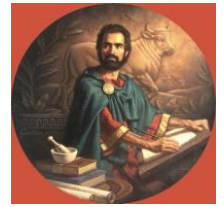


# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 14 JULY 2019**  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

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

*This week's readings: Deut 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Gospel Luke 10:25-37*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** Today's gospel is such a familiar one and such an enduring image that the title for the hero has passed into everyday use to describe a stranger who does a good turn for another. Many countries even have what is known as a 'Good Samaritan Law' that protects those who may hurt another person when they act in good faith to provide aid.

The parable is told in response to the question, 'And who is my neighbour?' Anyone hearing Jesus tell the story would have recognised the familiar story structure – things happening in three with the most important element occurring on the third repetition. As three people came upon the injured man on the road, the audience would have known that the hero of the story would be the third one along. But, as Jesus often did with his parables, the pattern is suddenly disrupted. Rather than the hero being an upright, faithful Jewish person, it is none other than a Samaritan who is the one who shows mercy. Samaritans and Jews had a deep-seated mistrust and suspicion towards one another that went back generations. So strong was the ill-feeling between the two peoples that when Jesus finishes his story and asks the lawyer which man proved himself a neighbour, the lawyer cannot even say 'the Samaritan' – he says 'the one who took pity'.

The story concludes with the instruction, 'Go and do the same yourself'. The commandment is to act with compassion towards others – even those you may not like. The priority of compassion over the Law is a major theme of the gospel of Luke. It is often described as the gospel of compassion. The Samaritan acts with compassion, rather than out of 'patterned' behaviours and attitudes. Jesus challenges the lawyer – and us – to 'Go and do the same'.

**Historical context – Priests and Levites:** The priest and Levite get a pretty bad wrap out of this story. Yet, their behaviour would have been unremarkable to the original audience. In Jewish culture, to touch blood made a person ritually unclean and unable to participate in religious rites. Both characters in the story were heading towards Jerusalem – towards the Temple – to carry out their religious duties. To touch the bloodied man would have meant that they were unable to perform their duties. The audience would have expected nothing different from these two men. Their 'crime' was to place duty before compassion and the needs of another.

**Scriptural context – The 'Rule of Three':** Jesus was a good storyteller. He used a lot of the 'tricks of the trade' of good storytellers. Using a rule of three remains a common device to help storytellers remember the story. (Think of the number of times fairy tales use this device.) In the rule of three, the third repetition of an event or action always holds the key. Jesus used this device to great effect in his parables because he invariably broke the rule! He used the rule to lull his audience into a predictable story and then turned things upside down by having the unexpected occur.

**Have you thought? Contemporary context:** Being such a famous parable, it is common to see this story retold and acted out in 'modern' contexts. However, such attempts invariably lead to a literal retelling of the story and an overemphasis and reinforcement of social prejudices. Who gets cast in the role of the Samaritan? A member of the most socially outcast and hated group in society! Jesus' choice of the Samaritan as the hero was not to highlight the animosity between Jews and Samaritans, but rather to confound the expectations and prejudices of his audience. Let's understand the story in its intended setting before we change it!

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**Response to the Psalm:** Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. 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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*Being the Good News ...*

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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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Parish Priest

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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 Mary Goodwin, Keith Yelland, Don McKenzie, 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, may they rest in peace.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time. **Monday:** St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor; **Tuesday:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel; **Saturday:** St Apollinaris, bishop, doctor; BVM. **Sunday Masses:** Sunday Preface, Eucharistic Prayer I. Eucharistic Acclamation No. I.

**PLEASE MAKE WELCOME** Fr Zaher Mhanna for Saturday evening Mass this weekend and Fr Jim Staunton P.E. for Sunday morning Masses.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** We are called to love with our whole being. God is inviting you to love through ministry to the Church. Pray for generosity to serve God's people. (Luke 10:25-37)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" (Luke 10:37 This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other. The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know or someone that looks different than you or someone that you don't like. All without expecting anything in return.

**THE 6PM CHOIR** will serve again on Saturday 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)

**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 **asap**. An order is about to be placed for plaques already requested so they are ready for installation before November this year, the month we traditionally remember those who have died.

**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 our 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.

**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>

**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**

		<b><u>13 AND 14 JULY 2019</u></b>	<b><u>20 AND 21 JULY 2019</u></b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Olive Hammill	Ian Holmes
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Engelina Nyhuis	Megan McLean
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Elizabeth Dixon	Mike Yore

### **MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

		<b><u>13 AND 14 JULY 2019</u></b>	<b><u>20 AND 21 JULY 2019</u></b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Mia Perang	Terry Wells
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Rosemary Donaldson	Darren McLean
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Marg Yore	Jess Kilroe-Smith

### **WELCOMER'S ROSTER**

		<b><u>13 AND 14 JULY 2019</u></b>	<b><u>20 AND 21 JULY 2019</u></b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Terry Wells	Lorraine Kermond
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Marie Pekish	Don McKenzie?
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Pamela & Michael	Leigh Kelly

### **SLIDE OPERATORS**

		<b><u>13 AND 14 JULY 2019</u></b>	<b><u>20 AND 21 JULY 2019</u></b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Choir	David Prabha
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	Liliana Poropat	Rosemary Donaldson
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

**13 JULY 2019**  
Val Wells & Marie Parker  
**20 JULY 2019**  
Jeanette Neumann

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

**20 JULY 2019**  
Team 4 (Maree's Team)  
Maree Moss, Lynda Kilroe-Smith,  
Rita Gibb & Peng-Sim Eng

### **MAINTENANCE**

**27 JULY 2019**  
Team 6  
Barry Rawlines  
& Tim Blair

**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](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.

**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 to [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com) or phone 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.

**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.

**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?*