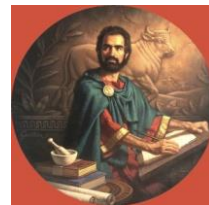


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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 27 JANUARY 2019
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

THE YEAR OF SAINT LUKE - BE THE GOOD NEWS ... PROMOTING GOD'S HOSPITALITY

This week's readings: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Gospel Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: This week marks the beginning of the liturgical use of the gospel of Luke that will feature throughout this year. The choice of passage to begin our journey with Luke is most appropriate. We have the first four verses of the gospel in which the writer makes his purpose clear. We then skip over all the infancy narrative and pick up again in chapter 4 of the gospel where Jesus makes his first public appearance.

Jesus returns to the synagogue in which he has worshipped all his life. He is given the scroll of Isaiah to read and reads the first two verses of Isaiah, chapter 61. But in the middle of this passage he flips back to chapter 58 of Isaiah and reads an additional line, 'to set the downtrodden (oppressed) free'. This event in Nazareth is sometimes referred to as Jesus' inauguration or declaration of mission. The inclusion of the additional verse from Isaiah signals very clearly the way in which Jesus will be portrayed throughout this particular gospel. The gospel of Luke is characterised by the focus of Jesus' mission on the outcast; the oppressed; the downtrodden. The gospel of Luke is often described as a gospel of compassion. Throughout the gospel we see Jesus enact the verses from Isaiah – bringing good news to the lowliest of society; inviting the least to share in the reign of God. In fact, having read from the scripture, Jesus' very simple homily on the text is 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'. Jesus declares himself to be acting out and fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. This short extract from Isaiah that Jesus adopted as his own 'mission statement' is indeed a mission statement for all Christian people. This is what we too are called to do.

Scriptural context – Framing: On either side of the quote from Isaiah in today's gospel there are very symmetrical actions. Before reading, Jesus stands, is handed the scroll and then unrolls the scroll. On completion he rolls up the scroll, hands it back and then sits down. There is a balance to every action. This framing or bracketing technique is used throughout the gospel of Luke as a cue to the audience. Whenever this framing occurs, it means that there is a very important teaching or action that occurs within the frame. On this occasion, the frame surrounds Jesus declaring his intentions for his ministry.

Have you thought? – Different accounts: The gospel of Luke begins, 'Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us ...' It indicates that there were many different accounts of Jesus' life circulating at the time of writing. In the years following Jesus' death there developed many different oral traditions that described the life and teachings of Jesus. A large number of these traditions were written down as what are now regarded as non-canonical or apocryphal writings – not recognised as part of the 'canon' of the Bible. They include gospels of Thomas, Peter, Mary, Phillip and Barnabas.

Historical Context – Theophilus: The gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are written by the same person, or at least the same community. They are often regarded as a single work – Luke-Acts – as one flows directly into the other. Both books begin with an inscription to Theophilus. The Greek name, Theophilus, translates as 'lover of God'. Some scholars suggest that the name is a pseudonym for any lover of God or someone in particular whose identity must be shielded. Others argue that Theophilus was an influential Roman who had taken a great interest in the early Christian movement.

Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Response to the Psalm: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

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: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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Whitehorse Deanery
Eastern Region
Archdiocese of Melbourne

Happy Australia Day
Weekend to All!

Welcome back to our Parish
Primary School Staff,
Students and Families
this week.

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

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 Terri Hammill, may they rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: **Monday:** St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor; **Thursday:** St John Bosco, priest; **Saturday:** The Presentation of the Lord. **Sunday Masses:** Preface II of the Sundays in Ordinary Time, Eucharistic Prayer II. Eucharistic Acclamation No. II.

MECWACARE FIRST FRIDAY MASS occurs this Friday, 1st February at 10.30am @ 13-25 Strabane Avenue Mont Albert North Vic 3129. Parishioners are welcome, please sign in at the Reception Desk on your way through to where Mass is celebrated.

AVOCATION VIEW: Through the power of the Spirit Jesus proclaimed his mission. How are you carrying on that mission today? Ponder the possibility of being a deacon, priest, brother or sister. (Luke 1:1, 4:14-21)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (Nehemiah 8:10) Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need without expecting anything in return.

5 MISSING WEEKDAY MISSALS: If you have inadvertently taken one home could it/they be returned to the Giffs 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; at the end of this week we still have only ten ... ? (The cost to the Parish is \$22 each)

SIGN UP FOR MINISTER OF THE WORD, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST, OVERHEAD PROJECTORS AND WELCOMERS' ROSTERS: It's that time of the year again when the **INVITATION** goes out to all supportive and interested Parishioners and **especially our Young 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 2 FEB. 2019: Team 4 (Joanne's Team) Joanne Nolan, Mellisa O'Meara, Tina Tempany and Jesse Barrett.

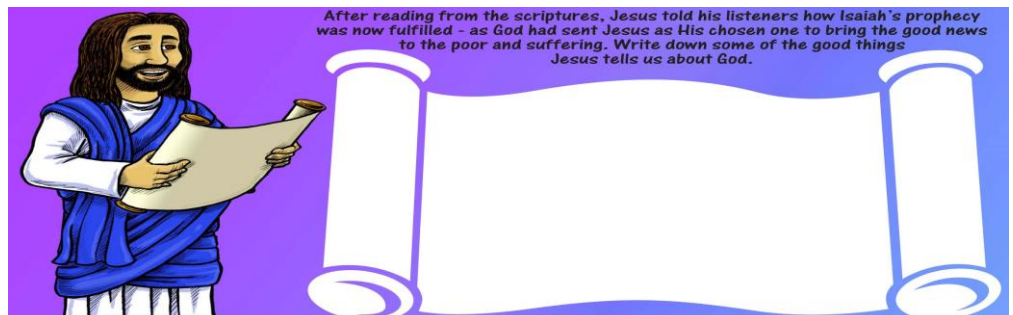
NEWSLETTER NOTICES: Please send to the following e-mail address by **Wednesday 5pm** - BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au

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. Have you say here = <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

ATTENTION PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 PARISH CONVERSATION PARTICIPANTS: Can the Parish

Participants who are involved in our conversation please forward their email address to Maria Cincotta at mmcina52@gmail.com as soon as possible. A draft of our Parish response will then be forwarded to you for comment and to make changes so as to finalise a draft to be presented for prayerful discernment at our last session on Thursday 7 February at 7.30pm in our Parish School Conference Room.



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>