

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2019
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – YEAR C

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

This week’s readings: Prov 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Gospel John 16:12-15

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: In the Gospel of John, today’s reading appears as part of the rather lengthy Last Supper discourse that runs from chapter 13 to chapter 17. The discourse is a centrepiece of this particular gospel. In it, Jesus speaks a number of times about the coming of the Holy Spirit. The portion that makes up today’s reading comes from a slightly longer passage about the sending of the Spirit (16:4-15). Throughout the Last Supper discourse, the Holy Spirit is identified as Gift and Love. The Spirit is the Gift that will be sent by the Father and by the Son so that the world may continue to experience the Love of the Father and the Son. In the discourse, Jesus calls on the disciples to love one another with the same love that they had experienced from him – the love of God. To assist the disciples to continue to love with the same love of God and Jesus, the Spirit is sent to them. The Holy Spirit is the lasting expression of the divine love that had previously been experienced through the Father and the Son. The discourse makes it very clear that the Spirit will continue the work of Jesus. Today’s passage has Jesus saying to the disciples that there is still so much that he has to say to them, to teach them. But the disciples are not ready to receive everything in the time that Jesus has remaining. So to continue the teaching of Jesus and to continue the expression of Love, the Father and the Son will send the Spirit. It was the sending of the Spirit that we celebrated last week in the feast of Pentecost and it is the unity of Father, Son and Spirit that we celebrate this week in Trinity Sunday.

Historical Context – The Nicene Creed: The definitive statement of Christian belief is contained within the Nicene Creed that is proclaimed by the community in the Mass. It was developed by the Council of Nicea, held in 325, in response to a variety of teachings (some declared to be heresy) that were circulating at the time and the creed was further revised in 381. The creed declares that Jesus is ‘God from God, light from light, true God from true God ... of one being with the Father’ and that the Holy Spirit ‘proceeds from the Father and the Son’. All of these statements seek to define the oneness of the Trinitarian God.

Have you thought? Spoken through the prophets: One Creedal statement about the Holy Spirit is that ‘He has spoken through the prophets’. This statement of Christian belief is to reaffirm that the Spirit has played a role throughout human history and did not ‘come into being’ at Pentecost. In fact, a translation of the opening lines of Genesis reads, ‘and the Spirit of God hovered over the waters’. Although the Old Testament emphasises God the Creator, or the Father, the gospels emphasise the role of Jesus, the Son and the New Testament writings emphasise the work of the Spirit, all three expressions of God’s loving presence are beyond the limits of time and place.

Living the Gospel – Trinity: Every time we make the sign of the cross we reaffirm our belief in a God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although some people have difficulties with the gender-specific language of ‘Father’ and ‘Son’ and look for other ways to express this reality, all Christian people profess a belief in the one God who is experienced in three distinct ways. We are baptised ‘in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit’ and we remind ourselves of this reality when we pray and when we bless ourselves or others.

Raise your voices ...Entrance Antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Response to the Psalm: O Lord our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was and who is to come. 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: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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Catholic Parish
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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
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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, Bernardine O'Meara, Sebastian Pinto, Dilip Battul and Nadia Tarquino and those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently, especially Patricia McArdle, Marietta Palomares, Kathleen Canavan and Christopher Joseph Stephens and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Veronica Downie, may they rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Wednesday:** St Romuald, abbot; **Friday:** St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious; **Saturday:** St John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs; St Paulinus of Nola, bishop. **Sunday Masses:** Preface of the Holy Trinity, Eucharistic Prayer III. Eucharistic Acclamation No. III.

(ORDINARY TIME) CREED: Now back to the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

A VOCATION VIEW: The love of God is being poured forth into our hearts. Open yourself to receive and share that love. Be open to God calling you to spread love through a Church vocation. (Romans 5:1-5)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth..." (John 16:13) Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know and live the truth. To prepare ourselves, we need to open our hearts to receive this gift before we can give it. Develop a daily prayer routine. Talk and listen to the Holy Spirit. This is best done in silence, when we can hear His response.

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve again this Saturday 15th and Saturday 29th June.

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

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 UPDATE: In October 2020, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Plenary Council to be held since the second Vatican Council. In 2018, the entire People of God in Australia began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God, by listening to one another's stories of faith.

More than 222,000 people participated in listening and dialogue encounters and contributed 17,457 submissions during the first stage of preparation for the Australian Plenary Council.

The voices of the faithful help all of us to understand something of the historical experience and the current reality of the Catholic Church in Australia. This gathered data also reveals some deeper hopes and questions, and the diverse yearnings, that we are now challenged to consider together.

The **six National Themes for Discernment** are inspired by the data and call us toward the future. As we move into this second stage of preparation for the Plenary Council, we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

In coming months, through **the discernment process** and drawing on the six National Themes for Discernment identified below, we will develop the agenda for the first session of the Plenary Council.

This discernment process will involve establishing **Working Groups** for each National Theme for Discernment. Also, people in faith communities across Australia will be called to participate locally in their own communal Listening and Discernment encounters.

The fruits of what is discerned during this time will shape **the agenda of the first session** of the Plenary Council in October 2020. **How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred**

Church that is:

- **Missionary and Evangelising**
- **Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal**
- **Prayerful and Eucharistic**
- **Humble, Healing and Merciful**
- **A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community**
- **Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform**

For further information please visit: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

WE CARE – RESPONDING TO THE VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING ACT:

From the earliest times, Christ's followers have set themselves apart by their care of the vulnerable (Acts 4:34). On 19 June 2019, the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act* (VAD) comes into effect. It legalises euthanasia and assisted suicide. Despite what the law may say, our Christian tradition affirms that every life, including those of the sick and suffering, is sacred. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are never part of end of life care. Pope Francis has encouraged Catholics everywhere to resist euthanasia and to protect the old, the young and the vulnerable from being cast aside in a "throw-away culture." We are called to follow Christ by accompanying people with compassion, sharing hope not fear. The Bishops of the Catholic dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst, echoing Pope Francis, have published a pastoral letter including practical guidance on ways we can be conscientious objectors to euthanasia. Copies of the Pastoral Letter are available online: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia and on our Church notice-table in the foyer this weekend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2019 WINTER APPEAL will take place next weekend 22nd/23rd June at all Parish Masses here at Saint Luke's.

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

	15 AND 16 JUNE 2019	22 AND 23 JUNE 2019
SATURDAY	6:00 PM Olive Hammill	Ian Holmes
SUNDAY	8:30 AM Megan McLean	Beryl Chelliah
	10:30 AM Jenny Dixon	Margaret Gearon

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

	15 AND 16 JUNE 2019	22 AND 23 JUNE 2019
SATURDAY	6:00 PM Shirley Prabha	Tony Lobo
SUNDAY	8:30 AM Rosemary Donaldson	Darren McLean
	10:30 AM Marg Yore	Elizabeth Dixon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

	15 AND 16 JUNE 2019	22 AND 23 JUNE 2019
SATURDAY	6:00 PM Greg Grant	Lorraine Kermond
SUNDAY	8:30 AM Rita Gibb	Marie Pekish
	10:30 AM Mary Taranto	Margaret Gearon

SLIDE OPERATORS

	15 AND 16 JUNE 2019	22 AND 23 JUNE 2019
SATURDAY	6:00 PM Choir	David Prabha
SUNDAY	8:30 AM Anthony Fernandez	Rosemary Donaldson
	10:30 AM Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

15 JUNE 2019
Lesley Cormick & Rebecca
22 JUNE 2019
Joan & Brian McHugh

CHURCH CLEANING

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

MAINTENANCE

22 JUNE 2019
Team 4
Frank Melville, Rodney Caple
& Danny Nolan

FOR PARISHIONERS UNABLE TO BE WITH US LAST WEEKEND

please find on our Church notice-table copies of the recently collated responses to "What else can we do" & "What can we do better". Released on Pentecost Sunday 2019 for WE have reflected, distilled, discerned and are now setting our agenda and steering the course (of action) with what has emerged, for the next part of our journey together.

NEXT SERIES OF ROSTERS are now available for Parishioners who have signed up to be on them in these ways. They can be picked up on your way home this weekend after any Mass from the trestle in our Church foyer. Thankyou for being of service and giving witness to us in these diverse ways.

MEMORIAL WALL PLAQUES ON OUR PARISH MEMORIAL WALL, PARISH

MEMORIAL GARDEN: Any Parishioner and/or Parish Family wanting to remember a Loved One(s) in this way is invited to make contact with Sonya in our Parish Office **asadp**. An order is about to be placed for plaques already requested and then they will all be ready for installation before November this year, the month we traditionally remember those who have died.

OUR PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEW SENSORY GARDEN: Parishioners will be pleased to know that our School's Parent's Association has been fund-raising these past couple of years and negotiating the installation of a new Sensory Garden in our School. The Proposed Plan is on our Church noticeboard in our foyer and if you have any inquiries please contact Paul Sell or Belinda Rose through our Parish School.

UPDATE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR NEXT PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL: We are waiting on formal ratification from the Archbishop of the Panel's recommended applicant to this position. As soon as the formal ratification is granted, the identity of the successful applicant can be revealed and all will know who will be leading our Parish Primary School into the foreseeable future.

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

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ST. THOMAS' PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP WILL CONDUCT AN

"ASYLUM SEEKER AND REFUGEE CANDLELIGHT PRAYER SERVICE" at St. Thomas' Church (57 Central Road, Blackburn) on Saturday June 22nd at 4.30pm. This is to advocate and pray for a 'FAIR PROCESS FOR PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM' The prayer service will last for about 30mins. All are welcome"

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

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

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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

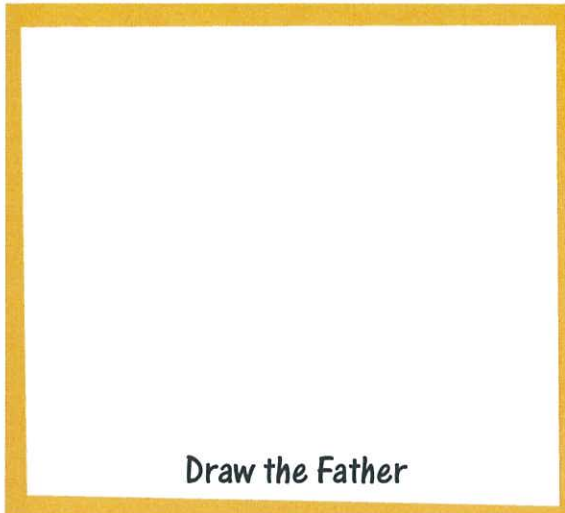
RECRUITMENT NOTICE:

*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 Spirit brings glory to Christ and the Father

Trinity Sunday, Year C



Draw the Father

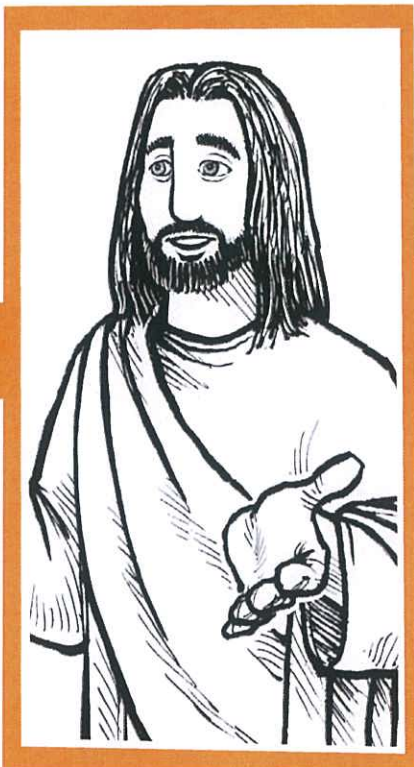
God - The father

Creator of all things.
Loves each of us.
Sent his only beloved son to save us.

God - The Son

What do you know about Jesus?

Four horizontal lines for writing.



Draw the Holy Spirit

God - The Holy Spirit

Guided the prophets.
Strengthened the members of the early church.
Helps us all today.

Jesus told his disciples how the Holy Spirit would bring glory to the Father and the Son. What things can you do to bring glory to God?

Three empty rectangular boxes for writing.

The Spirit shows what is true

Write down whether these statements are true or false

- God created the world in eight days.
- God the Father loves us so much that he gave us his only Son.
- Jesus was baptised by John the Evangelist.
- Jesus died so that we may have eternal life.
- The disciples received the Holy Spirit on Easter Monday.
- The Holy Spirit allowed the disciples to speak in many different languages.