

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 26 MAY 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

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

This week's readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Apoc 21:10-14; Gospel John 14:23-29

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: Just like last week's gospel, this passage also comes from the Last Supper discourse in the Gospel of John. Again, although its original context was pre-crucifixion, the language works in the post-resurrection Easter season as we anticipate the celebration of the Ascension next week. This double purpose language is, of course, no accident. The gospel was written 60 or more years after the death and resurrection of Jesus and so the writer was consciously conveying the double meaning of 'going away': Jesus going to his death; and Jesus going back to the Father. But Jesus also promises his return in this speech. Continuing the double meaning, the gospel writer knew that Jesus had come good on his promise to return after his death and so conveys to the gospel audience, and to us, a sense of confidence and hope that the second promised return will also be fulfilled at the right time.

In the meantime, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples and to the world. The Holy Spirit is to be the Advocate (the Paraclete) of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit performs a dual purpose: firstly, to carry on the teaching; and secondly, to continue to remind the believers of all that Jesus said and did. The action of the Holy Spirit continues in the world today – inspiring and teaching those who are open to hearing and keeping alive the memory of Jesus, his teaching and his compassion. We talk about being full of school spirit and team spirit but these feelings of loyalty and commitment are only a distant echo of what it is to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Historical Context – The time of absence: At the time of writing of the Gospel of John (during the last decade of the 1st Century), the community of believers were beginning to come to terms with the continued absence of Jesus. In the earlier gospels, particularly Mark, there is a feeling of expectation evident in the writing – an expectation that Jesus' promised return was imminent. By the time of John's community, there was an acceptance that the glorious return of Jesus still lay some time in the future. They wrestled with keeping alive the memory and message of Jesus when there was no end in sight.

Gospel Focus – Advocate: In the text, Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the Advocate, sometimes translated as Paraclete. Both words have very similar meanings. Today when we describe someone as an advocate we usually mean that they stand up for and speak out for someone else or a particular cause. Advocate also has a legal meaning where the advocate bears witness and attests to the validity of another. The Holy Spirit is the Advocate of Jesus in that the action of the Holy Spirit continues to bear witness to the message of Jesus.

Different View – Peace: Jesus promises his peace to the disciples in today's gospel passage. However, some people argue that the world has not known that peace in the time since then. Some Jewish people cite this as one of their arguments against Jesus being regarded as the promised Messiah. One of the prophecies about the Messiah was that there would be universal peace once the Messiah arrived. Those who argue against Jesus as the Messiah point to the fact that since the time of Jesus, not a single day has gone by in our history in which there has not been some war or conflict occurring somewhere on earth.

Raise your voices ...

Entrance antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth; The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. 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: Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins, is seated for ever at God's right hand, alleluia.

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Being the Good News ...

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Whitehorse Deanery
Eastern Region
Archdiocese of Melbourne

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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 & 11:00am

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, Nadia Tarquino and Keith Yelland and those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently, especially Jean Vanier, Mary Hoyer, Fr Ray Deal, Bernie McCarthy and Frederick Giles and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, may they rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Easter Time & May is a month dedicated to Mary the Mother of God – **Monday:** St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop; **Friday:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; **Saturday:** St Justin, martyr. **Sunday Masses:** Preface of Easter V, 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!"*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Monique and Matthew Griffin are presenting their new daughter, Emma Grace, to us this weekend for Baptism. The newest member to belong to our Parish Family of Families.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be conferred by Monsignor Tony Ireland this Friday evening at 7.00pm in our Parish Church. Please continue to keep in your prayers all our Parish Candidates during this last week of their preparation. All welcome!

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 next Sunday only).** Some Parishioners have advised that they would like to contribute (financially) towards a Gift from the Parish. If you would like to do this please put your donation into a well marked sealed envelope and place it into either collection. It will then be tallied and presented to Fr Spierings on the day; *please do not leave it to the last minute to do so.*

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will be celebrated at the 10.30am morning Mass this Sunday.

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve again this Saturday evening on 25th May.

A VOCATION VIEW: If we love, we know the presence of God. Take time to be aware of God's loving presence. Be open to the Holy Spirit. (John 14:23-29)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27) Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you.

NEW ROSTERS: We are putting together new Rosters for the remainder of the year for Ministers of the Word, Eucharist, Welcomers, Church Cleaning and Church Flowers this weekend too. Please add your name to the roster/s that you choose to join and how you want to serve our Parish Community. The Clipboards are on the card table in our Foyer. Thank you!

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

ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL: Thankyou to all who have baked 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 last weekend, raising almost \$2000.

**EACH SUNDAY THROUGH OUR PASCHAL SEASON TO
PENTECOST SUNDAY,** we ask ourselves the question

"What is God asking of us in St Luke's Parish Community at this time?" Each week, we are encouraged to listen to God speaking to us through the changing situations in which the world finds itself. Collectively and individually, we need to become aware of the wonderful ways that the Lord can come into our lives. If we give a little time to God each day, if we can remain completely still for even a short while, we can experience an overpowering desire to share in the loving that is reaching out to us from God.....and then start reaching out ourselves. God wants to share with us more and more of what God has and is.

The Church - you and I together - is primarily a vehicle, a means by which the experience of God's love is extended to the whole world. And, if the Church is to be true to the Spirit, it must remain open to the world for it is the world which, in the words of one theologian, "writes the agenda for the Church".

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

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	25 AND 26 MAY 2019	1 AND 2 JUNE 2019
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Lorraine Kermond	Terry Wells
	10:30 AM	Beryl Chelliah	Kana Chelliah
		Lynda Kilroe-Smith	Jess Kilroe-Smith

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	25 AND 26 MAY 2019	1 AND 2 JUNE 2019
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Mia Perang	Melina Barcellona
	10:30 AM	Kana Chelliah	Beryl Chelliah
		Margaret Gearon	Noelle Hughes/Gus Spierings

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	25 AND 26 MAY 2019	1 AND 2 JUNE 2019
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Terry Wells	John Ryan
	10:30 AM	Marie Pekish	Joe Brogno
		Pamela	Kilroe-Smith Family

SLIDE OPERATORS

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	25 AND 26 MAY 2019	1 AND 2 JUNE 2019
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Choir	Tony Lobo
	10:30 AM	Megan/Darren McLean	Liliana Poropat
		Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

25 MAY 2019
Joan McHugh

1 JUNE 2019

CHURCH CLEANING

1 JUNE 2019
Team 5 (Kellie's Team)
Kellie McCarthy, Emma Brodawka,
Toni Wynne & Daniella
Manolopoulos

MAINTENANCE

1 JUNE 2019
Team 2
Dale Dixon
& Ian Holmes

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The St Vincent de Paul Society is looking for volunteers to join the Blackburn South Conference at St Luke's Parish. We invite you to learn about the ways you can get involved and volunteer to assist those seeking support. Come and See how you can be a part of it, at an information session this Sunday 26th May at 11:30am (after the conclusion of 10:30am Mass), and also 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.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

WE WELCOME ROHAN SMITH, the Member Services representative for Ringwood Region, to our Parish this weekend. He is here to promote the Work of the Society and invite Parishioners to join, enabling their important work to continue in our community.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL POOR BOX: When depositing notes into the box located in our Church foyer, please make sure they go all the way in please.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS TONIGHT 26 MAY 2019: This week on the Journey, our Gospel is John 14:23-29 encourages our belief in the Lord. Mother Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey with reminder of the great companionship that was Guido and Pope St John XXIII, Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent, talks openly about Testing Our Faith and Trish McCarthy urges us to Look Deeper in her Milk and Honey God spot. We are truly lucky to have some wonderfully talented Christian Music artists on our show. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

BRING YOUR PALMS TOGETHER... As we prepare for Pentecost, join Palms Australia to celebrate diversity, cross-cultural understanding, and our Call to peaceful development of global family. Palms Together Thursday June 6th from 5:30pm Irish Times Pub 427 Little Collins St MELBOURNE RSVP by June 2nd to Robert@palms.org.au or call 02 9560 5333 www.palms.org.au

PONDERING GRIEF - SAT 22 JUNE 2019, 10AM-4PM: This Reflection Day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitated by Linda Espie, psychotherapist, supervisor, educator and author with 35 years' experience specialising in loss, grief and trauma. Cost \$80 including materials. Contact Heart of Life: Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Box Hill, tel 03 9890 1101, email holsc@bigpond.com or book and pay online at www.heartoflife.melbourne

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA: On Saturday 8 June, 2019, with the onset of Winter, will host a forum "Homelessness – What can Parishes do?" at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne, from 9.30am-1.00pm. Come and hear what the Australian Bishops have to say about making a home for everyone in our land, what the Christian community is already doing to assist, and join in discussions how you and your parish can help. Cost: \$20, includes lunch. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBQOR>; enquiries to Lucia Brick at lucia.brick@css.org.au, tel 03 9287 5566.

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

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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?

The Holy Spirit will help you

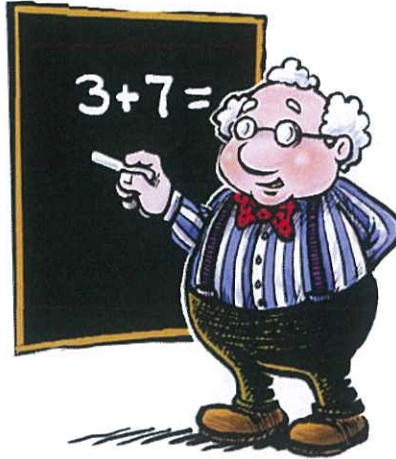
My name is



6th Sunday of Easter, Year C

Below are some of the people we have to obey. Who are they and what sort of things do they ask us to do?

Draw a picture of another person who you obey. How are you obedient?



Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to help us obey him. Write down the things that the Holy Spirit can help you do for Jesus.

What did Jesus tell his disciples about the Holy Spirit? Unscramble the tiles below to reveal his message.

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Hope-in-action and the ministry of leadership

Within the ministry of the Parish Pastoral Council there must be a response to the Holy Spirit's blessing of 'hope in action'. For leadership of its nature guides a community to a place that hasn't been reached yet. It is significant and necessary for the PPC to support and encourage the many other ministries that are currently giving shape and life to the Parish.



And still there is more to do, to achieve, to be if we are truly carrying forward the work of Christ.

What's new in our neighbourhood and in the world that requires a new response and service? Who are our people, and what has changed for them? What about the energy, creativity and passion we see in many aspects of the lives of our young people – how is our Parish community engaging with them, recognizing and respecting their Baptism, developing ministry initiatives and responses?

The ministry of leadership – which is the role of the Parish Pastoral Council – will always both engage with the people and also reach forward so that we are always becoming more and more the Church that we have been baptized and called to be!

Fr. Maurie Cooney

For further information see website:

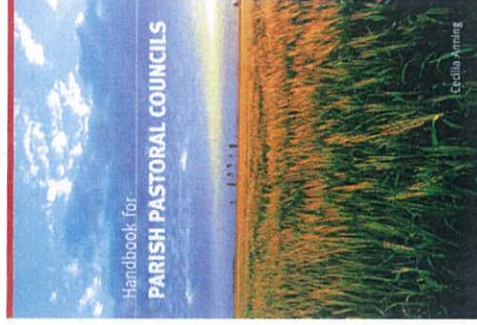
Parish Pastoral Councils
in Australia

www.ppc.catholic.org.au/ppc

An initiative of the
Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

Helpful resource:

Anning, C. (2007) 3rd edition
Handbook for Parish Pastoral Councils



For details of contents, reviews and
online ordering see:
www.bne.catholic.net.au/opc/manual.html

Parish Pastoral Councils



PPC as Ministry

Whose responsibility is it, this Church?

Of course it is God's Church!

And it is also a Church whose people are baptised to carry out the mission of the Church. Vatican 2 teaches that we together are 'the People of God'. Pope John Paul II taught that this 'communion' of people with God is to carry out the mission of the Church: '*Communion and mission are profoundly connected with each other, they interpenetrate and mutually imply each other, to the point that communion represents both the source and the fruit of mission: communion gives rise to mission and mission is accomplished in communion*' [Christifideles Laici, 32].

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist initiate us further into the life of this people of God, and together we carry forward the work of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit [Vat 2, Church in the Modern World,3]. Some aspects of living out this 'communion for mission' are seen in our worship, our proclaiming the transforming message of the Gospel, our developing community life in the Spirit, our serving one another and the world.



And 'ministry'?

This mission of the Church - in which all are to be engaged - is further shaped in various expressions of 'ministry'. Parishes will organise some aspects of their life and mission. One way of speaking of ministry is this: those public activities which are undertaken in the name of the Parish community by a baptized person appointed to that service with a view to carrying out the Church's mission.

Ministries 'carry forward the work of Christ' in an organized way, with clear direction and purpose, in cooperation with others, within the vision of the Parish in collaboration with the appointed leadership of the Parish.

So there are many 'ministries'?

Yes! Think of those many expressions in your own Parish - planned, appointed, accountable, collaborative within the overall mission: for example -

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Baptism preparation
- RCIA team
- Teaching
- Catechists
- St Vincent de Paul
- Liturgy planning
- Lectors
- Extraordinary ministers of Eucharist
- Visitation of the Sick
- Care and Outreach
- Adult education
- Family support
- Youth engagement
- Prayer group
- and many, many more

Parish Pastoral Council as ministry

The PPC will be an effective ministry for the Parish when it applies to itself the criteria of ministry - accepting humbly and with conviction the role that is asked, being clear about the vision for the mission of the Parish, being purposeful in its discussions, deliberations, decisions and advice within this vision,

providing for its continuing formation, being open and engaged in its relationship with the rest of the Parish. This ministry of leadership is a vital catalyst for the mission of the Church as lived in the Parish!



Parish Pastoral Council and other ministries

One of the key roles of the PPC - in its advice to and in collaboration with the Parish Priest - is to support the other ministries in the Parish, to encourage them, to assist their continuing formation, to initiate new ministries.

The role of the PPC is to have an overview of the Parish, to develop the vision for the mission of the Church in the Parish, to plan for the continuing growth of the Parish, to advise on the arrangements that need to be in place so that the ministries can properly fulfil their roles. The PPC itself will model this dynamic in its own prayer, continuing formation, accountability, collaboration, planning, action - and its joy in commitment to the mission of 'carrying forward the work of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit'.