

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 5 MAY 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

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

This week's readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5:11-14; Gospel John 21:1-19

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: Scholars suggest that the 21st chapter of the Gospel of John is a later addition to the gospel, especially given the finality of the language at the end of chapter 20. The style of chapter 21 is much more church-oriented than the earlier chapters. The barbeque breakfast on the beach takes on a Eucharistic feel and the passage is at pains to portray Peter as the leader of the disciples and the one chosen by Jesus to provide leadership into the future. We must remember that the Gospel of John was written almost 70 years after the death of Jesus and if this final chapter is indeed an addition then it is likely written some time in the 2nd century. It was only in the late 1st and early 2nd centuries that the church began to adopt a structure of bishops as leaders of communities and it was important to clearly establish the authority of Peter as the first leader of the Church and the authority of his successors. Obviously, a scriptural reference to Jesus' choice of Peter would have cemented the case and so this later addition to the Gospel of John may have been constructed to serve this purpose.

Regardless of its original intended purpose, this passage provides a wonderful account of the appearance of the resurrected Jesus to his disciples. Like other post-resurrection accounts, the disciples do not at first recognise Jesus and it is not until the miraculous catch of fish that the beloved disciple declares, 'It is the Lord'. In a beautifully everyday touch, the risen Jesus prepares breakfast on the beach for the disciples and blesses the simple food in the same way as he did the bread and wine at their last supper.

Gospel Focus – Do you love me? Three times Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and three times Peter answers, 'You know I do'. Some writers suggest that the three-fold question by Jesus and the three-fold reply by Peter is intended to balance out the triple denial of Jesus by Peter at the time of the arrest and trial of Jesus. Where once Peter denied even knowing Jesus, he now declares his love for Jesus in no uncertain terms. It is a reminder to all of us that there is no act that we can perform that cannot be forgiven by God and from which we cannot come back.

Historical Context – Feed my sheep: When Jesus asks Peter, 'Do you love me?' and Peter repeatedly assures Jesus that he does, Jesus instructs Peter to 'Feed my sheep'. This image of feeding sheep is used to describe the caring leadership Peter is to take over the other disciples and the other followers of Jesus. The image of a shepherd has carried through the years and finds expression in the stylised shepherd's crook (crosier) that is carried as a symbol of office by bishops. The people of the church are often referred to as the bishop's flock – further carrying on the image of a shepherd and his sheep.

Have you thought? – 153 fish: When the disciples drag ashore their miraculous haul of fish, the gospel writer tells us that there were 153 fish! This seems an odd number and an odd fact to specifically mention. Mathematically, 153 is a number with several interesting attributes, and historically, it has been suggested that the ancients believed that there were 153 species of fish or 153 nations in the world. Like nearly every number used in the Bible, its meaning is symbolic, not literal. It is intended to convey that the catch of fish was huge and is indicative of the vast numbers of people who will be caught up in the disciples' new ministry.

Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

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: Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it to them, 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
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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 Weekday 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 Vicki Bowes
and Keith Yelland and those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those
who died recently, especially Joan McAnespie and for all those whose anniversaries occur
about this time especially Emmanuel Raj, may they all rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Easter Time – **Sunday Masses:** Preface of Easter
II, Eucharistic Prayer III. Eucharistic Acclamation No. III. 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!"

MECWACARE FIRST FRIDAY MASS occurred last Friday, 3rd May at 10.30am
@ 13-25 Strabane Avenue Mont Albert North Vic 3129. **Some Parishioners attended;** thankyou
for your presence and ongoing prayerful support.

FR TONY SPIERINGS P.E.: Parishioners will be delighted to know that Fr Tony Spierings
has asked to celebrate his Golden Jubilee of Ministerial Priesthood here amongst us.
Please be advised that this worthy Celebration to honour him and his 50 Years of Priestly
Ministry will take place on Sunday 2nd June at 11am followed by refreshments for all in
our Parish Hall. **(Please take note of the change of time for this Sunday only.)**

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES: This weekend the
2019 Parish First Reconciliation Candidates and their Families are presenting themselves
to us. Let's keep them all in our prayers during this time of preparation and celebration.

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 during Paschal time.

WE WELCOME BACK OUR PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHOIR
this Sunday at the 10.30am morning Mass, Sunday 5th May.

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve again on Sat 11th May and Sunday 25th May.

A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" Show your love for Jesus in the
way that you live. (John 21:1-19)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third
time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that
I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:17) All of us are challenged
to show our love for Jesus and others. Discern how God is calling you to use your time
in prayer, your talent in charitable works and your treasure to assist those who in need.
Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish
and greater Church.

NEXT SERIES OF PARISH STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES: For Parishioners who
support the Parish via Weekly Envelopes, please be advised that your next series of
Weekly Envelopes will be available next week and alphabetically. For Parishioners who
support the Parish financially via EFT, Credit Card, Debit Card, direct Debit etc. please
be advised there will be a Parish Letter waiting for you too that provides a summary of
your giving to date and how your financial support has been disbursed.

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

PRINCIPAL PANEL: Parishioners will be pleased to know that the Panel, convened to
appoint the next Parish School Principal, will meet again this coming week to prepare
the professional Questions for the Formal Interviews of Applicants for the Position.

FORTHCOMING ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL: You're invited to bake your favorite
cake, muffin, slice or biscuits for our cake stall to support our Parish Care Group and the
work of our Parish's School Parent's Association. The P.A. **just requests no cream as there
is no refrigeration on the day.** Please pick up your plate and hygiene bag on your way
out tonight/today. More details on our Church notice-board in our foyer.

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?"
We continue to look at the experience the disciples had of the Risen Jesus. The Gospel speaks of recognising
the presence of God and of Jesus in our daily life. The dialogue between Jesus and Peter is more than a
moment of reconciliation. It is also the passing of the baton. Jesus now hands over to Peter and to his
companions the mission he himself had been given by the Father "Feed my sheep". This is the responsibility
of the Church and, as members of that Church, a responsibility that rests on every one of us.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY in Blackburn
South continues to assist nearly 400 families and
individuals each year through personal support and
visitation. Come and See how you can help us to help others, at an information session
on Sunday 26th May at 11:30am, (after the conclusion of 10:30am Mass), and on
Saturday 1st June at 6.45pm (after the conclusion of 6.00pm Mass), in the St Luke the
Evangelist Church Foyer, 46 Orchard Grove, Blackburn South. All welcome.

A SUMMARY OF WHAT A PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MAY LOOK LIKE here
at Saint Luke's is our supplement this week to peruse, digest and distil – personally and
communally, for what comes next for all of us. Mike Yore will address us about it this weekend.

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>4 AND 5 MAY 2019</u>	<u>11 AND 12 MAY 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM Shirley Prabha	Melina Barcellona
SUNDAY	8:30 AM Engelina Nyhuis	Godfrey Thong
	10:30 AM Jenny Dixon	Marg Yore

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

	<u>4 AND 5 MAY 2019</u>	<u>11 AND 12 MAY 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM Bernie Brennan	Terry Wells
SUNDAY	8:30 AM Godfrey Thong	Rosemary Donaldson
	10:30 AM Jess Kilroe-Smith	Dale Dixon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

	<u>4 AND 5 MAY 2019</u>	<u>11 AND 12 MAY 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM Terry Wells	Greg Grant
SUNDAY	8:30 AM Marie Pekish	Rita Gibb
	10:30 AM Mary Taranto	Margaret Gearon

SLIDE OPERATORS

	<u>4 AND 5 MAY 2019</u>	<u>11 AND 12 MAY 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM Tony Lobo	Choir
SUNDAY	8:30 AM Liliana Poropat	Anthony Fernandez
	10:30 AM Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

4 MAY 2019
Kate Skowronska

11 MAY 2019
Val Wells & Marie Parker

CHURCH CLEANING

11 MAY 2019
Team 2 (Monica's Team)
Monica Hodder, Marie Parker,
Filomena Manley & Beryl
Kanagalangam

MAINTENANCE

11 MAY 2019
Team 8
Don McKenzie &
Charles Chin

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN: The Woolworths Earn and Learn program has started again. Our school previously participated in 2017 and we received some wonderful items to benefit our students and school. From Wednesday 1st May to Tuesday 25th June 2019, when you shop at Woolworths, you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator, via team members at the self service checkout or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet which has been sent home. Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either on the Church Foyer notice-table or at Blackburn South Woolworths. It is not necessary to change your shopping preferences to receive these stickers, please only collect them if it is part of your normal weekly shop. We thank you for your support.

OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE: Talk and Tour mornings: **Monday 3 June, Monday 24 June** 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. Enrolment applications for Year 7, 2021, are currently open and will close on 23 August 2019.

Information Evening for Prospective Families: Wednesday 22 May 2019, 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm. Our Lady of Sion College warmly invites prospective parents and guardians to attend our Information Evening. Hear from our principal and from students about some of the reasons they love going to school at Sion. The Information session will be followed by light refreshments and a chance to speak with key staff members about enrolment.

INTER-PARISH WALK: Join us for a relaxed walk with other believers from surrounding parishes, share coffee, cake and a chat afterwards. Sat 25 May 2019, 1.45pm, around Albert Park Lake, Albert Park (15 mins drive from the City). Meet at Swan Picnic Ground, cnr of Albert Rd & Lakeside Dr. Mel 2KG5; Walk difficulty - flat and easy. More details on please see Church noticeboard. Rides can be arranged. Contacts Nimmi 0413 135 889, Mic 0412 260 406.

ARCHBISHOPS CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES: 16th May 2019 features Union Leader Mr Joe de Bruyn. Come along and hear the former National Secretary of the SDA talk about the application of Catholic Social Teaching in the Labour Movement. The venue remains the CQ Club 113 – 123 Queen St Melbourne. Cost \$45. Time 0700 – 0900 sharp. Enquiries Michael Bohan 0439 172 465 Bernie Docherty 0428 890 185 Bookings: Trybooking www.trybooking.com/484991. The **Catholic Man Breakfast Series** is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith.

THIS WEEK ON THE JOURNEY, Catholic Radio Program, our Gospel is John 10:27-30. Mother Hilda from the Abbey encourages us to "Have a Nice Day", Fr Dave Callaghan reminds us to "Become Like a Child", and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, talks to us about "The call to Forgive". The music this week is woven through our program to create a peaceful flow of harmony that we know you enjoy. Go to www.jcr.org.au or 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

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

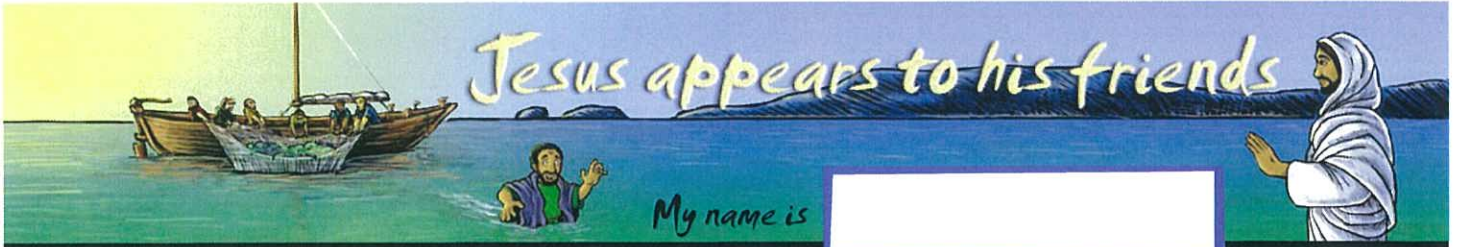
(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

Parish Contact: Margaret Gearon

RECRUITMENT NOTICE:

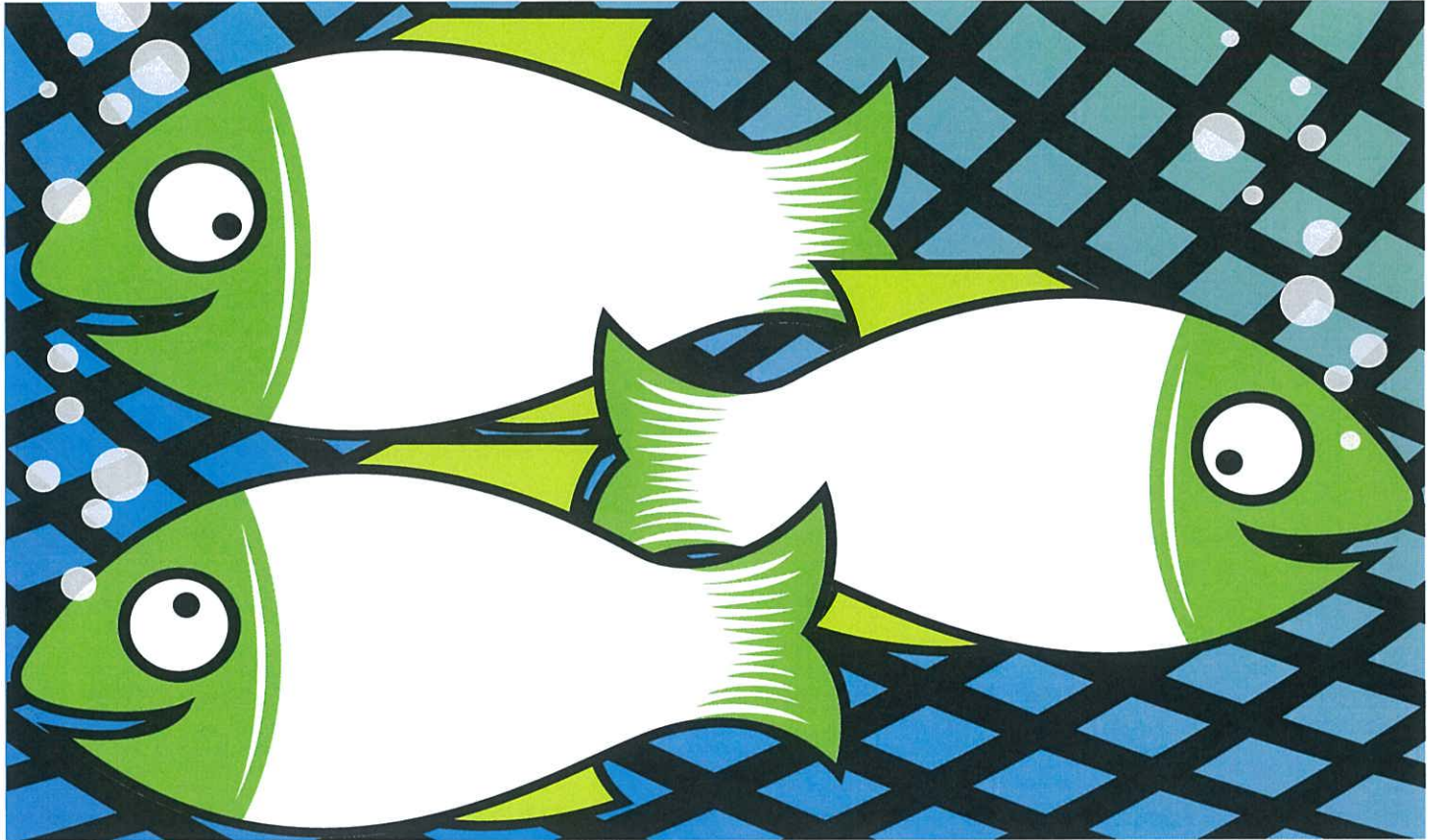
These Parish Groups welcome new members who choose to participate in the life of the Parish in these ways - would you like to make contact with one or more of them?

Jesus appears to his friends



3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C

The disciples had almost given up on catching fish when Jesus appeared to them and told them to let down their nets one more time. Write down about times in your life when Jesus has given you hope.



Jesus asked his disciples to let down their nets and they were rewarded. What are some things that Jesus asks us to do? How are we rewarded?

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Help Peter swim to shore to be with Jesus.

