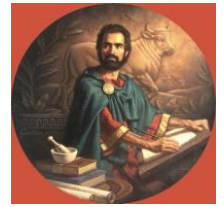


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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 20 JANUARY 2019
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE - BEING THE GOOD NEWS BY PROMOTING GOD'S HOSPITALITY

This week's readings: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Gospel John 2:1-11

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: Today's first reading from Isaiah is one of several references in the Old Testament that use wedding imagery – bride and groom – to describe the relationship between God and the people of Israel. The imagery is never that of an 'old married couple' but rather young lovers entering into a new life together full of hope; full of romance; and full of passion. This image of God and the people as bride and groom would not have been lost on the first audiences of today's gospel passage. Immediately, they would have recognised the significance of Jesus' first outing in public ministry being at a wedding feast – at the coming together of God and God's people, Jesus is present! It is a very neat and quite deliberate follow on from the prologue of the Gospel of John where the gospel writer uses the image of 'the Word made flesh who lives among us' to describe Jesus. The Word has come into the world and the first public appearance is at an event that symbolises the relationship between God and God's people.

The interplay between Jesus and his mother is very interesting in this gospel event. In this particular gospel it is one of only two occasions that Mary is mentioned: this event at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and then at the foot of the cross as he is crucified. Mary does not ask Jesus to do anything. She simply states, 'They have no wine', but one can almost hear the motherly tone with which it was said. I'm sure Jesus was left in no doubt that he was expected to do something about it. When he tries to avoid the issue, Mary apparently ignores his objections and instructs the servants to do whatever Jesus tells them. No fuss; no argument. How do mothers do it?

From the perspective of ... The servants: What must the servants have been thinking? First of all, there was insufficient wine for the feast. They probably knew who was going to wear the blame for that ordering mistake! Then they're told to fill the enormous water jars with water, draw some into a serving vessel and go and present it to the steward of the household – effectively their overseer; their boss! They must have been very nervous about how the steward would respond to what they were taking to him. Yet they, along with Mary and Jesus, were the only witnesses to Jesus' first miracle! Even the steward was unaware of the miracle.

Different View – Use of alcohol: Sadly, this text is sometimes used by people to show that Jesus legitimises drinking alcohol. If there was anything wrong with drinking, they say, Jesus wouldn't have made wine out of water! This argument is used to not only justify consumption of alcohol (sometimes to excess) but also to berate and ridicule those who, for religious and other reasons, abstain from alcohol. It is, of course, a feeble attempt to misappropriate scripture and use it completely out of context and for their own purposes. One could not even justify this argument on the grounds of a literal interpretation of scripture!

Gospel Focus – The best wine: The steward comments that the best wine had been kept until the end of the wedding celebration – a clever use of an image for Jesus. Remembering the use of wedding imagery to describe the relationship between the people of Israel and God, the wedding feast is celebration of that relationship, and at the very heart of the celebration and the relationship is Jesus. He is the best wine that is kept until the end – the 'finishing touch' to a magnificent celebration, just as he is the 'finishing touch' to the relationship between God and God's people to that point.

Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Response to the Psalm: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me with good news, the wonder of salvation. Proclaiming Justice, Love and Truth. Go forth to every nation. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Communion antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am & 10:30am

WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY

Tues. 11.00am

Wed. - 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 & Benediction
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, especially Concetta Pellegrino & Jim Johnson, R.I.P.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: **Monday:** St Agnes, virgin, martyr; **Thursday:**
St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor; **Friday:** The Conversion of St Paul, apostle; **Saturday:**
AUSTRALIA DAY & Sts Timothy and Titus, bishops. **Sunday Masses:** Preface I of the Sundays in
Ordinary Time, Eucharistic Prayer I. Eucharistic Acclamation No. 1.

5 MISSING WEEKDAY MISSALS: If you have inadvertently taken one home could
it/they be returned to the credence table in our Church please for weekday Mass asap.
We began this year with 15 copies of the Weekday Missal and our supply has shrunk
currently to 10. It makes praying at Weekday Mass that much more of a challenge
without our usual quota of missals.

A VOCATION VIEW: Like Jesus, you are called God's beloved. Renew your baptismal
commitment and pray for those discerning a call to married, priesthood, single or
consecrated/religious life. (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for
some benefit." (1 Corinthians 12:7) St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason.
How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping
to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for
you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you, feel His love, peace and joy!

**SIGN UP FOR MINISTER OF THE WORD, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE
EUCHARIST AND WELCOMERS' ROSTERS:** It's that time of the year again when
the request goes out to all supportive and interested Parishioners to commit themselves
to at least one Liturgical Service/Ministry for the year and go on a roster with other
Parishioners; these are opportunities to 'give-back' to the Parish Community. Please
record your name and contact details legibly on the Lists which are on the notice-table
in our Church Foyer so that they can be read and included in our annual Liturgical
rosters. (There will be another opportunity this year to attend a Liturgical Workshop to
assist with the 'how' of these parish ministries these days). It has also been
recommended by a member of the Parish Pastoral Council that the Teams on the
Maintenance Roster be combined to make it less burdensome on the Parishioner(s)
who turn up each Saturday morning for their contribution to Parish Life. This means that
the Roster will probably be fortnightly with half as many teams to be rostered on
throughout the year. What do you think of this suggestion?

CHURCH CLEANING 26 JAN. 2019: Team 3 (Maree's Team) Maree Moss,
Lynda Kilroe-Smith, Rita Gibb and Nancy Stephan.

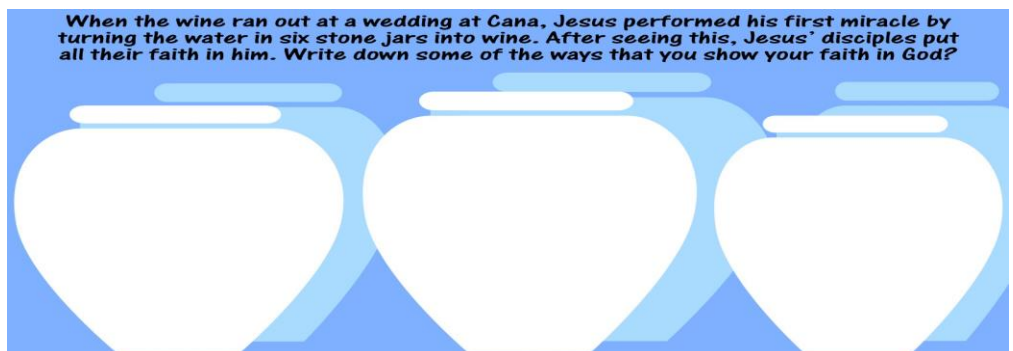
NEWSLETTER NOTICES: Please send to the following e-mail address by **Wednesday
5pm** - BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA AT
THIS TIME?** The Plenary Council 2020 is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions

for the future. All people are invited to contribute to the Plenary
Council agenda by sharing their experience of faith and of the
Church. Parishioners are invited to pray the Plenary Council Prayer
at the end of our Prayers of the Faithful and especially throughout
the coming week: *Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy
Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your
people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary
Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and*

*to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak
boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear
what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the
Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady
Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us. St Luke the Evangelist, pray for us.*

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS who have walked upon and
cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual
attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and
commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

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>