

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

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

This week's readings: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-41; Gospel Luke 9:28-36

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That's a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration. Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon.

When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're half asleep and we're told Peter doesn't know what he's saying when he starts talking about building tents. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is. What a great reading for the season of Lent!

Scriptural context – Gospel Parallels: The account of the Transfiguration appears in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). The word, synoptic, means 'seen together' and these three gospels can be seen together because they have so much material in common. It is now accepted that the gospel of Mark was the first written as so much of it appears in the other two, while the gospels of Matthew and Luke both seem to have also drawn on another source of Jesus material (known as the 'Q' source). Despite the parallels, each writer uses the same story to convey the particular message of that gospel.

Living the Gospel – 'Listen to him!': God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation.

Gospel Focus – Asleep again?: It seems that at crucial points in the gospel where Jesus' true identity and mission are revealed, the disciples are falling asleep! The gospel of Luke is unique in suggesting that the disciples were sleepy at the Transfiguration. They managed to fight off sleep in this instance, but were fast asleep at the Mount of Olives as Jesus prayed in agony. The sleepiness of the disciples at these crucial times is indicative of limited grasp of what Jesus is on about. They are wearied by all that he asks of them, rather than energised by it, and consequently they're not ready to witness great events when they come along.

Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken; Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Eucharistic Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Communion antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well please; listen to him.

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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 &
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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. 11.00am
Weds. – Sat. @ 9:00am**

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am & 5.30pm

**EXPOSITION,
STATIONS OF THE CROSS &
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 Vicki Bowes and for those
Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently,
especially Kevin O'Donoghue and Erin Wallace and all those whose anniversaries occur
about this time, may they all rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Lent – **Monday:** St Patrick, bishop.
Tuesday: St Joseph, Husband of Mary. **Wednesday evening:** Stations of the Cross.
Saturday: St Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop. **Sunday Masses:** Eucharistic Prayer for
Reconciliation II. Eucharistic Acclamation No. II.

A VOCATION VIEW: Are you listening to Jesus, the Chosen One? Be open to what he
reveals to you. Let his message dwell in your heart. (Luke 9:28-36)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans
to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7) Just as the Lord gave Abraham,
Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home.
Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great
sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your
gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind?
Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just
as you invest in your earthly home?

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

PAISH SCHOOL CHOIR will resume with us from the start of Term 2 this year; usually
the first Sunday of the month at the 10.30am Sunday morning Mass.

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

**EACH SUNDAY ON OUR LENTEN JOURNEY TO
EASTER SUNDAY,** we ask ourselves the question

"What is God asking of us in St Luke's Parish Community
at this time?" The collation of our responses will guide us
to become all God imagined we, and our Parish, can
be for the people of our times.

During Week 2 we listen to God's voice telling us
"This is my Son, my Chosen One" and calling each of us
"To listen to Him". As we listen, let us respond to this
week's question – **What do we do well here at St Luke's?**

*This is in response to the insightful work of our Parish Plenary
Council 2020 attendees at the end of last year. Some of the
challenges for the Catholic Church as identified by our Parish
Plenary Council Group are shown below. Many of these can
be addressed at parish level.*

- **Break down barriers which inhibit those within our
community who have left the Church or no longer feel
welcome – be more inclusive – welcoming – show by actions.
Church needs to become less "stiff"/removed/fearful – more
warm, embracing**
- **Examine the underlying issues for disillusionment and
address these honestly and realistically. Ask people for their
ideas on how to do this.**
- **Revisit our services/Mass – make them easy to follow and
inclusive of all – less intimidating. It was seen that our Church
excludes with its rituals and practices.**
- **Open up lots of opportunities to include all the eclectic
members of our community which helps us all grow and flourish**

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 MAR. 2019</u>	<u>23 AND 24 MAR. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Melina Barcellona	Ian Holmes
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Engelina Nyhuis	Melina Barcellona
	10:30 AM	Margaret Gearon	Val Gardiner

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

		<u>16 AND 17 MAR. 2019</u>	<u>23 AND 24 MAR. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Shirley Prabha	Tony Lobo
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Godfrey Thong	Rosemary Donaldson
	10:30 AM	Steve Kilroe-Smith	Margaret Gearon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

		<u>16 AND 17 MAR. 2019</u>	<u>23 AND 24 MAR. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Rita Gibb	Greg Grant
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Joe Brogno	Marie Pekish
	10:30 AM	Mary Taranto	Margaret Gearon

SLIDE OPERATORS

		<u>16 AND 17 MAR. 2019</u>	<u>23 AND 24 MAR. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Tony Lobo	Choir
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Megan & Darren McLean	Anthony Fernandez
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

No flowers during Lent

CHURCH CLEANING

23 MARCH. 2019

Team 3 (Maree's Team)
Marie Moss, Lynda Kilroe-Smith,
Rita Gibb & Nancy Stephen

MAINTENANCE

30 MARCH. 2019

Team 4
Frank Melville, Rodney Caple
& Danny Nolan

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?

LENT WEEK 2 - LISTENING TO THE SPIRIT AND JESUS: What do we do well here at St Luke's?

Use the following as a guide –

- Liturgy
- Music
- Sacramental Life
- Outreach
- Community
- Communication
- Leadership
- Youth
- Finances
- Social Justice
- Family
- Prayer Life / Spirituality
- Welcoming
- Inclusion
- Ministries
- Other ...

PARISHIONERS PLEASED BE ADVISED that the Panel to recommend the appointment of our next Parish Primary School Principal has been established. It will meet on Friday March 29th for the first time. The members are: Rob Scanlon (Principal Consultant and Catholic Education Melbourne), Suzi Brotherton (School Parent and current School Advisory Board Member), Denis Daly (Experienced Catholic Primary School Principal), Jo Adams (School Parent and current School Parent's Association Member), Fr Gerard (Parish Priest), Margaret Gearon (Parishioner and Deputy Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council). *Please keep us in your prayers as we make the best decision for all stakeholders.*

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>

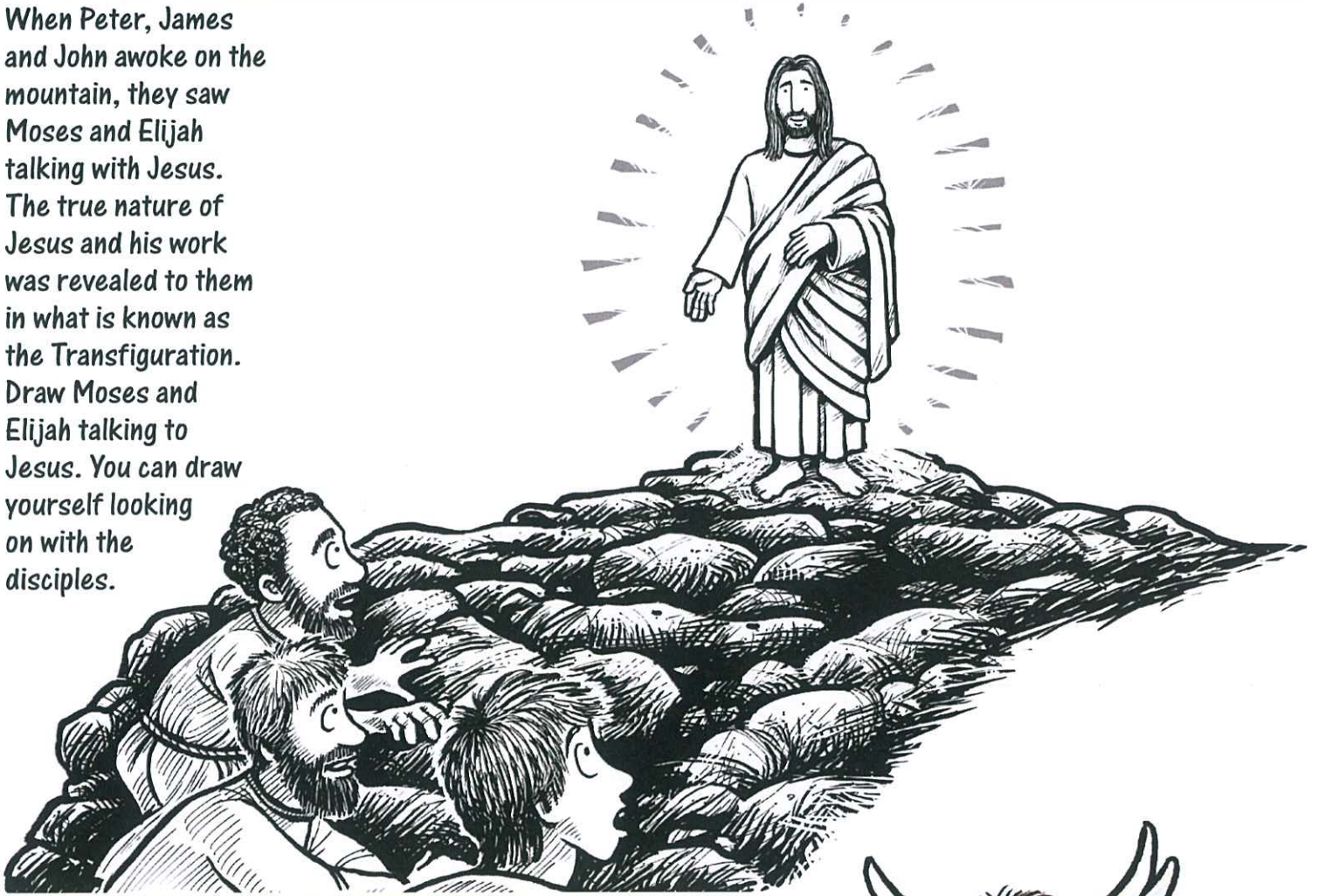


This is my chosen Son
Listen to what he says!

My name is

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year C

When Peter, James and John awoke on the mountain, they saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. The true nature of Jesus and his work was revealed to them in what is known as the Transfiguration. Draw Moses and Elijah talking to Jesus. You can draw yourself looking on with the disciples.



God spoke to the disciples and told them to listen to Jesus. Write down two ways we can listen to Jesus. What are two things Jesus is telling you?

Two large, empty, cloud-shaped boxes for writing answers.



TRANSFIGURATION

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

Two columns of horizontal lines for writing words.