

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2019
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – YEAR C

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

This week's readings: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Gospel Luke 22:14 – 23:56

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: Christianity is a faith of paradox: leadership through service; greatness through humility; and life through death. The greatest paradox of all is the paradox of the cross. The death of Jesus through the most humiliating form of capital punishment in history would appear to be exactly what the Jewish authorities hoped it would be: the end of the Jesus movement. The ignoble death of a group's leader through public execution is usually enough to bring about the end of any movement. However, Christians know that the death of Jesus is not the end of the story. His resurrection, that we celebrate at Easter next weekend, is the twist in the tale that means the death of Jesus, rather than being a point of despair, in fact becomes a moment of hope. This difference of expectation is captured in the Lukan account of the crucifixion by the two criminals with whom Jesus is crucified. One joins in the mockery of Jesus, whilst the other recognises the innocence of Jesus and has faith that Jesus will enter into his kingdom. This second criminal acts as an example for all people of faith. He reminds us that those with faith still have to face death and still have to face up to the consequences of their actions, and yet the way we approach death should not be with despair, but rather with hope and confidence that we will share in Christ's resurrection. The reading of the Passion narrative leaves us up in the air. It leaves us in a better position than the disciples at the time. They were downcast by what they felt was the defeat of Jesus, but we know the end of the story! We know that out of this darkness will come light and hope!

Historical Context – Crucifixion: The Romans used crucifixion as a deterrent against insurrection and rebellion. Not only was it an agonising death it was usually a slow, drawn out death – taking days to die. Victims were always crucified in public settings; alongside main thoroughfares or on hilltops outside a city. The victims were left on the cross for weeks while birds and wild dogs ate their bodies. The idea of crucifixion was that nothing was left to bury as this was the ultimate domination and humiliation of the rebel. The account of Jesus dying within a few hours is very unusual.

Scriptural context – One with the lost: Throughout the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is portrayed as not only the champion of the poor and outcast, but indeed being one with them. The witnesses to his birth in this gospel are lowly shepherds, not the wise men from the East. His parables and actions are addressed to the lost and the lowly. He eats with sinners and other outcasts – to the horror of Jewish leaders. Finally, at his death, Jesus is crucified as a criminal with other criminals. This gospel in particular addresses the message and ministry of Jesus to those on the margins of society.

Gospel Focus – Changing expectations: The early audience of the gospel accounts would have known exactly what was meant by crucifixion. It was an all too familiar reality for them as the Romans sought to suppress any suggestion of opposition to their rule. The early audience would have recognised that the account of Jesus' death and burial was not in keeping with their knowledge of what normally happened. They would have known that something special was being conveyed through this story. They would have known that the story of his death was only a prelude to the real story of Jesus' passion – his resurrection.

Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

Response to the Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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

Communion antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

**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

Next Saturday Easter Vigil - 7:00pm

Sunday - 8:30am & 10:30am

HOLY WEEK MASS & ROSARY

Tues. @ 11.00am;

Weds. @ 9:00am

Holy Thursday @ 7.30pm;

Good Friday @ 3.00pm

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

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 Jim Grant, Vicki Bowes and Keith Yelland and those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently especially Christine and Margaret and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, may they all rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Holy Week - **Wednesday evening:** Stations of the Cross. **Holy Thursday:** 7.30pm. **Good Friday:** 10.30am & 3.00pm. **Easter Sunday:** (Sat.) **Vigil** 7.00pm. (Sunday Usual morning times) 8.30am & 10.30am. **Sunday Masses:** Preface for Passion (Palm) Sunday, Eucharistic Prayer III. Eucharistic Acclamation No. III.

PARISHIONERS will be pleased to know that Our Parish Car Park 'make-over' was completed last Wednesday and Thursday. It has been approximately five and half years since the last time it was done and the cost for the job is \$4323 this time around.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY this Sunday at the 10.30am morning Mass and 28 April too.

A VOCATION VIEW: Surrender your life to God. You are promised eternal life. (Luke 22:14-23:1-49)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:34) How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, do you remain quiet because you believe people will think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises.

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve again this Sat 13th April and at 8.30am next Sunday 21st April.

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

EACH SUNDAY THROUGH OUR LENTEN SEASON TO EASTER SUNDAY, we are asking ourselves the question "What is God asking of me/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.

As we listen to the readings today and this week, let us look very carefully at Jesus our Saviour. We watch, not just to admire, but also to learn, to penetrate the mind, the thinking, the attitudes and the values of Jesus so that we, in the very different circumstances of our own lives, may walk in his footsteps.

The drama is truly overpowering and needs to be absorbed one incident at a time.

It would be worth reflecting in which of these scenes I can see myself, with which characters I can identify as reacting in the way I probably would:

- the last meal of Jesus with his disciples, a bitter-sweet experience for all
- Jesus' struggle with fear (even terror) and loneliness in the garden, ending in a sense of peace and acceptance
- Peter's denial of ever having known Jesus, the same Jesus with whom he had just eaten and who had invited him into the garden
- the kiss of Judas, another disciple, sealing the fate of Jesus, and leading to bitter remorse and suicide
- the rigged trial before the religious leaders and again before the contemptuous, cynical Pilate, the brief appearance before the superstitious and fearful Herod
- the torture, humiliation and degradation of Jesus
- the way of Calvary - the weeping women, the reluctant Simon of Cyrene
- the crowds, so supportive on Sunday, who now laugh and mock
- the murderous gangster promised eternal happiness that very day
- the last words of forgiveness and total surrender (emptying) to the Father.

If we are to be his disciples, he invites us to walk his way, to share his sufferings, to imitate his attitudes, to "empty" ourselves, to live in service of others - in short, to love others as he loves us. This is not at all a call to a life of pain and misery. Quite the contrary, it is an invitation to a life of deep freedom, peace and happiness. If it were anything else, it would not be worth considering.

WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE IN SERVICE OF OTHERS ...

How best can we serve those: in our families? in our workplace? in our community?

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

13 AND 14 APR. 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Terry Wells
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Beryl Chelliah
	10:30 AM	Sonya O'Farrell

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

13 AND 14 APR. 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Olive Hammill (Readings) Bernie Brennan & Shirley Prabha (Palm Sunday Gospel)
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SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Kana Chelliah (Readings) Godfrey Thong Melina Barcellona (Palm Sunday Gospel)
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	10:30 AM	Dale Dixon (Readings) Elizabeth Dixon & Genevieve Hemsley (Palm Sunday Gospel)
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WELCOMER'S ROSTER

13 AND 14 APR. 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	John Ryan
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Joe Brogno
	10:30 AM	Kilroe-Smith Family

20 AND 21 APR. 2019

Not required
Marie Pekish
Leigh Kelly

SLIDE OPERATORS

13 AND 14 APR. 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Choir
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Anthony Fernandez
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez

20 AND 21 APR. 2019

David Prabha (8pm)
Choir

Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

20 APRIL 2019
Joan McHugh

CHURCH CLEANING

20 APRIL 2019
Team 7 (Bernard's Team)
Bernard O'Malley, Darren Owens,
Melina Barcellona & Anne Allsopp

MAINTENANCE

20 APRIL 2019
Team 5
Manuel Gonzalez &
Mike Lockwood

HOLY WEEK ROSTER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

HOLY THURSDAY

7:30 PM	Godfrey Thong Megan McLean Lorraine Kermond	3.00 PM
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GOOD FRIDAY

Margaret Gearon
Linda Kilroe-Smith
Mike Yore

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

HOLY THURSDAY

7:30 PM	Margaret Gearon	3.00 PM
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GOOD FRIDAY

Readings – Olive Hammill
Gospel – Godfrey Thong
Gospel – Mike Yore

SLIDE OPERATORS

HOLY THURSDAY

7.30 PM	Manny Gonzalez	3.00 PM
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GOOD FRIDAY

Marg Yore

EASTER VIGIL & EASTER SUNDAY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

EASTER VIGIL

7:00 PM	Melina Barcellona Jess Kilroe-Smith Lynda Kilroe-Smith	8.30AM
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EASTER SUNDAY

		10.30AM
		Ian Holmes

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

EASTER VIGIL

7:00 PM	Readings 1 & 2 – Melina Barcellona Readings 3 & 4 – Marg Yore Readings 5 & 6 – Darren McLean Reading 7 – Margaret Gearon Epistle & Psalm – Margaret Gearon	8.30AM
		10.30AM
		Mia Perang

EASTER SUNDAY

		8.30AM
		10.30AM
		Maria D'Souza Manny Gonzalez

SLIDE OPERATORS

7.00 PM	Marg Yore	8.30AM
		10.30AM

Maria D'Souza
Manny Gonzalez

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

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Stewardship Counters

Dale Dixon - 0433 885 087

Steve Kilroe-Smith - 0404 864 232

Pastoral Council &

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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

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Marg Yore & Kat Bergin

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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)

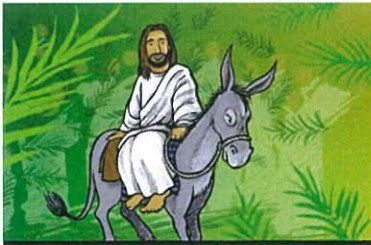
Parish Contact: Margaret Gearon

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?

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>



BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!



Passion Sunday, Year C

Help fill in the details of the important events of Holy Week.

PASSION SUNDAY

Crowds of people saw Jesus ride a donkey into the city of Jerusalem. The people cheered, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Draw some of the symbols of Passion Sunday.

HOLY THURSDAY

Write down what you know about the last supper.



After the last supper, Jesus led his disciples to the garden at Gethsemane to be with him while he prayed. It was here that Jesus was betrayed by Judas and arrested by soldiers.

Draw some of the symbols of Holy Thursday.

GOOD FRIDAY

Write down what you know about Pontius Pilate.



Jesus carried his cross through the streets until he arrived at Calvary where he was crucified. With the sky dark he died on the cross.

Draw some of the symbols of Good Friday.

HOLY SATURDAY

Holy Saturday is a quiet time when we reflect on the death of Jesus.

Draw the closed tomb where Jesus' body lay.