

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2019 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – YEAR C

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

This week's readings: Gen 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Gospel Luke 9:11-17

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates the central celebration of Christianity – the Eucharist. All three readings relate to this Eucharistic theme. In the second reading, we have the first written account of the Last Supper and what came to be seen as Jesus instigating the Eucharist. Paul's account, written well before the gospels, was entrenched in the tradition by the time the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke echoed these words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Of course, it is these same words that are spoken by the priest at the consecration in the Eucharistic Prayer each Mass. The words used today are the very same words that have been used in the Church for two millennia.

Rather than a gospel account of the Last Supper to celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we are presented with what is widely regarded as another 'eucharistic' story from the gospel of Luke. The feeding of the five thousand with five loaves and two fish is regarded as a eucharistic story because it was a clear example of God's presence in a miraculous meal. All of the meal stories in the gospel of Luke are instructive for the audience. Whenever the gospel writer refers to a meal, the meal is used to teach about the reign of God. The gospel writer uses meals to demonstrate who is welcome in the reign of God. Like in today's gospel, the author of Luke's gospel was keen to show that the reign of God is available to anyone who wishes to be a part of it. The reign of God is inclusive and welcoming; no one will be turned away.

Historical context – Table fellowship: In 1st Century Palestine, who you shared a meal with was a very political act. Your status in society was judged by who you kept company with and particularly with whom you shared food. At times, Jesus broke these rules and practised open table fellowship – sharing meals with people of all stations in life and often being criticised for his actions by the Scribes and Pharisees. Part of Jesus' open table fellowship meant that he also ate with dignitaries and religious leaders, but he used these occasions to remind them of the inclusive message of God that they were ignoring.

Gospel focus – Give them something yourselves: In the gospel, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away to find food for themselves. Jesus tells the disciples, "Give them something to eat yourselves." This is a challenge and a test of the disciples – a chance for them to be like Jesus. He calls them to act with compassion and do what he would do to feed the people. But the disciples fail to grasp either his meaning or the opportunity and the miracle is left to Jesus. Jesus believed that they could feed the people if they tried but the disciples didn't have that same faith in themselves.

Have you thought – Twelve baskets? The gospel passage tells us that after the five thousand people had eaten as much as they wanted, the remaining scraps filled twelve baskets. What is significant about twelve baskets of left-overs? Twelve was an important number – it represented the twelve tribes of Israel. Whenever the gospels mention twelve things they are symbolically talking about the nation of Israel. In this case, the message is that no matter how many people feast on the message of Jesus and accept the reign of God, there will still be enough to 'feed' the twelve tribes of Israel. No one need be left out!

Raise your voices ...Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Response to the Psalm: You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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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
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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, Bernardine O'Meara and Nadia Tarquino 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 June Francis and Enda Hardiman, may they rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Monday:** The Nativity of St John the Baptist; **Thursday:** St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor; **Friday:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; **Saturday:** Sts Peter and Paul, apostles. **Sunday Masses for Corpus Christi:** Preface of Holy Eucharist I-II, Eucharistic Prayer I. Eucharistic Acclamation No. 1.

RITE OF RECEPTION AND WELCOME: Rosette and Lenny Soro are presenting their new son, Luke John, to us this weekend who will be Named for the first time in our Parish Family, Received and Welcomed. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus asked, "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" What do you have to offer to the hungry world? (Luke 9:11-17)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets." (Luke 9:17) The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when we share what we have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! God blesses all the gifts we offer and makes them wondrous.

OUR PARISH SCHOOL CHOIR joins us this weekend for the 10.30am Sunday morning Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will be held next Sunday morning, 30th June, during the 10.30am Sunday morning Mass.

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve again on Saturday 29th June.

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

UPDATE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR NEXT PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:

Ratification from the Archbishop of the Panel's recommended applicant to this position came through last Tuesday afternoon. I am pleased to announce that the next Principal of Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Primary School is **Mrs Liz Sullivan**. Liz has 30 years' experience in Catholic Education in a range of classroom and leadership roles. She is currently Deputy Principal and Student Wellbeing Leader at St. Mary's Parish School, Greensborough. Liz has worked in several schools in the east, outer east and north eastern zones bringing a broad range of experience to the role of Principal. She has three adult children and three grandchildren and plays an active role in their lives. Liz is excited at the prospect of meeting and getting to know us all, and very much looking forward to working with the community of St. Luke the Evangelist on our journey of learning together. As Liz is coming from another School where she is currently the Deputy Principal, it is anticipated that Liz will be joining us full time from the beginning of Term 4 this year. I am grateful to all the members of the Panel who have worked so diligently for this outcome. Our Parish Primary School will continue to be in good hands into the future, for the work that Mr Ed Weekes, our Leadership Team and the current Staff have accomplished this year carries on the reputation our School has for best practice and its' resilience. Fr Gerard P.P.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2019 WINTER APPEAL will take place this weekend 22nd/23rd June at all Parish Masses here at Saint Luke's. The third collection will take place after Holy Communion. Envelopes have been provided for anyone wanting a receipt for tax purposes. Please write legibly so Receipts can be processed expeditiously. If you do not require a receipt please place your financial contribution into the third collection this weekend.

THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MIGRANT & REFUGEE OFFICE invites you to join us on 5-7 August 2019 for the 6th National Conference on Missionary Clergy and Religious in Australia: Challenges and Opportunities. The National Conference begins with Mass at 5:10pm, 5 August 2019 at St Stephen's Cathedral, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane, followed by the *Ninth Bishop Joe Grech Memorial Colloquium on Ethics and Migration*, beginning at 7pm, which will be held at Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre - 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Attendance at this is optional. Conference registration will open at 8:15am on the Tuesday, with proceedings beginning at 9.00am to 5:30pm. The Conference will unfold over two days: Tuesday and Wednesday. For more details please visit the following website:

<https://acbcagora.force.com/events/s/lt-event?id=a430K00000hUXBQA2#Overview>

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM - AIRS 23 JUNE 2019: As always, these notices are one week in advance. This week on the Journey, you will hear a short reflection from Fr Mark after our Gospel reading of Luke 9:11-17. We have some of your favorites Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, Mother Hilda and her wise words from the Abbey and our very own Pete Gilmore talking a big game New Testament. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be sent to you each week as a podcast via email.

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>22 AND 23 JUNE 2019</u>	<u>29 AND 30 JUNE 2019</u>
SATURDAY 6:00 PM	Olive Hammill	Ian Holmes
SUNDAY 8:30 AM	Melina Barcellona	Engelina Nyhuis
10:30 AM	Margaret Gearon	Mike Yore

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

	<u>22 AND 23 JUNE 2019</u>	<u>29 AND 30 JUNE 2019</u>
SATURDAY 6:00 PM	Tony Lobo	Bernie Brennan
SUNDAY 8:30 AM	Darren McLean	Melina Barcellona
10:30 AM	Elizabeth Dixon	Dale Dixon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

	<u>22 AND 23 JUNE 2019</u>	<u>29 AND 30 JUNE 2019</u>
SATURDAY 6:00 PM	Lorraine Kermond	Terry Wells
SUNDAY 8:30 AM	Marie Pekish	Don McKenzie
10:30 AM	Margaret Gearon	John Logiusto

SLIDE OPERATORS

	<u>22 AND 23 JUNE 2019</u>	<u>29 AND 30 JUNE 2019</u>
SATURDAY 6:00 PM	David Prabha	Choir
SUNDAY 8:30 AM	Rosemary Donaldson	Liliana Poropat
10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

22 JUNE 2019
Joan & Brian McHugh
29 JUNE 2019
Kate Skowronska

CHURCH CLEANING

29 JUNE 2019
Team 1 (Val's Team)
Val Fogarty, Jim Fogarty,
Megan McLean & Anthony
Fernandez

MAINTENANCE

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

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.

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

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?*

Jesus feeds us so we can feed others

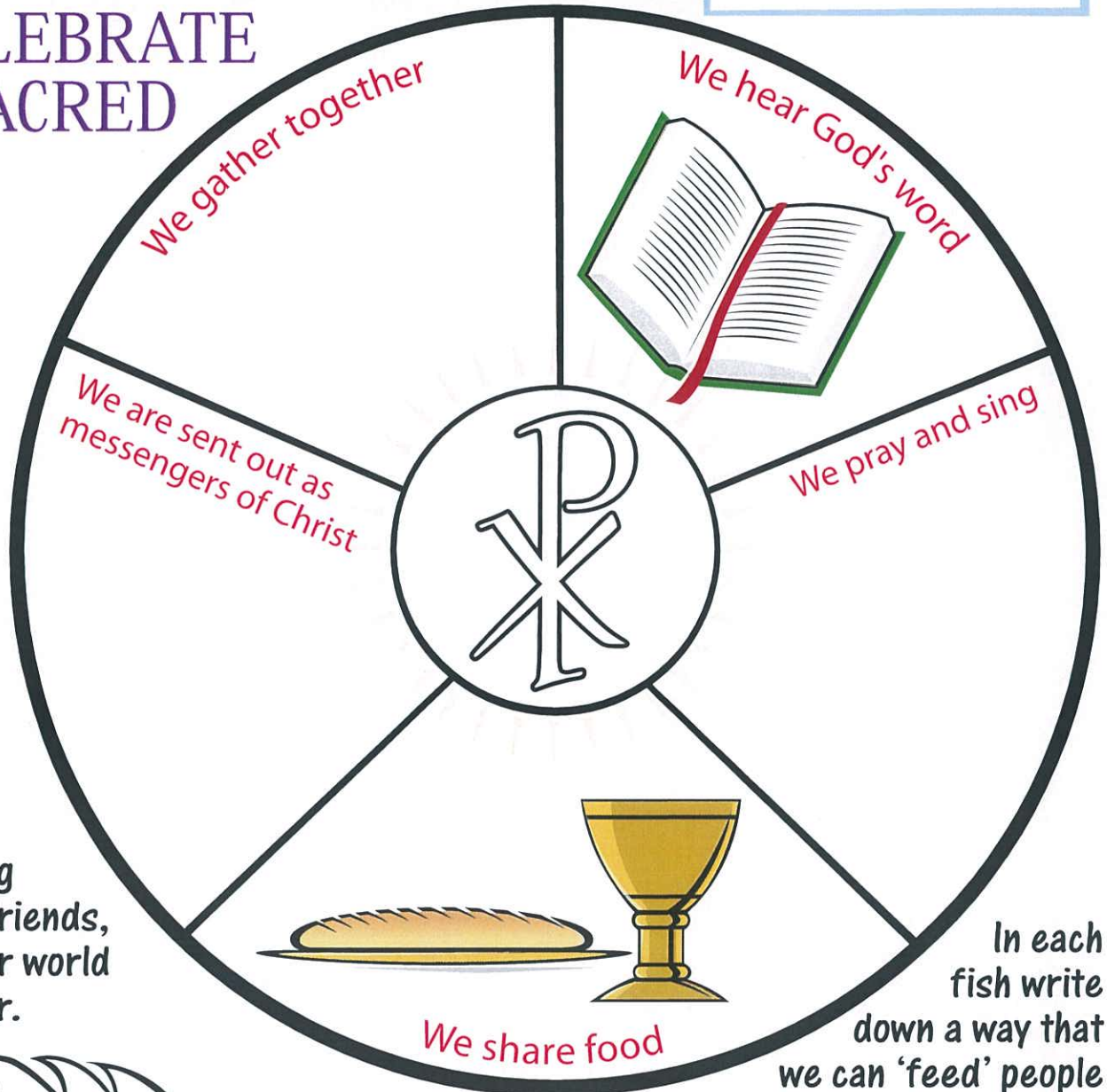


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WE CELEBRATE THIS SACRED MEAL

Draw some of the things we do at mass.

Jesus feeds us when we are hungry. Write in each loaf something that we, our friends, families or our world are hungry for.



In each fish write down a way that we can 'feed' people as Jesus did.

Peace

