

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2019
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

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

This week's readings: Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Gospel Luke 6:39-45

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an over-arching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life. On the surface, the idea that one person's opinion is as valid as any other's seems very democratic and sociable. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practising in a particular field of endeavour cannot be lightly dismissed as 'that's just your opinion'. Yet, all too often, such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion – frequently in the name of 'balanced' discussion. For some people immersed in the post-modern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal and religious authority. Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and meta-narratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today's gospel: the blind leading the blind.

Gospel Focus – Good from Good: 'The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good.' What makes a person good? Is it that they have had good things happen in their life? There are plenty of people who have had good things in their life but they remain cynical and spiteful people. Similarly there are plenty who have had the hardest of circumstances yet goodness constantly flows from them. It's not the external influences but what we do with them that determines whether we are nurturing 'good treasure' or harbouring 'evil treasure'. This is not just sugary sweetness but a deliberate decision to be a person of hope.

Scriptural context – Three texts; one lesson: Today's gospel is made up of three separate teachings of Jesus that have been put together by the gospel writer to convey a particular message. When taken together, the three teachings all shed light on the way believers influence one another in community. It is a call to witness to one another through actions as well as words. Before we seek to teach another we must ensure we have adequately learned the lesson ourselves. We must be self-appraising before we critique another. Finally, our actions towards one another are a reflection of our intentions; good actions come from goodness of the heart.

Living the Gospel – You hypocrite: It is often argued that it is hypocrisy to attend Mass on Sundays and be 'holy' in that circumstance but to then be less than perfect during the rest of the week. This is often rolled out as a convenient excuse for not attending Mass at all: everyone who goes to Mass is a hypocrite. Of course, attending Mass does not imply perfection. It is in fact a recognition of imperfection and the need to come together as a community and to seek God's help to have another go at trying to get it a bit more right in the coming week.

Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Response to the Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

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!

Eucharistic Acclamation: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Communion antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

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

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Whitehorse Deanery
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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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10.00am - 2.00pm

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SUNDAY MASS

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

WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY

Tues. 10.00am (*this week only*)

Ash Weds. - Sat. @ 9:00am

Rosary prayed after Mass times as
listed above. All welcome.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am & 5.30pm

ASH WEDNESDAY

EVENING MASS (*this week only*)

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 Vicki Bowes and for those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently, especially Sheila Jones 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: **Monday:** St Casimir; **Ash Wednesday: Season of Lent** (*Fast and abstinence*). **Thursday:** Sts Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs. **Friday:** St John of God, religious. **Lenten Stations of the Cross**, evenings at 7.00pm **Saturday:** St Frances of Rome, religious. **Sunday Masses:** Preface of First Sunday of Lent. Eucharistic Prayer III. Eucharistic Acclamation No. III.

LENT: *In Lent, the Alleluia is omitted at Mass and the Hours, even in celebrations of solemnities and feasts. Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. (CCL 97, 1251-52) For more details please see Church noticeboard.*

WHAT TO DO DURING LENT 2019: Next week there will be several suggestions in our Weekly Bulletin to inspire/encourage all to embrace the spirit of Lent this year.

TUESDAY: Funeral for Sheila Jones @ 10.00am. Refreshments to follow in our Parish Hall.

A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus leads where we need to go. Do not close your eyes, your ears or your heart to Jesus plan for your life. (Luke 6:39-45)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (Luke 6:43) Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

PASTORAL NOTE PROVIDED BY THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ARCHDIOCESE:

Dear friends, this week the lifting of the suppression order concerning Cardinal George Pell's trial and the sustained media focus has made for a challenging time for the Catholic Church in Melbourne. We will all have different ways of both responding to this news and making sense of it.

For some it heralds another chapter in the already painful journey that Catholics have been a part of over the last few years. Some of us may feel upset and saddened by the news. Some of us may just feel very weary about the way our Church is being portrayed in the media. There are those in our community who have been abused and the story touches on and may re-open already raw wounds.

On this the last Sunday prior to Lent we gather around the table of the Lord. We pray that God will continue to journey with us as we search to understand, accept and acknowledge the challenges of our times. We hold in our thoughts and prayers all those who have suffered abuse within the Church.

THE ARCHBISHOP HAS RELEASED A PASTORAL LETTER responding to the conviction of George Cardinal Pell during the week and its ramifications for us and all. Copies are available for you on our Church notice table in our Foyer.

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 9th and Sat 23rd March.

NEWSLETTER NOTICES: Please send to the following e-mail address by **Wednesday 5pm** - 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 ...*

THE PROCESS TO CONVENE THE PANEL TO APPOINT OUR NEXT PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL has begun. Fr Gerard met with Rob Scanlon (Acting Director Nominee) from CEM Eastern Regional Office last week to formally 'bounce the ball'. More to come in due course.

THE PRINCIPAL OF EMMAUS COLLEGE MR TONY HIRST invites you to the next Open Day on Thursday 28th March, 1.30pm -6.30pm, Vermont South Campus. For Tour Bookings or more information, see College website: www.emmaus.vic.edu.au Please see Church noticeboard for more details too.

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 MAR. 2019</u>	<u>9 AND 10 MAR. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Olive Hammill	Terry Wells
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Megan McLean	Beryl Chelliah
	10:30 AM	Marg Yore	Jenny Dixon

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

		<u>2 AND 3 MAR. 2019</u>	<u>9 AND 10 MAR. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Melina Barcellona	Olive Hammill
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Darren McLean	Kana Chelliah
	10:30 AM	Jess Kilroe-Smith	Elizabeth Dixon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

		<u>2 AND 3 MAR. 2019</u>	<u>9 AND 10 MAR. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Terry Wells	John Ryan
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Don McKenzie	Rita Gibb
	10:30 AM	Kilroe-Smith Family	Dixon Family

SLIDE OPERATORS

		<u>2 AND 3 MAR. 2019</u>	<u>9 AND 10 MAR. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	David Prabha	Choir
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Rosemary Donaldson	Anthony Fernandez
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

2 MARCH 2019
Lesley Cormick & Toni Plevier
9 MARCH 2019
No flowers during Lent

CHURCH CLEANING

9 MARCH. 2019
Team 1 (Val's Team)
Val Fogarty, Jim Fogarty,
Megan McLean & Raquel Ramirez

MAINTENANCE

16 MARCH. 2019
Team 2
Dale Dixon & Ian Holmes

LENT IS A PROPITIOUS TIME in which the Church invites Christians to be more intensely aware of Christ's redeeming work and to live our baptism more profoundly ... With its duration of forty days, Lent tries to recall some of the events that marked the life and history of ancient Israel, presenting to us again its paradigmatic value ... The Lenten season is an invitation to relive with Jesus the forty days he spent in the desert, praying and fasting, before undertaking his public mission ... This is the authentic and central program of the Lenten Season: to listen to the Word of truth, to live, speak, and do the truth, to reject lies that poison humanity and are the door to all evils. It is urgent, therefore, during these forty days, to listen again to the Gospel, the Lord's Word, Word of truth, so that in every Christian, in each one of us, the awareness is reinforced of the truth that has been given, that he has given us, to live it and be his witnesses. Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life. Thus, the Lenten season offers us an ascetic and liturgical journey that, helping us to open our eyes in face of our weakness, makes us open our hearts to the merciful love of Christ. (Benedictus, Page 66, *Day by Day with Pope Benedict XVI*)

LENTEN MEN'S RETREAT: OVERCOMING TEMPTATION & ADDICTION:

The Dominican Friars invite young men (aged 18-40) to a weekend Lenten retreat at St. Dominic's Priory, Melbourne. The retreat will include daily Mass, confession, adoration and presentations on the ascetical and mystical heritage of the Church's spiritual tradition to enable us to be free from vice and achieve the liberation of a life lived in the truth, beauty and goodness of Christ. **Where:** St. Dominic's Priory, 816 Riversdale Rd, Camberwell **When:** Mar 8 at 5:00pm – Mar 10 at 3pm **Cost:** The retreat cost is \$50 and includes all meals. Places are strictly limited and **RSVP** is essential by Mar 6 (email Br Sebastian on sebastian.condon@op.org.au)

OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE: 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.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 3 MARCH 2019: This week on The Journey, our Gospel Luke: 6:39-45, is read by our radio sound editor, Julia Goonan, Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey, with her God Spot, "Give it a name", Pete Gilmore encourages us to think about "how do you want to start tomorrow". Our music this week is an amazing collection of Christian music from various artists that we are very lucky. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

MISSIONARY SISTER OF ST PETER CLAVER: will hold their **Annual Mission Concert on Sunday 31st March at the St Peter Claver Hal**, – 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 Kilele 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 20th 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.

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

T.B.A. - 9877 4023

Parish School Advisory Board

Ed Weekes - 9877 4023

Parish School

Parents' Association

Ed Weekes - 9877 4023

St Vincent de Paul Conference

For Assistance: 1800 305 330

(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

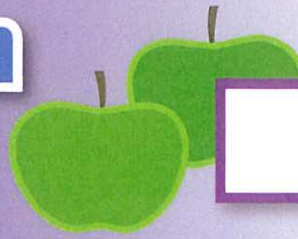
Parish Contact: Margaret Gearon

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?

Each tree is known by its own fruit

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



Fill in the missing words from the list below to see what Jesus said about judging other people.

___ do you see the
_____ in your
_____ eye,
but do not _____ the
___ in your own ___?

**FRIEND'S SPECK LOG
EYE NOTICE WHY**



HYPOCRITE

How many words can you make from the letters in the word HYPOCRITE?

Jesus told his disciples that each tree is known by the fruit it bears. Fill the fruit with examples of some good things we can do that show to others that we are good people.

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