

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

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

This week's readings: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Gospel Luke 4:21-30

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: This week's gospel completes the event in Nazareth that began last week with Jesus' declaration of mission. The initial response of the crowd is one of astonishment and approval. However, the people have largely missed the point of Jesus' teaching. When he declared that he had come to proclaim liberty to captives and to set the downtrodden free, Jesus probably didn't expect his audience to just say, 'Oh, that's nice!' The message he preached, and the message that flows throughout the Gospel of Luke, calls for a fundamental conversion of heart; a change to a life motivated by compassion for the lowly. When the people so obviously missed his point, Jesus virtually dismisses them by saying that 'no prophet is ever accepted in his own country'.

To make his point even further, Jesus then cites instances where two of the great prophets of Jewish tradition responded to the needs of pagans from Sidon and Syria rather than the needs of Israel. The two people helped are also very significant. Widows held a special place in Jewish tradition: God entrusted all widows to the care of the whole town. Whenever widows are named as being in need, it is a comment on the society as a whole neglecting its duty of care. Lepers were regarded as absolutely unclean and outcast by virtue of their condition (something that perhaps has never really changed). For Jesus to remind the people of these events is a great reprimand to them. He is, in effect, saying to them, 'if you can't accept my message I will take it to the pagans; the gentiles; and the socially unacceptable.' Is it any wonder that they tried to lynch him on the spot?

Scriptural context – Salvation for all: Luke is written for a predominantly non-Jewish (gentile) Christian community. Although it had been resolved that one did not have to become a Jew to become a Christian there was still a lingering doubt about preference being given to the Jews. The gospel writer goes to great lengths to reassure his audience community that the message of Jesus was for all people – gentile and Jew alike. This week's gospel is one of many passages that feature gentile people receiving God's acceptance and favour. It's a clear message that the salvation promised by Jesus is available to all who seek it.

Gospel Focus – They were astonished: Jesus preaches the briefest of homilies, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen,' yet he wins the approval of all and the people were astonished by his gracious words! The reaction appears a bit overdone. However, the people knew the significance of the first part of the text Jesus quoted, 'The spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me.' They recognised that this language referred to the Messiah. When Jesus said that the text was being fulfilled as they listened he was laying claim to this status. Of course they were impressed!

Have you thought? – A summary: The Nazareth event, described in last week's and this week's gospels, provides a 'snapshot' or a summary of the whole of Luke's gospel. In an apparently simple episode, the gospel writer has captured the elements of the remainder of the gospel and laid them out as a foretaste of all that is to come. Jesus is clearly positioned as the one who fulfils the Messianic expectation of scripture. His message of release and acceptance of the poor, afflicted and oppressed is put right up front and the hope of salvation is offered to all people – Jews as well as gentiles.

Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Response to the Psalm: I will sing of your salvation.

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: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

**Saint Luke the Evangelist
Catholic Parish
Blackburn South**
Being the Good News ...

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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, especially Mavis Keecha and for those
Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For Frank Kenealy who died recently
and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, may they all rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time: **Tuesday:** St Agatha, virgin,
martyr. **Wednesday:** St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs; **Thursday:** St Nicholas,
bishop. **Friday:** St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita, virgin; **Saturday:** Saturday
Mass of Virgin Mary. **Sunday Masses:** Preface III of the Sundays in Ordinary Time,
Eucharistic Prayer III. Eucharistic Acclamation No. III.

A VOCATION VIEW: "Love never fails." Trust the love of God and follow your heart.
(1 Corinthians 12:31-13:4-13)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not
pompous." (1 Corinthians 13:4) Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things
that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous?
Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these
things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less "self-centered" and become more
"God-centered".

**SIGN UP FOR MINISTER OF THE WORD, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE
EUCARIST, 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?

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve next on Sat 9th and Sat 23rd February.

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

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 this Thursday 7 February at 7.30pm in our Parish**

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

POPE FRANCIS has declared 8th February to be the **World Day of Prayer Reflection
and Action against Human Trafficking for the Universal Church**. He chose this day
because it is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of Sudan and of
Trafficked People. St. Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child from Africa and sold
into slavery in the Sudan and in Italy before being freed and becoming a Canossian
Sister. You are encouraged by the ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against
Trafficking in Humans) to mark this day in your parish and school communities. A vigil
Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli at 7.30pm on Thursday
7th February 2019 in St. Patrick's Cathedral. ALL are MOST WELCOME Find out more at:
<http://acrath.org.au/world-day-of-prayer/> or www.cam.org.au/justice and the Church
noticeboard.

**NATIONAL LITURGICAL ARCHITECTURE AND ART COUNCIL AND
AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR LITURGY** will co-host a
symposium on Catholic liturgical cultural heritage early this month. The symposium will
be held at Australian Catholic University in Melbourne from Wednesday 6 to Friday
8 February 2019. For more information and to register now, please go
to [https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/news-and-events/events/2019/feb/national-
church-architecture-symposium-2019](https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/news-and-events/events/2019/feb/national-church-architecture-symposium-2019). The symposium is intended for all who are
interested in the Church's liturgical heritage as expressed in church buildings, the
liturgical arts, and the objects used in worship. *Please see Church noticeboard for more details.*

INTER-PARISH WALK - Sat 23 February 2019, 1.45pm. Join us for a relaxed walk with
other believers from surrounding parishes, share some coffee, cake and chat
afterwards. Church Hill National Park, (15 mins from Waverley Gardens Shopping
Centre). Rides can be arranged. More details to follow or call Nimmi 0413 135 889,
Mic 0412 260 406. *Please see Church noticeboard for more details.*

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.

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

		<u>2 AND 3 FEB. 2019</u>	<u>9 AND 10 FEB. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	No roster	New roster
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	during	to be
	10:30 AM	holidays	advised

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

		<u>2 AND 3 FEB. 2019</u>	<u>9 AND 10 FEB. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	No roster	New roster
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	during	to be
	10:30 AM	holidays	advised

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

		<u>2 AND 3 FEB. 2019</u>	<u>9 AND 10 FEB. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	No roster	New roster
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	during	to be
	10:30 AM	holidays	advised

SLIDE OPERATORS

		<u>2 AND 3 FEB. 2019</u>	<u>9 AND 10 FEB. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	No roster	Choir
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	during	TBA
	10:30 AM	holidays	Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

9 FEB. 2019
Val Wells & Marie Parker

CHURCH CLEANING

9 FEB. 2019
Team 5 (Kellie's Team)
Kellie McCarthy, Emma Brodawka
Toni Wynne & Daniella Manolopoulos

MAINTENANCE

9 FEB. 2019
Team 7
Steve Brennan & George
Brodawka

WELCOME THE ASYLUM SEEKER PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAM: On Saturday 23 March there will be Forum for Parishes "Helping our Refugee Families and Friends" at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne, from 9.30am-1.00pm. The Forum, a periodic service from the Welcome the Asylum Seeker program at Catholic Social Services Victoria, will review the current situation facing asylum seekers and potential changes in 2019. The forum will focus on enabling participants to increase or renew support in their parish, drawing upon the experience of parish leaders who have already achieved lasting support. Cost: \$20, includes lunch. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZWMI>; enquiries to Adrian Foley, Adrian.foley@css.org.au, tel 0497 780 233. See Church noticeboard for more details.

OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE: Talk and Tour mornings: Monday 11 February, Monday 25 February 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 and close on 23 August 2019. **College Open Day: Tuesday 19 March 2019, 2.30 pm – 6.30 pm.** Our Lady of Sion College warmly invites prospective students and families to attend our College Open Day. Take a tour of our school with our student guides, hear from our principal, and speak with our teachers and students about their experience of the College. Tours begin at 2.30 pm. Further details will be available on our website www.sion.catholic.edu.au. We look forward to welcoming you to our College.

PALMS AUSTRALIA INFORMATION SESSION: Saturday 2 March 2019, 10:30 am Ross House, Jenny Florence Room 247-251 Flinders Lane MELBOURNE. The session will provide insights from the field experience of Palms volunteers, and how parishioners too can contribute their own professional skills to a mission of just, peaceful development. For more details please see Church noticeboard.

HEART OF LIFE – CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL FORMATION: Give Your Spiritual Life a Boost! - with a course, seminar or reflection day at Heart of Life. See what's on offer at www.heartoflife.melbourne and go to our Seminars & Courses tab. You can Book & Pay online or email us at holsc@bigpond.com for more information and bookings. Spiritual direction is also available at any time. Phone Heart of Life on tel 9890 1101.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS would like to personally invite each one of you to celebrate St Valentine's High Tea at the Park Hyatt, Thursday 14th February at 3:30 pm. **Purpose of the event:** To alleviate the suffering of children in Ghana who are born with disabilities, speech impediments and who are vulnerable. **Price:** \$35 per person (we are grateful to the Park Hyatt for only charging cost price to Catholic Mission). Please bring \$10 (cash) for a raffle ticket (great prizes to be won) and your wallet ☺ if you can pay \$50 pp Please do so as this profit benefits Yendi **Outcome:** Funds raised will be utilised to build a Technical & Vocational School in Yendi, Ghana – saving the lives of children at risk. **Impact:** Catholic Mission is working at the local level to change attitudes to those children born with special needs, and to provide livelihood options into the future. Please book urgently as we are keen to make it a roaring success. www.trybooking.com/ZIFN Please see Church noticeboard for more 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

by ... Promoting God's Hospitality

**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
TBA

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

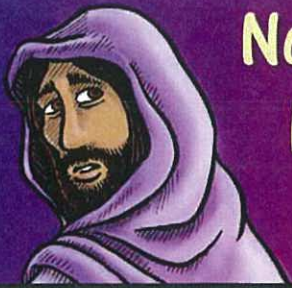
**Parish School
Parents' Association**
Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

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?



No prophets are liked by the people of their own town



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

When Jesus began teaching at the Jewish meeting places, people started talking about Jesus and were amazed at the wonderful things he said. Complete the sentences of things that Jesus said during his ministry.

Thy _____ come, thy _____ be _____.

A good _____ cannot produce bad _____.

I am the _____ of life, he who _____ to _____ shall not _____.

Blessed are the meek, _____

inherit the _____.

I am the light _____.



When the people got angry at Jesus they tried to harm him. Circle the words below that show the best ways that we can deal with our own anger.

JEALOUSY

REASON

STUBBORNESS

LOVE

PATIENCE

CRUELTY

FRUSTRATION

HUMILITY

ARROGANCE

HATE

FORGIVENESS

UNDERSTANDING

Write a prayer to say sorry for the times when you have been angry and said or done things that have hurt others.