

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2019
FIFTH 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 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Gospel Luke 5:1-11

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: The theme that comes through this week's readings is one of 'being called'. The first reading is the call of the prophet Isaiah (Is 6:1-8). Isaiah experiences a vision of the glory of God and is humbly reminded of his own deficiencies: he believes himself to be 'a man of unclean lips'. As such, he is certainly unfit to speak on behalf of God as his unclean lips would taint whatever message he may speak. But his lips are cleansed by God who then asks, 'Whom shall I send?' Demonstrating a complete conversion of heart and mind, Isaiah immediately replies, 'Here I am, send me!'

This first reading provides a perfect balance to the gospel. Jesus is being closely pressed by the crowd when he asks a nearby fisherman to take him just off shore to preach without being overwhelmed by the crowd. Seemingly at random, he has selected the boat of the fisherman Peter. Having finished preaching for the day, Jesus tells Peter to set out into deeper water and pay out his fishing nets. Peter is certainly not keen on the idea! Out of some interest or good nature he had agreed to allow this preacher to use his boat for a while, but now this country bumpkin is trying to tell him how to fish! Just to prove Jesus wrong, Peter agrees to go through the futile exercise and is overwhelmed by the enormous catch of fish. Like Isaiah in the first reading, Peter is suddenly acutely aware of his own deficiencies – 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man'. Like Isaiah, he recognises that he has just seen the glory of God revealed and he feels unworthy to be part of the experience. But Jesus reassures him, 'Do not be afraid,' and calls Peter to follow.

Scriptural context – The Call of the disciples: In the other two synoptic gospels – Matthew and Mark – the call of the disciples is one of the first recorded actions of Jesus' adult life. Luke, on the other hand, delays the call until after Jesus' public ministry has commenced. By this stage of the gospel, Jesus has made a public declaration about the nature of his ministry and begun to enact it. In this way, the sort of ministry Jesus will undertake is already established when the disciples are called to join it. It becomes a more conscious decision by the disciples – they know what they're getting in to!

Have you thought? – Do not be afraid: When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, 'Do not be afraid'. This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible – depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the one phrase to appear. And the references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: Do not be afraid!

Living the Gospel – Hearing the Call: Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!

Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Response to the Psalm: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

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 those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

**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 @ *Regis Inala*
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 Jim Maguire and for those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently, especially Juli Hopwood and Rob Smith Snr and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, may they all rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time: **Monday:** Our Lady of Lourdes. **Thursday:** Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop. **Saturday:** Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary. **Sunday Masses:** Eucharistic Prayer IV with its own Preface. Eucharistic Acclamation No. 1.

REGIS INALA SECOND TUESDAY (OF THE MONTH) MASS occurs this Tuesday, 12th February at 11.00am @ 220 Middleborough Road, Blackburn South Victoria 3130. All Parishioners are welcome.

A VOCATION VIEW: Holiness is a gift of God. Open yourself to the gift. When God calls, be ready to respond: "Here I am, send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8) Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN & ENGELINA NYHUIS who this weekend celebrate their Golden Anniversary; 50 years married. Thankyou for your silent witness, faithfulness and example to all of us.

PARISH SACRAMENTS FOR 2019: Parish Families who would like to present their children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation and whose children attend Schools other than our Parish Primary School are now invited to make contact with the Parish Office to register their child(ren) for 2019 asap please.

SIGN UP FOR TAKING HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOUSE BOUND ROSTER: For (able and willing) Parishioners please record your name and contact details legibly on the List which is on the notice-table in our Church Foyer so that it can be read and included on our annual Rosters. Your involvement will also be helpful as a back-up for the Regular Parishioners who are committed to this Ministry when they are unavailable or away on holidays.

NEW ROSTERS are available on the notice-table in our Church foyer for the Parishioners who have recently so kindly volunteered. Our thanks to Margaret Gearon and Linda Kilroe-Smith for preparing them for us.

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

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

OUR PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 PARISH CONVERSATION submission was finalised last Thursday evening at our last meeting and has been dispatched. You may like to read what we have decided to contribute to the National Catholic conversation to "what God is asking of us in Australia at this time"; it's on our Church noticeboards. An article "Will they Listen? Will anything change?" written by Fr Noel Connolly SSC, a member of the Plenary Council Facilitation Team, is available to take home from the notice table in our Church foyer this weekend.

CORRECTING THE TYPO IN THE SUPPLEMENT LAST WEEKEND: Please be advised that the late Audrey Murphy's recent Bequest to the Parish is \$5000. You will be pleased to know that a card has been posted to the Family to express our gratitude.

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB: Please 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.

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, (15mins 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.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM - AIRS 17 FEB 2019: Welcome back to another wonderful year of the Journey Catholic Radio. This week on The Journey, our Gospel is Luke: 17,20-26. We are grateful to hear the sage words from Sr Hilda again with her Wisdom from the Abbey. Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent reminds us to Pray, Hope and Don't Worry, and our very own Trish McCarthy inspires us with her reflection on the Sea Cliff Bridge Run. Again, we are blessed to have such talented Christian music artists to contribute to our show. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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>9 AND 10 FEB. 2019</u>	<u>16 AND 17 FEB. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Lorraine Kermond	New roster
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Godfrey Thong	to be
	10:30 AM	Val Gardiner	advised

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

		<u>9 AND 10 FEB. 2019</u>	<u>16 AND 17 FEB. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Shirley Prabha	New roster
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Melina Barcellona	to be
	10:30 AM	Marg Yore	advised

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

		<u>9 AND 10 FEB. 2019</u>	<u>16 AND 17 FEB. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Greg Grant	New roster
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Joe Brogno	to be
	10:30 AM	John Logiusto	advised

SLIDE OPERATORS

		<u>9 AND 10 FEB. 2019</u>	<u>16 AND 17 FEB. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Choir	Choir
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Megan McLean	TBA
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

9 FEB. 2019
Val Wells & Marie Parker
16 FEB 2019
Kate Skowronska

CHURCH CLEANING

16 FEB. 2019
Team 6 (Sonya's Team)
Sonya O'Farrell, Rose Knight
Joe Brogno & Shirley Prabha

MAINTENANCE

16 FEB. 2019
Team 8
Don McKenzie & Charles Chin

AT SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, an Organ and Vocal Concert to be held on Tuesday 19 February, 2019 at 6.30pm. It will feature the great French Organist Johann Vexo (former Choir Organist of Notre-Dame Cathedral, Paris) and French Tenor Damien Rivière. Tickets: \$20.00 (no concessions). Children under 15 free. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/ZONI> or at the door. Please see poster on Church noticeboard.

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.

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: Spirituality Seminars start from 18 Feb 2019. Just a reminder that our seminars begin shortly - the week commencing Monday 18 February 2019. Please see our full 2019 Program [here](#) and feel free to contact us at email holsc@bigpond.com or tel (03) 9890 1101 if you would like more information.

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.

SACRED HEART PARISH YEA invite you to attend their St Pat.'s Race Club Picnic Race meeting in the hills of Yea on Sunday 23rd February 2019 at 11.00am to 5.30pm. It is a fun day for both adults and children. For more information please lick up a flier on the way out of Church this weekend or contact Frank on 0417 041 777.

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE: A two day conference for those involved in governance in the Catholic Church. Recommended for Trustees and Boards, Directors, CEOs & Managers, School Leadership Teams, Parish Priests, Parish Pastoral Councils, Hospital Administrators, Religious Congregations. **Where:** Yarra Theological Union, Box Hill **When:** 2nd and 3rd March 2019 For more information and to Register: www.trybooking.com/ZRCC please see poster on Church noticeboard.

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

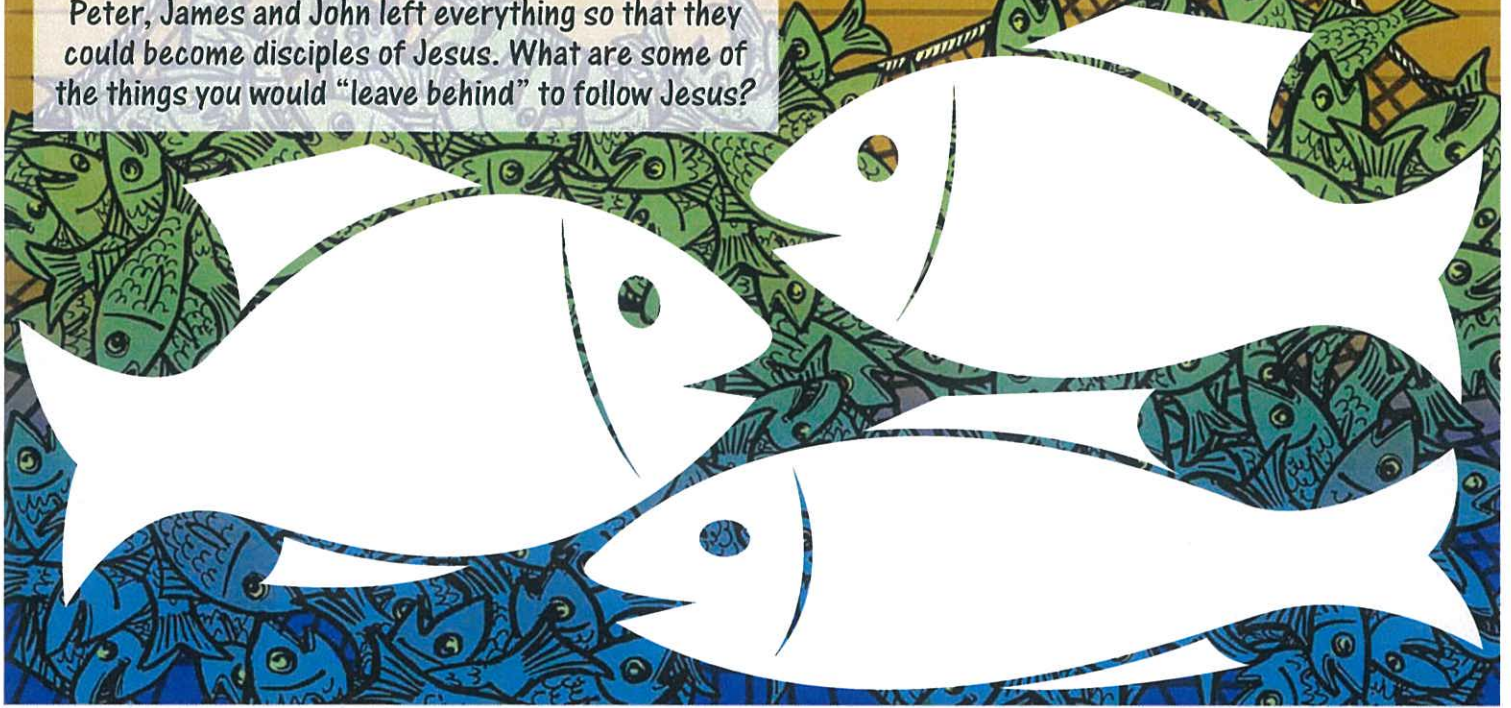
RECRUITMENT NOTICE:

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?


Follow Jesus and be not afraid


5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

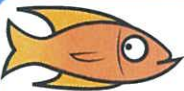
Peter, James and John left everything so that they could become disciples of Jesus. What are some of the things you would "leave behind" to follow Jesus?




Write down the names of four people you know who belong Jesus. For each person give a reason why they belong.

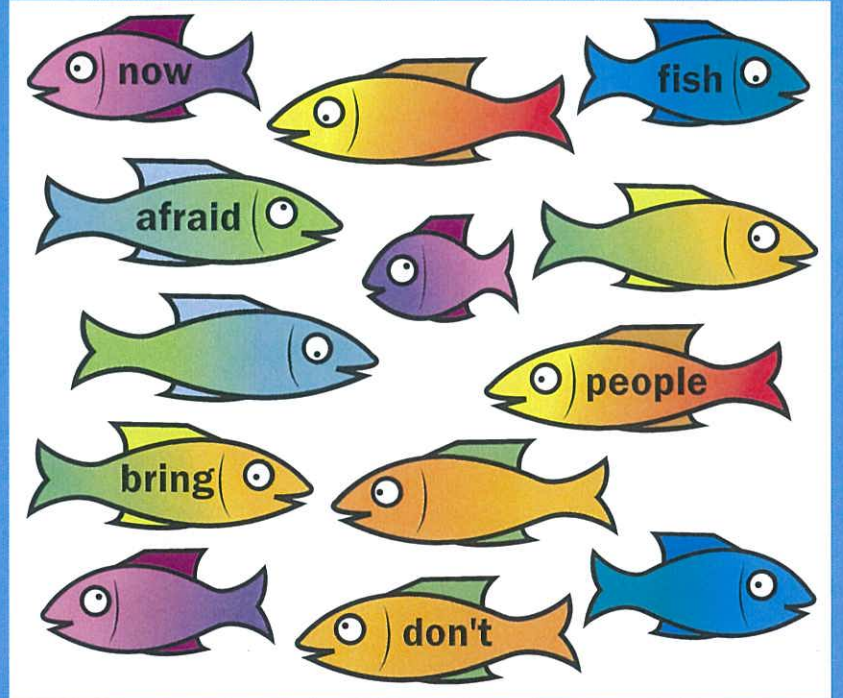








Use the words in the fish to complete the sentence below....



_____ be _____! From _____ on you
will _____ in _____ instead of _____.