

# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2019**  
**SIXTH 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 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Gospel Luke 6:17, 20-26*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** We are perhaps more familiar with the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew in which the kingdom of heaven is promised to those who are 'blessed' because of their afflictions. Rather than the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Luke presents the same event and teaching as the sermon on the plain as it occurs on 'a piece of level ground'. This version may appear a little more confronting than the Matthew version. Rather than the afflicted being 'blessed', they are to be 'happy'. It seems odd that anybody should be happy to be poor, hungry, mourning or reviled and we would certainly regard these as states of sadness and difficulty; not times for rejoicing at our good fortune! However, this gospel in particular frequently reminds us that God does not think, feel and behave as we might expect. God's actions are frequently contrary to the expectations of society. The Gospel of Luke makes it plain that the reign of God will upend the structures of society. The lowly will be raised and the mighty will be brought low. It is in this context that the poor, the hungry and the outcast are regarded as happy. Their happiness comes from the reassurance that although they are rejected and dismissed by society, they are indeed the most favoured of God. Whatever the world dishes up to such as these, they can rejoice in the knowledge that in the reign of God their fortunes will be reversed and they will be favoured. However, just as the fortunes of the poor and afflicted will be reversed for the better, those who are rich, well fed, happy and well regarded will also have their fortunes reversed. Alas to them! Their comfort and joy leaves no room for the generosity of God!

**Scriptural context – Message for all:** Throughout the Gospel of Luke, the author is keen to demonstrate that the message of Jesus is for all people – not just the Jews, but for the Gentiles and Pagans as well. We can see this message revealed in the gathering of people who listened to Jesus' sermon on the plain. We're told there were people from all parts of Judea (all Jews) as well as people from the pagan lands of Tyre and Sidon. The first audiences of this gospel would immediately have recognised the significance of people from Tyre and Sidon standing alongside Jews from Judea.

**Have you thought? – Gospel of prosperity:** The sermon on the plain challenges our ideas about happiness and success – particularly those of us who live in a relatively prosperous society. Those who are rich and well regarded are actually condemned by Jesus. This also flies in the face of the so-called Gospel of Prosperity that has gained some prominence amongst Pentecostal churches in the last 20-30 years. This teaching holds that God blesses the faithful with wealth and influence. It doesn't take a lot to see how this teaching is out of step with the gospel blessing of the poor and cursing of the rich.

**Gospel Focus – Treated as the prophets:** As part of his sermon, Jesus announces, 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man... This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.' The prophets of the Old Testament were the chosen spokesmen of God. Their message was often unpopular and they were often threatened and berated for challenging the social order. To be treated in this way is in fact something of an affirmation that one's words and actions are reflecting the message of God. The Word of God is confronting and challenging!

**Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**Response to the Psalm:** Happy are they who hope in the 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:** God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.



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Catholic Parish  
Blackburn South**  
*Being the Good News ...*

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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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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 Jim Maguire, and Vicki Bowes 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.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time. **Thursday:** St Peter Damian, bishop, doctor. **Friday:** The Chair of St Peter, apostle. **Saturday:** St Polycarp, bishop, martyr. **Sunday Masses:** Preface VI of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. Eucharistic Prayer I. Eucharistic Acclamation No. II.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Christ's resurrection makes our faith fruitful and our lives worthwhile. Be open to Jesus' great gift. (1 Cor12, 16-20)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "Blessed are you when people hate you, ... exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." (Luke 6:22) All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

**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.

**THE 6PM CHOIR** will serve again on Sat 23rd February.

**NEWSLETTER NOTICES:** Please send to the following e-mail address by **Wednesday 5pm** – [BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au](mailto:BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au)

**OUR PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 PARISH CONVERSATION:** 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.

**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](mailto: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](http://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.*

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** We are invited to join our neighbours, St Edward's Anglican Church 59 Edinburgh Road Blackburn South 3130, this year on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at 10.00am for 10.30am Service. **SLOVENIA 'Come – Everything Is Ready'**. Poster is on our noticeboard.

**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](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://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>16 AND 17 FEB. 2019</u>	<u>23 AND 24 FEB. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Lorraine Kermond	Monica Hodder
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Godfrey Thong	Engelina Nyhuis
	10:30 AM	Val Gardiner	Elizabeth Dixon

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

		<u>16 AND 17 FEB. 2019</u>	<u>23 AND 24 FEB. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Shirley Prabha	Mia Perang
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Melina Barcellona	Rosemary Donaldson
	10:30 AM	Marg Yore	Genevieve Hemsley

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

		<u>16 AND 17 FEB. 2019</u>	<u>23 AND 24 FEB. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Greg Grant	Lorraine Kermond
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Joe Brogno	Marie Pekish
	10:30 AM	John Logiusto	Pamela & Michael

### SLIDE OPERATORS

		<u>16 AND 17 FEB. 2019</u>	<u>23 AND 24 FEB. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Tony Lobo	Choir
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Megan McLean	Liliana Poropat
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

**16 FEB. 2019**  
Kate Skowronska  
**23 FEB 2019**  
Engelina Nyhuis

### CHURCH CLEANING

**23 FEB. 2019**  
Team 7 (Bernard's Team)  
Bernard O'Malley, Darren Owens,  
Melina Barcellona & Anne Allsopp

### MAINTENANCE

**23 FEB. 2019**  
Team 9  
John Ryan, Darren Foster &  
Anthony Fernandez

**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](mailto: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.

**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](http://www.trybooking.com/ZRCC) please see poster on Church noticeboard.

**THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE** is participating in 2 separate, but related research studies related to child safety: **1. Australian Safe Kids and Young People Survey (ASK-YP)** for children and young people from 10-18 years of age attending parish activities **2. Safeguarding Capabilities Survey for clergy, employees and volunteers working in parishes** being conducted by the Australian Catholic University's Institute of Child Protection Studies, commissioned by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services. The survey has been created to be filled in by children and young people on a smartphone, tablet, or computer. The survey takes between 15 and 20 minutes to complete. **If you are 15 years of age or under, you will need your parent's consent to participate.** The following link provides parents with more information about the survey, how the data will be used and allows your parents to provide consent before you can complete the survey - <http://bit.ly/2MLXATD> **If you are a young person aged from 16 to 18 years of age,** you do not need your parent's consent to participate but you are encouraged to talk with them about the survey. You can directly click on the link - <http://bit.ly/2MOqAtV> Please complete the survey by the 1st of March, 2019. For more details please see 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?*





# Happy are the poor.... god's kingdom belongs to you!

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

my name is \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the missing words for each of Jesus' teachings using the pictures as clues. Draw Jesus preaching.

God will bless you people who are \_\_\_\_\_.

His \_\_\_\_\_ will belong to you.



God will bless you \_\_\_\_\_ people.

You will have \_\_\_\_\_ to eat.

God will bless you people who are

\_\_\_\_\_. You will \_\_\_\_\_!



Jesus told his disciples that even though people may be mean to you, as a follower of Christ you will have a great reward in heaven. What do you think your rewards in heaven will be?

Four large empty rectangular boxes for writing answers.

Find the opposites of the following words, then use the circled letters to make a word we use that describes heaven.

\_\_\_(O)\_\_\_ ◀ HAPPY

WEAK ▶ \_\_\_(O)\_\_\_

(O)\_\_\_ ◀ FULL

ASLEEP ▶ \_\_\_(O)\_\_\_

HEAVY ▶ (O)\_\_\_

LITTLE ▶ \_\_\_(O)\_\_\_

(O)\_\_\_ ◀ OPEN

Heaven is God's \_\_\_\_\_.