

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2019
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – YEAR C

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

This week's readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Gospel Luke 24:46-53

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: The author of the gospel of Luke is also recognised as the author of the Acts of the Apostles. The works are regarded as originally being intended as a two volume single work sometimes referred to as Luke-Acts. Their separation occurred in the development of the canon of the Bible. In today's gospel and first reading we get the very end of the first volume and the very beginning of the second volume of the Luke-Acts work – the very point of intersection between the two books. The gospel of Luke is the only one of the four canonical gospels that describes the Ascension of Jesus and, to reiterate it, the writer begins with the same event at the beginning of Acts.

If we regard the two volumes of Luke-Acts as a single work, we see the events as all part of the one story. The life and ministry of Jesus is only the first half of the story. The story continues through the Book of Acts as the disciples and believers enter into a new way of witnessing to the ministry of Jesus – attempting to take on that ministry themselves and spread the message even further than Jesus was able to do in his life. Seen in this light, the gospel account of Jesus' ministry establishes a model and a pattern for the ministry that the followers of Jesus seek to emulate in their own lives after his Ascension. The Ascension is the pivotal event between the two volumes but it was also the pivotal event in the ministry of Jesus. The Ascension, and the subsequent events of Pentecost, was essential for the shift in emphasis from the ministry being carried on by Jesus to the same ministry carried on by millions of people throughout time.

Scriptural context – Luke-Acts: The two works of Luke and Acts, ascribed to the same writer, are both addressed to the same person, Theophilus. However, the Greek name, Theophilus, means 'Friend of God' or 'Beloved of God'. Theophilus may have been a particular person or may have been a literary device by the author – using the name to imply that the books were written to any 'Friend of God'. There is a common style employed in the writing of the two works and a common theology runs through both works and it is these commonalities that lead scholars to conclude that the two works share the same author.

Gospel Focus – A message for all people: One of the defining features of the Gospel of Luke is the fact that the message preached and practised by Jesus made salvation available to all people. At times in the gospel some of the Jewish audience became quite angry at Jesus because he said that pagans and gentiles were also included in the salvation he promised – something they regarded as exclusive to the 'chosen' people. The two accounts of the Ascension make very clear that the message and ministry of Jesus are to be carried to *all* nations – even to the ends of the earth!

Living the Gospel – You will be my witnesses: Organisers of the twenty-third World Youth Day hosted by Sydney in 2008 took as its theme verse 8 of the passage from Acts 1 that is today's first reading: 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses.' The choice of this theme for a worldwide gathering of young people of faith is a significant reminder of the call of Jesus to go out to the ends of the earth and to bear witness to his message. These are the final words on earth attributed to Jesus and they echo to us through time.

Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all peoples my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation: Behold I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Communion antiphon: Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins, is seated for ever at God's right hand, alleluia.

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Catholic Parish
Blackburn South**
Being the Good News ...

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Whitehorse Deanery
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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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Parish Priest

Sonya O'Farrell
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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, Nadia Tarquino and Keith Yelland and those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Maisie Cherril, Bernard Harrington, John Downie, James Fogarty, Pius and Irene Pereira, may they rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: This weekend marks the end of National Reconciliation Week and the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – please keep these intentions in your prayers. **Monday:** St Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs; **Wednesday:** St Boniface, bishop, martyr; **Thursday:** St Norbert, bishop; St Marcellin Champagnat, religious; **Sunday Masses:** Preface of Ascension I, Eucharistic Prayer I. Eucharistic Acclamation No. I.

CONGRATLATIONS to all our young Parishioners who celebrated and received their Sacrament of First Reconciliation or Sacrament of Confirmation recently. Be assured of our ongoing prayerful support as you grow and mature into Adult Members of our Parish Community and the Church.

FR TONY SPIERINGS P.E.: On behalf of the Parishioners we are delighted to welcome Fr Tony Spierings back to our Parish for the celebration of his Golden Jubilee of Ministerial Priesthood with his Family and Friends; what a milestone – **CONGRATULATIONS** from all of us! Our tallied contributions will be presented to Fr Spierings during refreshments in our Parish Hall after Mass as a gesture of our esteem.

APOSTLES CREED: We'll proclaim this Creed at Sunday Mass until Pentecost Sunday as a way of familiarising ourselves with this aspect of our tradition.

MECWACARE FIRST FRIDAY MASS occurs next Friday, 7 June at 10.30am @ 13-25 Strabane Avenue Mont Albert North Vic 3129. **Parishioners are welcome to attend.** Please sign in at the Reception Desk.

A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus promised his disciples that they would be clothed in power from God. As a follower of Jesus, you are also given that same promise. Pray for the grace to be a faithful witness. (Luke 24:46-53)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."* (Revelations 22:13) This is a reminder of how we ought live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and Parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; faith influences how I make all my daily decisions.

NEW ROSTERS: As you know we are putting together new Rosters for the remainder of the year for Ministers of the Word, *(we require more Parishioners for this Roster please, for more Parishioners means less repetition of the Roster)*, Church Cleaning and Church Flowers this weekend too. Please add your name to the respective 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!

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve again on Saturdays 15th and 29th June.

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 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.

Jesus totally replaced the old way, the old covenant. The place where God is, is the new Holy of Holies. Jesus is the curtain through which we, all of us sharing in the priesthood of Christ, have access to that presence. That is the meaning of the Ascension, which we celebrate today. The disciples and each of us have a new lesson to learn; they will not now find Jesus in the sky, in "heaven" or for us in the Church building. The Jesus they knew before the crucifixion has left them for good. They have to go back to Jerusalem. There, through the outpouring of the Spirit of the Father and Jesus on them, they will begin to understand and grow in understanding. If they want to find Jesus, they will find him in the Christian community, in those they mix with every day of their lives and so will we.

Every time they receive the love of a brother, it is the presence of Jesus. Every time they share their love with a brother or sister, they are making Jesus present to that person. They – and we – are to be Jesus in this world. We are to be the visible presence of Jesus.

When people see me, do they see Jesus? When people see me, do they want to know Jesus? When people see me, do they want to join our community, share our life, and take the Gospel as the foundation of their life? That is the meaning of the Ascension.

Today, we gather here to remind ourselves that when Jesus left, he gave us a very important mission. That mission was and is to continue his loving and redemptive presence in the world. Let us ask him today to help us, together with him, to carry out that mission in the way he wants.

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

1 AND 2 JUNE 2019

SATURDAY 6:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM
10:30 AM

Terry Wells
Kana Chelliah
Jess Kilroe-Smith

8 AND 9 JUNE 2019

Shirley Prabha
Melina Barcellona
Sonya O'Farrell

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

1 AND 2 JUNE 2019

SATURDAY 6:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM
10:30 AM

Melina Barcellona
Beryl Chelliah
Noelle Hughes/Gus Spierings

8 AND 9 JUNE 2019

Bernie Brennan
Godfrey Thong
Genevieve Hemsley

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

1 AND 2 JUNE 2019

SATURDAY 6:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM
10:30 AM

John Ryan
Joe Brogno
Kilroe-Smith Family

8 AND 9 JUNE 2019

Rita Gibb
Don McKenzie
Dixon Family

SLIDE OPERATORS

1 AND 2 JUNE 2019

SATURDAY 6:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:30 AM
10:30 AM

Tony Lobo
Liliana Poropat
Manny Gonzalez

8 AND 9 JUNE 2019

David Prabha
Megan & Darren McLean
Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

1 JUNE 2019
Joan McHugh

8 JUNE 2019
TBA

CHURCH CLEANING

8 JUNE 2019
Team 6 (Sonya's Team)
Sonya O'Farrell, Rose Knight,
Joe Brogno & Shirley Prabha

MAINTENANCE

15 JUNE 2019
Team 3
Joe Brogno
& Tavite Mafi

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 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 back this Saturday evening who is the Member Services Representative for Ringwood Region.

UPDATE TO THE PROCESS OF APPOINTING OUR NEXT PRINCIPAL: Families, Students, Staff and Parishioners will no doubt have seen the advertisement for the Position of Principal for our Parish School recently. It indicated that applications closed on 13th May 2019. Now that all the applications have been received and vetted, you will be pleased to know that the process continues. The next steps in the process are to organise a time for the Panel to meet to discuss the Applicants. Then arrange a day and to offer times to the Applicants who have applied for the position, to be interviewed by the Panel. Mr Rob Scanlon (from CEM) will supervise these steps and they will occur sometime between now and the end of this Term. Gentle regards, Fr Gerard

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS TONIGHT 2 JUNE 2019:

This week on the Journey, our Gospel is Luke 24:46-53. Mother Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey with a reminder to Make it Easy, Sam Clear in his Walking in the Walk God spot encourages Unity, and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy shares the joy of Sharing Faith. Our music selection just seems to get better and better every week with amazing Christian music artists worldwide. 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

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

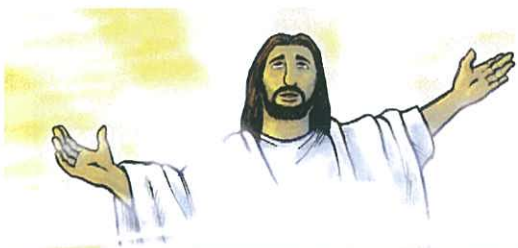
For Assistance: 1800 305 330

(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?

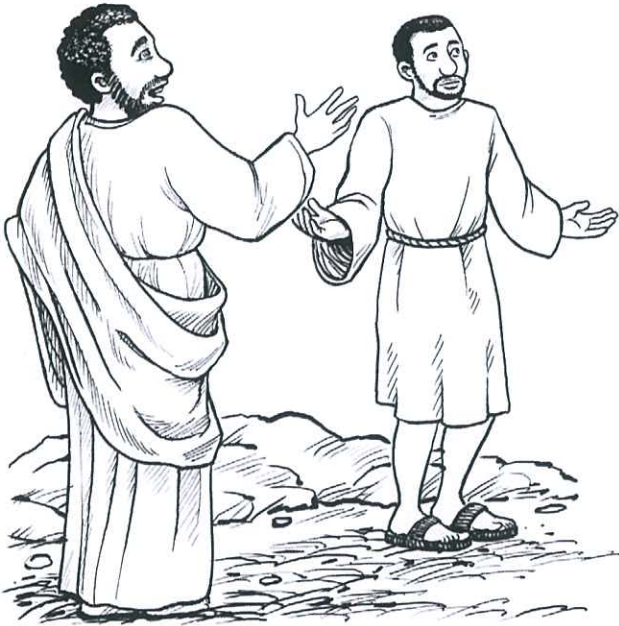


Jesus was taken up to heaven

My name is

Ascension, Year C

Draw Jesus ascending into heaven.



Even though Jesus ascended into heaven he is always with us. Complete the sentences below.

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....



ASCENSION

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