

# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2019**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

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

*This week's readings: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Gospel Luke 6:27-38*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** The radical teaching that was begun in last week's gospel as the beatitudes and woes is continued in this week's challenge to be forgiving, compassionate and generous in the same way that God expresses abundant love. As with the blessings and curses of the Beatitudes passage, this teaching continues the challenge to act against cultural and social expectations. Who would be surprised if you were to express hatred for an enemy or for someone who hates you or treats you badly? But Jesus tells his disciples to *love* their enemies and to *do good* to those who hate them. His instruction is contrary to the 'normal' way of doing things – and that's exactly the message Jesus wanted to convey! Rather than a spiteful, vengeful God who keeps score and punishes wrongdoing, Jesus presents a compelling image of a God of unbounded compassion and abundant generosity. In this passage we find one version of the Golden Rule that appears repeatedly throughout the gospels (as well as most other religious traditions): 'Treat others as you would like them to treat you.' It is followed up with a comment that it takes no effort to treat well people whom you like – anybody can do that. The challenge is to treat people you don't like as you would like to be treated yourself. In a society that had very strict rules about the way to treat different people and clearly established boundaries between different groups, this was a tough ask by Jesus. Bear in mind also that there was an occupying army in the country and Jesus was encouraging the people to treat even their enemies, the Romans, with love, compassion and forgiveness. This was a radical and challenging teaching!

**Historical Context – In the midst of oppression:** What a powerful message Jesus delivered to people who were subjugated and oppressed by an invading army. It would have been easy, and somehow 'natural', for the people of Palestine to hate the Roman occupiers and to seek revenge upon them. How confronting then for Jesus to say, 'love your enemies'! He tells the people that the way to live God's way in this situation was to be compassionate towards the oppressors; that when they rob you of your cloak to present them with your shirt as well. To do otherwise is to become like the oppressors themselves. Meeting hatred with hatred never ended hatred.

**Scriptural context – Compassion:** The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasised and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God's compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today's gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God's compassion we are also called to show it to others.

**Different View – Turn the other cheek:** Presenting your other cheek when someone has already struck you is usually seen as a pacifist action. However, a completely different interpretation can be made. If a man were to strike an inferior, it would be as a backhand strike – only equals fought with fists or open hands. Having been struck on one cheek with a backhand, offering the other cheek makes it impossible to again be struck with a backhand. The only option for the striker would be with an open hand – as equals fight. So, turning the other cheek can be interpreted as claiming your status as an equal.

**Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon:** O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**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:** Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.



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

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Whitehorse Deanery  
Eastern Region  
Archdiocese of Melbourne

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Parish Priest

Sonya O'Farrell  
Part-time Parish Secretary  
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**SUNDAY MASS**

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

**WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY**

**Tues. 10.00am** (*this week only*)  
**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, especially Victoria Gangoiti, Susan Kovacsics and Anne Dempster and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Isabella Yeung, may they all rest in peace.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time: **Friday:** Autumn Ember Day (Special Day of Prayer and Penance). **Saturday:** Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary. **Sunday Masses:** Preface VII of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. Eucharistic Prayer II. Eucharistic Acclamation No. II.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY THIS SUNDAY MORNING @ 10.30AM** with Jess & Nina.

**TUESDAY:** Funeral for Victoria Gangoiti @ 10.00am. Refreshments to follow in our Parish Hall  
**MECWACARE FIRST FRIDAY MASS** occurs this Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 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.**

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Jesus helps our faith be fruitful when we follow where he leads. Where is Jesus leading you today? (Luke 6:27-38)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back." (Luke 6:35) Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

**VALE/ADIEU MRS JACKIE PURCELL: OUR PRINCIPAL OF SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL,** has decided to move on as of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019, late this week. If you would like to convey your thanks to her for her contribution to our Parish School and Parish during the years she has been with us, we have one week to do so. Her email address is [principal@slblackburnsth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@slblackburnsth.catholic.edu.au) Jackie arrived in May 2013 and has worked tirelessly in our Parish School ever since. She has made a significant contribution to the education of the Children and Families in her care during that time. On behalf of the Parish we express our **THANKS** to her for all she is and has done for us. We wish her well in her new job with Catholic Education Melbourne, Eastern Regional Office.

**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.

**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)

**UPDATE ON OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Darren McLean, Margaret Gearon, Fr Gerard and Mike Yore met during this past week to discuss how we will review and revitalise the Parish Pastoral Council in our Parish, maximising the momentum established by our recent Parish Stewardship Renewal Program. We want to develop a leadership of governance built on the principles of subsidiarity, servant leadership and co-responsibility that calls forth the 'gifts of the community', recognising and encouraging every member's talents and initiatives. *Stay tuned ...*

**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 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.

**MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MIGRANT & REFUGEE OFFICE:** Executive Officer, Brenda Hubber has written to us seeking our support to **FUNDRAISE for PALM SUNDAY WALK.** A FILM SERIES to be shown over a few weeks. The first film screening is Thursday next week, 28 February 2019. Please see posters on Church noticeboard.

**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>23 AND 24 FEB. 2019</u>	<u>2 AND 3 MAR. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Monica Hodder	Olive Hammill
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Engelina Nyhuis	Megan McLean
	10:30 AM	Elizabeth Dixon	Marg Yore

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

		<u>23 AND 24 FEB. 2019</u>	<u>2 AND 3 MAR. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Mia Perang	Melina Barcellona
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Rosemary Donaldson	Darren McLean
	10:30 AM	Genevieve Hemsley	Jess Kilroe-Smith

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

		<u>23 AND 24 FEB. 2019</u>	<u>2 AND 3 MAR. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Lorraine Kermond	Terry Wells
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Marie Pekish	Don McKenzie
	10:30 AM	Pamela & Michael	Kilroe-Smith Family

### SLIDE OPERATORS

		<u>23 AND 24 FEB. 2019</u>	<u>2 AND 3 MAR. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Choir	Choir
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Liliana Poropat	Liliana Poropat
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

23 FEB. 2019  
Engelina Nyhuis  
2 MARCH 2019  
Lesley Cormick

### CHURCH CLEANING

2 MARCH. 2019  
Team 8 (Judy's Team)  
Judy Noy, Chelsea Brown,  
Debbie Brown & Sarah Santilli

### MAINTENANCE

2 MARCH. 2019  
Team 1  
Bob Dimmatina Steve kilroe-  
Smith & Auckland Mafi

**OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE:** Talk and Tour morning: **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.

**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.

**HEART OF LIFE – CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL FORMATION:** 'Let the Heart Listen' is a 15-week x 3 hour program for people involved in listening to and supporting others. Facilitated by Carole Carmody rsm, the program runs 9.30am-12.30pm on Thursdays from 28 Feb – 27 Jun 2019 at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre, Box Hill. Cost \$680. Bookings: Tel 9890 1101 or email [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com) Please see poster on Church noticeboard.

**CAMPION'S 2019 PROGRAM:** *Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality 99 Studley Park Road, Kew VIC 3101* Ph: +61 3 9854 8110 Email: [secretary@campion.asn.au](mailto:secretary@campion.asn.au) Commencing in 2019 our Retreats and Events will be advertised on a new website and we will not be publishing a program booklet. The change will enable us to be more flexible and responsive with our program offering. For details of the 2019 Program go to [click here](#)

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 24 FEB 2019:** This week on The Journey, our Gospel is Luke: 6:27-38, where we are reminded to "Do unto others as you would have them do to you". Trish McCarthy inspires us with her God Spot about "Using your Words", and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy talks to us about "Friends You Can Rely on". Our music this week is uplifting and inspiring and a fabulous testament to our Christian Faith. 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.

**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

**Parish Garden Maintenance**

TBA

**Holy Communion**

*to the housebound*

**Emmaus College**

**Education Board Parish Reps**

Maureen Mac Mahon &

Bernard O'Malley

**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?*



**IF YOU ARE WONDERING ABOUT WHO MANICURED OUR PINES AT THE ENTRANCE TO OUR CHURCH** look no further than our very own home grown Paul Rose, parent in our School, of Shawlands Ave Blackburn South, VIC 3130 AUSTRALIA. Phone: (03) 9893 6219 Mobile: 0418 338 690 Email: [info@aalldayservices.com.au](mailto:info@aalldayservices.com.au) Website: <https://aalldayservices.com.au/about-us/> Thankyou from all of us.


**MISSIONARY SISTER OF ST PETER CLAVER:** will hold their Annual Mission Concert on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at the St Peter Claver Hall, - 154 Cotham Road, Kew commencing 2.00pm. Admission is free – a collection will be taken during the Concert. Proceeds will go to assist Sr Donatus Kilole of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ working in the diocese of Nairobi, Kenya, a very remote village of Timau. Please see details on our Church noticeboard.

**CATENIAN INVITATION:** Come and join other Catholic men from nearby parishes for dinner and an evening of fellowship at a local restaurant with function room privacy on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> 6.45pm onwards. We have a guest speaker addressing us after dinner: Sergeant Michael Ferwerda from the Clandestine Laboratory Squad (Clanlab) who will speak about *“The rise of suburban Home Grown Drug Laboratories”* that are now prolific in our State/Country. Note that this is a ladies night as well. Please confirm attendance with Phil Copsey on 0411 141977 for all details.



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

How can we love our enemies? Tick the best answers in the boxes below.




If someone slaps you on the cheek, do you...

A: Slap them back

B: Forgive them, or...

C: Call the police



If someone teases you and calls you names, do you...

A: Throw a tantrum

B: Find nice things to say about them, or...

C: Ask God to punish them




If someone wants to share your favourite toy, do you...

A: Tell them to go away

B: Let them play with it, but only for 5 minutes, or...

C: Let them have it for as long as they like



If someone is cruel and mistreats you, do you...

A: Ask God to bless them

B: Tell everyone how bad that person is, or...

C: Get even with them



Jesus taught us to forgive others. He even asked God to forgive those who crucified and taunted him. Write down three other occasions when Jesus showed love for those who were against him.

**Complete the Text Maze:**  
 “Forgive others and God will forgive you.”

START

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R	O	V	R	S	A	N	A
E	T	H	E	U	G	D	I
W	Q	R	Y	D	O	B	S
A	I	E	I	W	C	I	E
R	O	R	L	O	T	L	Y
D	G	T	L	F	G	I	N
S	R	L	O	O	R	V	I
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FINISH

\*CAN YOU FIND THE SIX HIDDEN WORDS FROM THIS WEEKS GOSPEL READING?