

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2019

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION – YEAR C

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

This week's readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Gospel John 20:1-9

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: Within the gospel reading we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realisation of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel we would have also heard the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ's resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings. The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

Historical Context – Mary Magdalen: Mary Magdalen, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

Gospel Focus – The disciple Jesus loved: In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun – I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.

Different View – An empty tomb? There are some writers who have questioned the historical accuracy of the empty tomb account of the resurrection. Some theologians and biblical scholars (e.g. members of the 'Jesus Seminar') argue that historically, it is far more likely that the victim of Roman crucifixion would be left to rot on the cross or buried in a shallow criminal's grave – not laid to rest in an expensive private tomb. However, they do not argue against resurrection. They maintain that Jesus' body was not 'resuscitated' or 'reanimated'. What happened to his corpse, they argue, is irrelevant to Christ's resurrection.

Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon: The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

**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

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

WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY:
this week ...

Tues. @ 11.00am;
Thurs. & Sat. @ 9:00am

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

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 9.30am & 5.30pm

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION
in recess this week

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
Keith Yelland and those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those
who died recently especially Ugo Leo, Maria Stella and all those whose anniversaries
occur about this time, may they all rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Easter Time – **Thursday:** ANZAC Day.
Sunday Masses: Preface of Easter I, Eucharistic Prayer I, Eucharistic Acclamation No. 1.
The **Paschal Greeting**, also known as the Easter Acclamation, is an Easter custom
among Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, and Eastern Catholics.
In place of "hello" or its equivalent, one greets another person with "**Christ is Risen!**" and
the other responds "**Christ is Risen Indeed!**".

AS A FAMILY OF FAMILIES let's be grateful and thank all our Parishioners who have
been of service to us throughout Lent and Holy Week this year; you know who you are
and your contribution is not taken for granted and it is indeed valued. You personify
what being of service is and means from (*our*) a Christian point of view. To all those
people who have served our Family of Families during Lent and Holy Week in any way
this year, please accept our genuine thanks.

EASTER GREETINGS to One and All. May the Risen Lord be for you the hope that
only he can be in this life and the life to come. Happy and a Holy Easter ... Fr Gerard
Please see following Archbishop Comensoli's 2019 Easter Message:
<https://www.cam.org.au/easter-message>

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES are welcome back now any time and placed in
the basket at the foot of the Crucifix on the sanctuary please.

APOSTLES CREED: During Easter time we'll proclaim this Creed at Sunday Mass as a
way of familiarising ourselves with this aspect of our tradition, especially during Paschal
time and as of next week.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY next Sunday at the 10.30am morning Mass, Sunday 28 April.

A VOCATION VIEW: What stones are being moved away so you can be a minister of
the Gospel? Consider inviting someone to be a sister, brother, priest, or deacon. Spread
the good news: "Jesus is risen!" (John 20:1-9)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "He went about doing good and healing all those
oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (Acts 10:38) On this Easter Sunday, open
your hearts to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. God is love and we are made
in His image and likeness. Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray for guidance on
how to live your life and give thanks for all that He has given you.

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve again this Sun at 8.30am, Easter Sunday.

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

**EACH SUNDAY THROUGH OUR PASCHAL SEASON TO
PENTECOST SUNDAY**, we ask 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, could be for the people of
our times.

A call for change: Easter is not only concerned with
recalling the Resurrection of Jesus or its impact on the first
disciples but also with the meaning of this event for our own
lives, our faith and for our Parish. The celebration of Easter
(and the days of Lent leading up to it) are a call for us to
change - and perhaps change radically - as Jesus' own
disciples changed, personally and communally.

The sign that we are truly sharing in the risen life of Jesus
is that our lives, our behaviour and our Parish undergo a
constant re-configuring. We not only believe, we not only
proclaim but we do what we believe and we do what we
proclaim.

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>20 AND 21 APR. 2019</u>	<u>27 AND 28 APR. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	7:00 PM	Melina Barcellona, Jess & Lynda Kilroe-Smith	6.00PM Olive Hammill
SUNDAY	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Ian Holmes	Kana Chelliah Val Gardiner

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

		<u>20 AND 21 APR. 2019</u>	<u>27 AND 28 APR. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	7:00 PM	Various (see below)	6.00PM Mia Perang
SUNDAY	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Ken D'Souza Mia Perang	Beryl Chelliah Marg Yore

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

		<u>20 AND 21 APR. 2019</u>	<u>27 AND 28 APR. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Not required	6.00PM Lorraine Kermond
SUNDAY	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Marie Pekish Leigh Kelly	Don McKenzie Dixon Family

SLIDE OPERATORS

		<u>20 AND 21 APR. 2019</u>	<u>27 AND 28 APR. 2019</u>
SATURDAY	7:00 PM	Marg Yore	6.00PM Tony Lobo
SUNDAY	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Choir Manny Gonzalez	Rosemary Donaldson Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

20 APRIL 2019
Joan McHugh

27 APRIL 2019
Engelina Nyhuis

CHURCH CLEANING

27 APRIL 2019
Team 8 (Judy's Team)
Judy Noy, Chelsea Brown,
Debbie Brown & Sarah Santilli

MAINTENANCE

27 APRIL 2019
Team 6
Barry Rawlines &
Tim Blair

EASTER VIGIL & EASTER SUNDAY

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

		<u>EASTER VIGIL</u>	<u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>
7:00 PM	Melina Barcellona Jess Kilroe-Smith Lynda Kilroe-Smith	8.30AM	Megan McLean

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

		<u>EASTER VIGIL</u>	<u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>
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	Ian Holmes Ken D'Souza Mia Perang

SLIDE OPERATORS

7.00 PM	Marg Yore	8.30AM 10.30AM	Maria D'Souza Manny Gonzalez
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An Easter Reflection ...

A thick and shapeless tree-trunk would never believe that it could become a statue, admired as a miracle of sculpture, and would never submit itself to the chisel of the sculptor, who sees by his genius what he can make of it.

(Saint Ignatius)

**We ask for the grace
to let ourselves
and our parish
be shaped by our loving Creator.
(as Paschal Time begins)**

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**

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Children's Liturgy Group

Nina Grieve - 9877 4023

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Stewardship Counters

Dale Dixon - 0433 885 087

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Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

History

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Whitehorse Deanery

Finance Committee

Steve Brennan

Parish Accountant

Hall Hire

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Care Group & Gardens

Judy Noy - 9894 1506

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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?

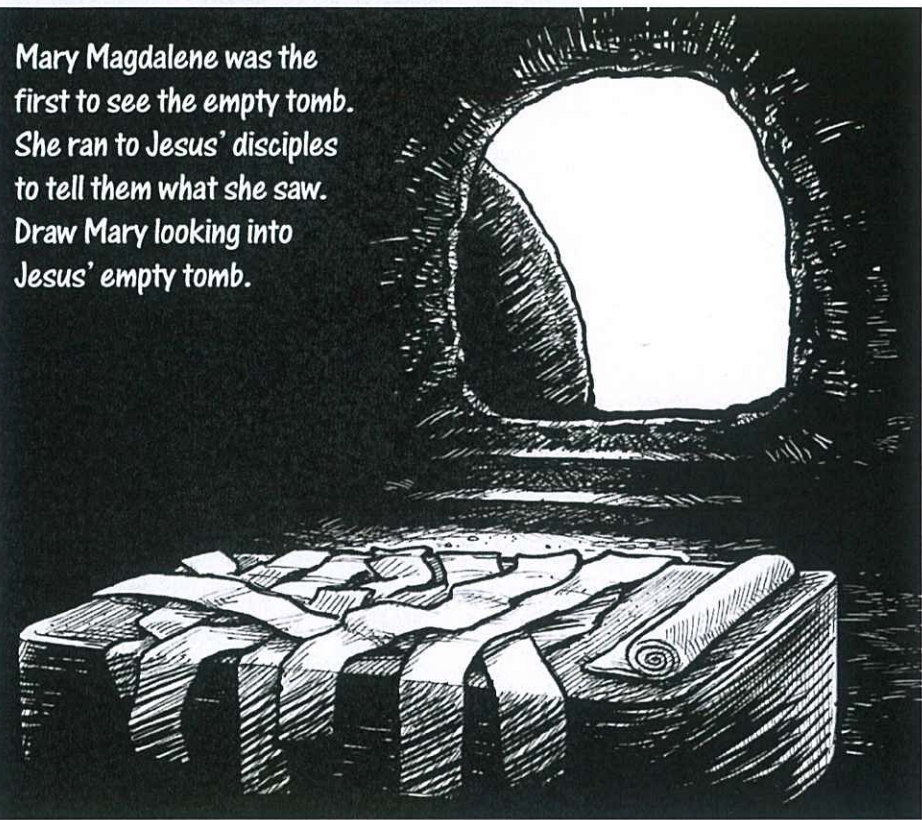


He is risen! Alleluia!

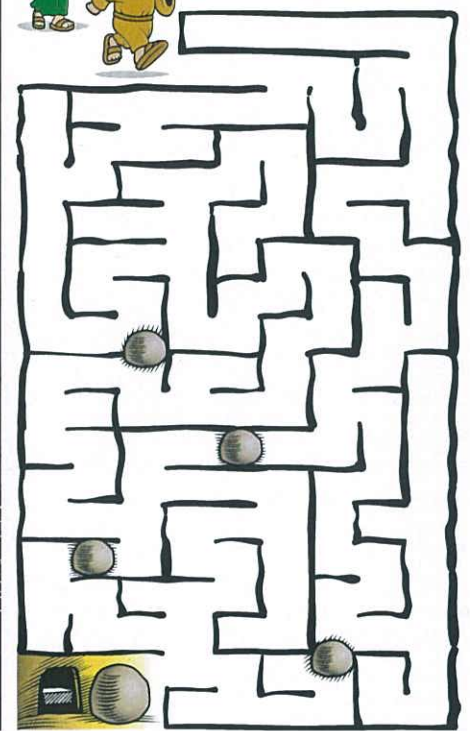


Easter Sunday

Mary Magdalene was the first to see the empty tomb. She ran to Jesus' disciples to tell them what she saw. Draw Mary looking into Jesus' empty tomb.



Help the disciples find their way to Jesus' empty tomb.



This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice!



What can you do to make people glad today?

Fill in the missing words below to find out what the letters in the boxes spell.

Mary M _____ went to the tomb.

"They have taken the _____ from the tomb", she said.

Peter was a d_____ _____ of Jesus.

The other disciple ran f_____ _____ than Peter.

He saw the strips of _____ cloth lying inside the tomb.

B _____ he did not go in.

When he saw _____ he believed.

The Scriptures s _____ Jesus would rise to life.