

# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2019**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

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

*This week's readings: 1 Kg 19:16, 19-21; 1 Gal 5:1, 13-18; Gospel Luke 9:51-62*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** This passage marks a turning point in the gospel of Luke. It is the commencement of Jesus' journey towards Jerusalem and we are told that he resolutely takes that road (or in some translations, he resolutely 'sets his face' towards Jerusalem). Earlier in this chapter, we have heard Peter's confession of faith, seen the Transfiguration and heard Jesus predict his death. Today's passage begins the second half of the gospel of Luke and it is clear from this point forward that there is no turning back for Jesus. This passage is a difficult one on first reading; the second half of it seems to paint a picture of an unsympathetic and uncompromising Jesus. However, in the light of its positioning as the beginning of the second half of the gospel – the beginning of the end – it takes on more significance. Firstly, the incident of rejection in Samaria allows Jesus to make very clear that he will never resort to violence as a solution to any problem. The reaction of the disciples seems a bit extreme as a response to an inhospitable action! Jesus' rebuke to them reminds us that what he has offered all along is an invitation that was open to all – if some don't accept the invitation you can't call fire down on them from above!

The three vignettes make plain the urgency and demanding nature of Jesus' mission. He and his followers are constantly on the move and have no room for comforts and cosy beds. The second and third pieces contrast directly with the story from today's first reading. The message of Jesus is that the work of the Kingdom is even more important than duty to family and duty to the dead. Once he has set his face towards Jerusalem and his own death, there is no turning back – he is absolutely committed to his mission.

**Scriptural context – Hard sayings:** Today's gospel can be seen as falling into a category of gospel passages that are often referred to as the 'hard sayings' of Jesus. These hard sayings are often confronting and even offensive to the audience – particularly a modern one. The harshness of the language and sentiment seems to jar with our image of the compassionate Jesus. Yet, these challenging teachings remind us of the hard edge that is contained within Christian beliefs and teachings. They call for strength in the face of overwhelming odds and commitment even in the face of custom and family loyalties. **Historical Context – Q:** The three short sayings that make up the second half of today's gospel also appear in the gospel of Matthew and in the non-canonical gospel of Thomas. All three of these texts used a collection of sayings of Jesus as a source for their writing. This source is known simply by the German word for source, *Quelle*, or more commonly by the letter Q. The existence of the sayings gospel of Q has been deduced by use of source criticism, which seeks to better understand a text by understanding the sources used in its construction.

**Have you thought? – No looking back:** 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' This seemingly uncompromising position by Jesus is a call to set our eyes clearly on the establishment of the Kingdom. If we look back – if we have doubts and want to return to the world of comfort and injustice – then we are not yet ready for the difficulties of bringing about the Kingdom of God. It reminds us that although God invites us all to enter into the Kingdom, we have to make ourselves ready in our own hearts and minds to want to be part of the Kingdom.

## **Raise your voices ...**

**Entrance Antiphon:** All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**Response to the Psalm:** You are my inheritance, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Eucharistic Acclamation:** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.



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*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**

**10.00am - 2.00pm**

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**SUNDAY MASS**

Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm  
Sunday - 8:30am & 10:30am

**WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY:**

**Tues. @ 11.00am &  
Thurs. @ 9:00am**

Rosary prayed after Weekday Mass  
times as listed above. All welcome.

**RECONCILIATION  
Saturday 9.30am & 5.30pm**

**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION**

*In recess this week.*

**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, especially Fr Ignacy Smaga SChr and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Pius Anthony Godwin, may they rest in peace.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time **Wednesday:** St Thomas, apostle; **Thursday:** St Elizabeth of Portugal; **Friday:** St Anthony Zaccaria, priest; **Saturday:** St Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr; BVM. **Sunday Masses:** Sunday Preface, Eucharistic Prayer II. Eucharistic Acclamation No. II.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Rosette and Lenny Soro are presenting their new son, Luke John, to us this weekend for Baptism. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

**PLEASE MAKE WELCOME** Fr Jim Staunton P.E. this week on Tuesday and Thursday for weekday Mass.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Choose to follow Jesus wherever he goes. To say "yes" without hesitation requires great trust. The reign of God needs servants to trust. (Luke 9:51-62)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love." (Galatians 5:13) We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to "live the good life." But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God's work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** will be held this Sunday morning, 30<sup>th</sup> June, during the 10.30am Sunday morning Mass.

**CONGRATUALIONS TO OUR ST LUKE'S ROSELLAS GREEN TEAM** who won their Netball Grand Final Saturday morning this weekend.

**THE 6PM CHOIR** will serve again this Saturday evening 29<sup>th</sup> June and Saturdays 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July.

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

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2019 WINTER APPEAL:** The Local Conference of St Vincent de Paul thanks each and every Parishioner who supported their Winter Appeal held in our Parish last weekend. The Appeal raised \$1601.50 that will go towards a 'hand up' to many members of our local community who call on the local Conference for help, especially this time of the year.

**PARISHIONERS** will be happy to know that Mr Ed Weekes, who has been our Deputy Principal of our Parish Primary School for nearly three years (*next month*) and more recently our Acting Principal, has accepted an appointment to be the next Principal at Sacred Heart Parish Primary School Kew. Our thanks to him for his dedicated contribution towards best practice and resilience here as our Acting Principal for the most part of the 2019 School year and we wish him all the very best for the challenges that await him in Kew as Principal when he begins there in Term 4 this year.

**PRUNING IN JUNE:** Parishioners will hopefully have noticed that our Roses have been seasonally pruned. The person who has done this work has advised that they would be happy to continue to do it and have recommended that for our Roses to survive, then how they are pruned makes all the difference - for regular blooms and their longevity.

**STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** met again this past week on Thursday evening. We discussed

the material that has emerged from our work on answering the question "What is the Spirit saying to the Church in Australia and Blackburn South" for the *Plenary Council 2020 Parish feedback*, Parishioners' responses to "What are we doing well" during Lent, Parishioners' responses to "What else can we do & What can we do better" during Paschal time. We discussed a draft Charter that outlines: **Role Of The Parish Pastoral Council, Profile Of Pastoral Council Members, Membership And Operation, Conduct Of Meetings, Key Tasks**; while at the same time keeping in mind the following: "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. (*Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, Vatican Council II*)

"Co-responsibility requires a change in mentality, particularly with regard to the laity in the Church, who should be considered not as collaborators with the clergy, but as persons truly co-responsible for the being and activity of the Church." (**Pope Benedict XVI**)

"The thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after battle."

(**Pope Francis**)

And the Vatican Document: Dei Verbum Chapter 8, please visit this website:

<https://catholicsensibility.wordpress.com/2006/07/16/115201172243033093/>

When Term 3 of our School Year begins we'll be focusing on "**HOW TO MOVE FROM 'GENERAL INFORMATION' TO THE INVITATION TO REFLECT ON NOMINATING FOR PPC MEMBERSHIP?**"

Fr Gerard, Darren McLean, Margaret Gearon & Mike Yore

**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

29 AND 30 JUNE 2019

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

Ian Holmes  
Engelina Nyhuis  
Lynda Kilroe-Smith

6 AND 7 JULY 2019

Lorraine Kermond  
Godfrey Thong  
Val Gardiner

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

29 AND 30 JUNE 2019

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

Bernie Brennan  
Melina Barcellona  
Dale Dixon

6 AND 7 JULY 2019

Shirley Prabha  
Melina Barcellona  
Genevieve Hemsley

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

29 AND 30 JUNE 2019

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

Terry Wells  
Don McKenzie  
John Logiusto

6 AND 7 JULY 2019

Sonya O'Farrell  
Joe Brogno  
John LoGiusto

### SLIDE OPERATORS

29 AND 30 JUNE 2019

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

Choir  
Liliana Poropat  
Manny Gonzalez

6 AND 7 JULY 2019

Tony Lobo  
Megan & Darren McLean  
Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

29 JUNE 2019

Kate Skowronska

6 JULY 2019

Engelina & John Nyhuis

### CHURCH CLEANING

6 JULY 2019

Team 2 (Monica's Team)  
Monica Hodder, Marie Parker,  
Beryl Kanagalinggam, Filomena  
Manley & William Stephens

### MAINTENANCE

13 JULY 2019

Team 5  
Manuel Gonzalez &  
Mike Lockwood

## 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?*

**THE PRINCIPAL OF EMMAUS COLLEGE MR TONY HIRST** invites **YOU** and your **FAMILY** to an **Information Evening** on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July @ 7.00pm and an **Open Morning** on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August from 9.00am - 1030am @ Vermont South Campus; 503 Springvale Road Vermont South. Please see Church noticeboard for more details.

**THIS WEEKEND (SATURDAY 29 JUNE)** Archbishop Peter received the blessed Pallium from Pope Francis. The Pallium is a small woollen vestment (like a scarf) which is worn over Mass vestments to signify his role as the Metropolitan Archbishop of Melbourne. The Pope blesses the Pallium for each new Metropolitan Archbishop each year on the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul, and the Archbishops who receive it come back to their cities where the Apostolic Nuncio (Papal Ambassador) will formally impose the Pallium as a sign of his unity with the Pope and the Universal Church. Let us pray that this moment for Archbishop Peter as our chief shepherd in Melbourne; for all of our priests, deacons and seminarians, and for many more vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.

**LAST WEEK THE VOCATIONS PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN** departed and will be praying for vocations in Melbourne. Follow them on our Instagram account: @catholicvocations.melb Check out the Vocations Facebook Page also: @vocationsmelbourne. Pledge a prayer for our young people and for vocations at [www.pledgetoprayer.com.au](http://www.pledgetoprayer.com.au)

**AN INVITATION TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN OF THE PARISH:** On **Wednesday 17th July**, Maroondah Catenians is having a **ladies night** with a very important and topical presentation from Father Kevin Dillon. The subject of the talk is **Lifeboat Geelong**. Of which the chief purpose is to bring to people harmed by church-related sexual abuse a sense of respect, understanding and compassion, along with efforts to address important issues in a practical way such as finding employment and suitable accommodation. Over the past three years, using freely-offered generous donations from over 250 contributors, Lifeboat Geelong has distributed around \$150,000 to support 60 established victims in Geelong, Melbourne, regional Victoria and interstate. Please see Church notice-board for more details.

**HEART OF LIFE: REFRAMING RETIREMENT** - Does our sense of vocation, or calling, end with RETIREMENT? We invite you to join us as we reflect on this important stage of life. The Day will be held at Heart of Life in Box Hill and facilitated by a qualified Clinical Psychologist/Spiritual Director on Saturday, 13 July 2019 from 10 am - 4pm. Cost \$60. Enquiries and bookings can be made by reply email ([holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com)) or to tel 03 9890 1101 or [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne). + **RETREAT IN EVERYDAY LIFE** (Lis Teggelove, Michele McCourt, Kathleen Spokes, Paul Beirne) **5 x Mondays, 5 August to 2 September 2019 at 1.15pm-2.15pm**, Donation invited. Please see contact details and more information on our Church notice-board.

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM - AIRS 30 JUNE 2019:** This week on the Journey, our Gospel reading is Luke 9:51-62. We are so lucky to have some amazing contributors to the Journey Catholic Radio Program with some names and voices that you have come to love over the years. This week we are blessed with Mother Hilda from the Abbey and Bruce Downes, the Catholic Guy. Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://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.

**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>

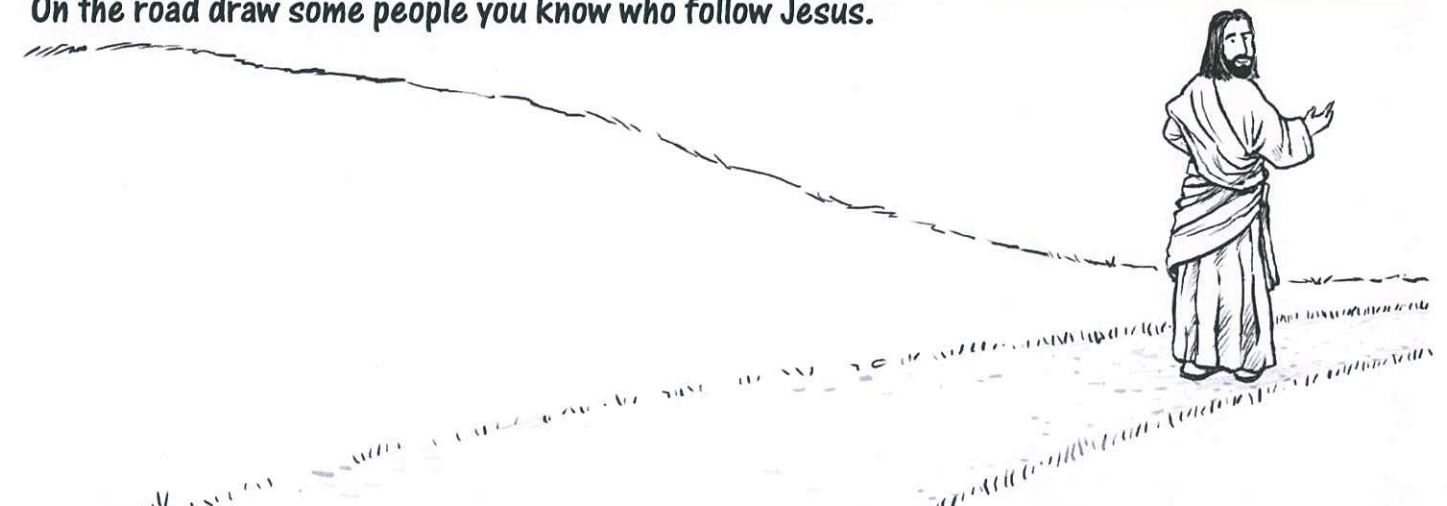




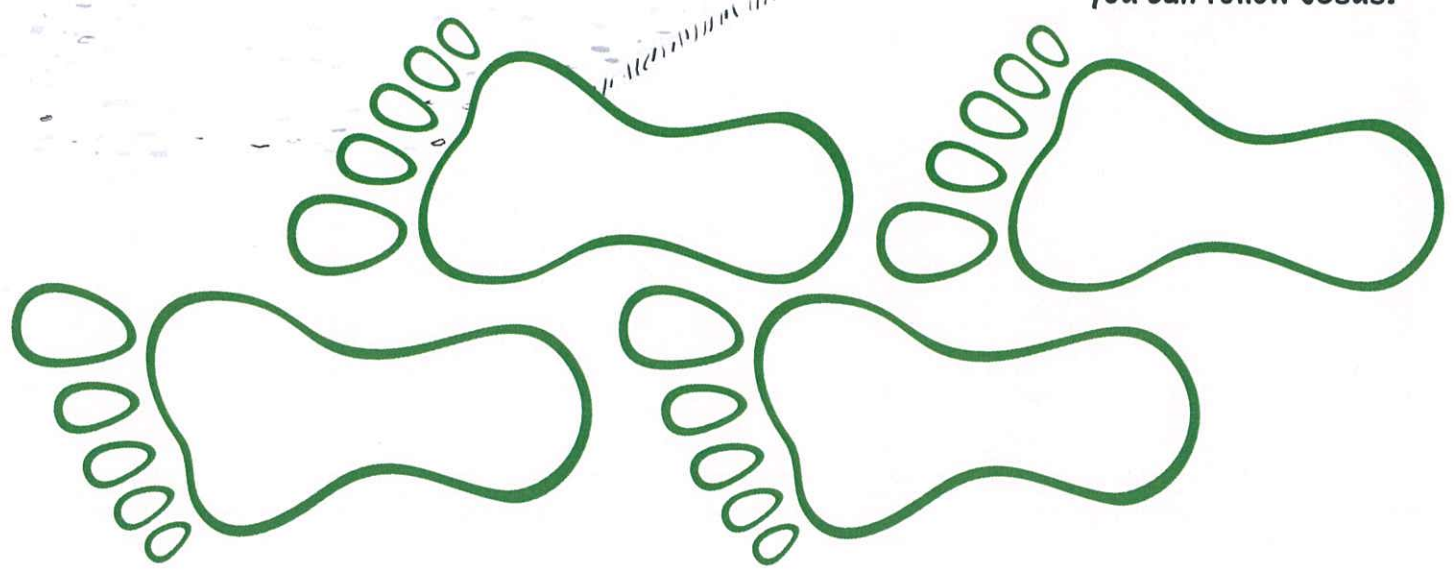
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On the road draw some people you know who follow Jesus.



In each footprint write how you can follow Jesus.



Follow Jesus through the maze.

