directly to the Parish Office. Your support is very much appreciated!

Not yet completed your pledge or Parish Groups and Ministry form? Don't worry – pledge cards and forms are available on the table at the rear of the church. Completed cards and forms can be placed in the collection bag or to the Parish Office.

Please note that your new pledges will take effect on Sunday 25 November. Letters of confirmation, and where appropriate a current set of newly 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.

PROGRAM SOCIAL NIGHT

A reminder to all parishioners who have assisted with conducting the 2018 Parish Stewardship Renewal Program that our Social Night will be held on Tuesday 20 November at 7.30 pm in the School Staff Room. We would love to see you there!

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.

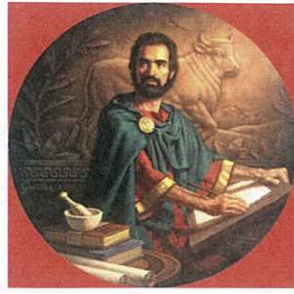
By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.

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



Your Kingdom Come – *The mystery of ministry is that we have been chosen to make our own limited and very conditional love the gateway for the unlimited and unconditional love of God. Therefore, true ministry must be mutual.* – *In the Name of Jesus* by Henri Nouwen

Fundraising is a very rich and beautiful activity. It is a confident, joyful, and hope-filled expression of ministry. In ministering to each other, each from the riches that he or she possesses, we work together for the full coming of God's kingdom.

Love never ends.

(1 Corinthians 13:8 NJB)

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