

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 21 JULY 2019
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

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

This week's readings: Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Gospel Luke 10:38-42

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: Like so much of the Gospel of Luke, this week's passage is, at its heart, all about hospitality. This theme has featured in the gospel readings for the last couple of weeks. It is a theme that the writer returns to over and over again throughout the gospel to reinforce not only the importance of welcoming the message of Jesus, but also the extravagantly generous hospitality and welcome that God extends to all people. Taken at a literal level, this week's gospel passage can be a problematic one. Jesus is dining at the house of Martha and she busies herself trying to be a good host and serving her guest, while her sister, Mary, simply sits and enjoys the company of Jesus. Martha complains about her sister's apparent laziness and finds herself chastised by Jesus. On the surface, Martha is doing the right thing: providing hospitality for her guest. Yet Mary is the one whose actions are affirmed. Like in the parable of the Good Samaritan last week, the gospel writer reminds us that being preoccupied with one's duty – even in service of God – is not what God desires. Martha has forgotten that the guest is also a gift! Having welcomed and shown appropriate hospitality to her guest, Martha should have then accepted the gift of the guest, that is, the company and presence of the welcome guest. Instead she continues to busy herself with serving while her sister shows true welcome: accepting the gift of the guest's company. When we welcome a guest into our house, we can be too worried about impressing the guest with lavish hospitality and our best serving ware, rather than relaxing and enjoying the company of the guest. Like Martha, we can overlook the fact that God is present when we welcome a guest.

Scriptural context: It is no accident that this story about Martha and Mary immediately follows the parable of the Good Samaritan. We must remember that Jesus is portrayed as telling that parable as clarification of the law to love God and love neighbour. The Samaritan provides an example of what it means to love one's neighbour whilst in this story, Mary provides an example of what it means to love God. Together, the two stories tell us that compassionate service to one's neighbour is crucial but that God does not require service, simply love.

Different View – Feminist critique: Feminist theologian Elizabeth Schussler Fiorenza suggests that this story is less about an event in the life of Jesus than it is about events in the life of the early Church. In the first 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus, women played an equal role in leadership and ministry to the community. However, by the time of Luke's gospel, men were becoming more dominant in the community. By portraying Jesus as admonishing Martha's active service and praising Mary's passive listening role, the passage can be (*mis*)-interpreted as endorsing the relegation of women to less active roles.

Have you thought? – Action vs Reflection: This gospel is sometimes portrayed as a dichotomy between action and reflection. Many within the Christian tradition adopt the Martha approach of responding to Christ through service and action while others see Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus as a model for contemplation and reflection. The two different models have developed quite distinctly in the history of the Church and it must be said that the Martha approach of service and action has been in the ascendance for some time. However, action that is not grounded in prayerful reflection runs the risk of becoming well-intentioned busy-ness.

Raise your voices ...

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Response to the Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

**Saint Luke the Evangelist
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
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 &
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 this weekend all who are sick, especially
Don McKenzie, Kathryn Holmes, 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
Geoff Hook, Ashne Gardiner and Betty Wilson, may they rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Monday:** St Mary Magdalen;
Tuesday: St Bridget, religious; **Wednesday:** St Sharbel Makhlūf, priest; **Thursday:**
St James, apostle; **Friday:** Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary; **Saturday:**
BVM. **Sunday Masses:** Preface VI of Sundays in Ordinary Time, Eucharistic Prayer III.
Eucharistic Acclamation No. III.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY next week during the Sunday morning 10.30am Mass; thankyou
Jess and Nina, from all of us!

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAMPBELL DARREN WOLFGANG FOSTER, one of
our Year 6 Students who is being Confirmed this weekend. He will be our newest fully
initiated member of this Parish Family of Families.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES who join us this
weekend with their families to make their commitment to prepare for this Sacrament of
Initiation, which will be celebrated in our Parish on August 11th at 10.30am this year.

OUR SINCERE BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to Ronda Smith whose Birthday is Sunday
this weekend. May she have many happy returns for making the world a better place
all these years for all of us – her Parish Family, her Immediate & Extended Family.

A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus desires that we, like his friend Mary, would spend time in his
presence. Take time regularly to be with Jesus and listen to his living word. (Luke 10:38-
42)

IN THE SPIRIT OF (OUR LUKAN) HOSPITALITY, THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND
and if you have been joining us in celebrating Sunday Holy Eucharist regularly but you
are not a Catholic, however you like what you see, hear and feel? Please make yourself
known to Fr Gerard at your convenience, to discuss becoming a fully initiated Catholic
and belonging to our Parish Family of Families.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship
given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." (Colossians 1:25) We are
all called to evangelise – to continuously grow in our relationship with Jesus and to share
it with others. We may not be called to evangelise like St. Paul, but we ought look for
opportunities to share our faith with those closest to us, like our family, friends and
neighbours. Pray for the courage to share your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

MY GENUINE THANKS to all and any Parishioner who 'had to go that extra mile'
during my time away recently. As you can appreciate, it is not wise to advertise my
absence even if it is to be on annual leave. Now that Term 3 has begun, all things are
as they ought to be as we *all put our best foot forward* ... Fr Gerard P.P.

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve again on Saturday 27th July.

NEWSLETTER NOTICES: Please send to the following e-mail address by **Wednesday**
5pm – 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 22nd July @ 7.00pm and our Open Morning
on Friday 2nd August from 9.00am – 10.30am @ Vermont South Campus; 503 Springvale
Road Vermont South. Please see Church noticeboard for more details.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 UPDATE: Please visit this website
<http://www.cam.org.au/plenary/>

ARCHBISHOP PETER invites YOU to the Mass of the Imposition of the Pallium which
will be celebrated by His Excellency, Most Reverend Adolfo Tito Yllana, Apostolic Nuncio
in Australia, in St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday 1 August 2019 at 7.00 pm. Please see
Church notice-board for more details.

**WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR IN PARISH NOMINATED CANDIDATES TO BE
ELECTED TO THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL?** Please see the Supplement.

**ST LUKE'S PARENT ASSOCIATION COCKTAIL PARTY ON SATURDAY 3RD
AUGUST:** Here's an opportunity for the Parish and School Communities to mix and
mingle, to spend time together. **When:** 7pm - 12pm; **Where:** Whitehorse Club, 298-336
Burwood Hwy Burwood East; **Cost:** Price \$60 per person; Grazing Table Provided;
Bar prices apply; **Dress code:** Black Tie; Live Music (Band) **RSVP & Money:** 26th July 2019
to Parish School Office on tel: 98774023. All proceeds raised go towards the new sensory
garden. (All are welcome please bring some friends to enjoy the night). Your
INVITATION is awaiting you on the notice-table in our Church Foyer.

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

20 AND 21 JULY 2019

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Ian Holmes
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Megan McLean
10:30 AM Mike Yore

27 AND 28 JULY 2019

Terry Wells
Beryl Chelliah
Jenny Dixon

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

20 AND 21 JULY 2019

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Terry Wells
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Darren McLean
10:30 AM Jess Kilroe-Smith

27 AND 28 JULY 2019

Olive Hammill
Kana Chelliah
Elizabeth Dixon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

20 AND 21 JULY 2019

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Lorraine Kermond
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Marie Pekish
10:30 AM Leigh Kelly

27 AND 28 JULY 2019

Rita Gibb
Joe Brogno
Mary Taranto

SLIDE OPERATORS

20 AND 21 JULY 2019

SATURDAY 6:00 PM David Prabha
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Rosemary Donaldson
10:30 AM Manny Gonzalez

27 AND 28 JULY 2019

Choir
Anthony Fernandez
Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

20 JULY 2019

Jeanette Neumann

27 JULY 2019

Lesley Cormick & Rebecca

CHURCH CLEANING

27 JULY 2019

Team 5 (Kellie's Team)

Kellie McCarthy, Emma Brodawka,
Toni Wynne & Daniella Manolopoulos

MAINTENANCE

27 JULY 2019

Team 6

Barry Rawlines
& Tim Blair

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY WAS HELD NATIONALLY LAST SUNDAY 7 JULY 2019:

Please visit this website for more details or see the Church notice-board.

<http://agora.catholic.org.au/webmail/576423/298665443/8f1e15cad611e1f60ad27c169099aed8edc979c0c48e8b39549bfbaaf44df159>

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Melbourne weekend dates : 23rd - 25th August 2019, 15th - 17th November 2019 Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Ph: **Mercy & James Bvirakare** Ph: 0409 183 676 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au Next weekend we will welcome two couples - **Marianne & Marcel** on Saturday 27th July at the 6pm Vigil Mass and **Elaine & Lambert** on Sunday 28th July at 10:30am Mass, who will chat to us about Marriage Encounter.

TREE SAFETY CONCERN: Parishioners will be saddened to learn that the mature Gum Tree on the North side of the Parish property, adjacent to the north-east corner of our Carpark Exit and on our front fence-line, has *Bracken Fungus* and the Tree Doctor says that there is very little that can be done. In the interests of public safety for all Parishioners, Neighbours and Guests, it may have to be removed and a new tree planted to take its place; with this disease it has a propensity to randomly drop its' limbs. I am waiting on further advice from people in the know. Will keep you advised.

CATHOLIC MISSION: Propagation of The Faith Annual Appeal will be next Week.

INNER EAST FAITH COMMUNITIES UNITE FOR SAFETY AND RESPECT - : Call to Action Forum. Please see further details on Church notice-board.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: 2019 Knox Public Lecture Wednesday 21 August at 7.30pm **Dr Trudy Dantis The Voices of Plenary Council** Bookings and Information: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or phone 9412 3366 R.S.V.P.: Tuesday 13 August Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, Corner Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne. For more details please see Church notice-board.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 21 JULY 2019: This week on the Journey, we hear Luke's Gospel 10:38-42. Mother Hilda from the Abbey shares with us Good News, we have the ever-talented Trish McCarthy with her God spot, and you will hear from some of our other favorites. With amazing Christian Music artists, we are blessed to bring you this week's edition of the Journey Catholic Radio Program. 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 – for free

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.

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

Sonya O'Farrell @ the
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?



We welcome others
with generous hearts



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

What things can you do to make people
feel welcome in your home?



Jesus wants us to listen to what he says. Draw yourself
listening to Jesus. What is Jesus saying to you?



MARTHA AND MARY

How many words can you make from
the letters in MARTHA AND MARY?

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Membership of the PPC

The Parish Pastoral Council is a council of the whole church at parish level - priests, religious, church workers and laity working together to give leadership to the parish. The parish pastoral council is established with the parish priest at its heart, and it can be misleading to speak of the council as though it were separate to him (e.g. 'the priest and the council').

Some of those employed by the parish in its pastoral life are members of the council – e.g. a pastoral associate, a school principal.

Lay members make up the bulk of the council, and they are selected through a various processes of discernment that may vary widely from nomination and election to simple and direct appointment by the Parish Priest. It is a fact that the practices engaged by various Dioceses and individual Parishes in the call and convening of Parish Pastoral Council members are quite diverse. Two basic principles apply to selection:

Firstly, the basic principle is that the Council is "A representative Group", bringing together the hopes and dreams of the whole Parish Community, but it is not a "Group of Representatives", each of whom brings only the hopes and dreams of the particular section of the community that they represent. Secondly, there are several balances to be achieved – gender balances, age balances, and particularly a balance between credibility and competency. Somewhere along the scale between the credibility of democratic election by all the people, and the competency achieved by appointment of duly gifted people is the desired balance for Council membership. It will vary greatly with place and circumstance.

Within those two broad general guidelines, the method for selection will usually depend greatly on the traditions of the Parish, its present needs, and a number of other pragmatic issues that may change from time to time.

*A practice that is becoming prevalent is the practice of discernment. For an example of how a discernment process might be mounted in the interests of convening a Parish Council see the Article "Choosing a Parish Council by Discernment", written by a Parish Priest in the American Journal Church. **Fall 2004, pages 34-36.***

While the council is not made up of representatives from particular parish groups, experience has shown the wisdom of the council having a firm link to the Parish Finance & Property Committee, Parish Management Team and the Parish School. Likewise the council needs firm links to significant ethnic communities within the life of the parish. For example, the Pastoral Council is quite distinct from the Parish Finance Committee which is a canonically required committee to assist the Parish Priest with the financial administration of the Parish. Charged with the financial administration of the Parish. Charged with the financial well-being of the Parish, it will usually act as the financial resources adviser to the Pastoral Council, whose care is the pastoral well-being of the Parish. It will usually work with the Pastoral Council in determining the availability of budgeted resources for pastoral action and programs initiated by the Parish Pastoral Council. Many Parishes find it very useful to arrange for a member of each body to attend each other's meetings to gain an appreciation of how they might work together most effectively for the building up of the Parish Community. Secondly, many Parishes have a practice of including the School Principals in the "ex officio" membership group on the Council.

However these linkages are effected, the Parish Pastoral Council, early in its formation, needs to identify the nature and purpose of its connectedness with each group in the Parish, and form a working relationship with each accordingly.

What are the functions of Parish Pastoral Councils?

Parish Pastoral Councils seek to:

- search out and respond to the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners
- grow in knowledge and awareness of what is already happening in the parish
- encourage and support the good work of existing groups within the parish
- evaluate carefully information gathered in order to contribute towards the making of decisions that reflect the values of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church
- set long-term and short-term pastoral goals for the parish
- provide opportunities for parishioners to grow in their relationship with God and with each other
- develop, implement and improve parish initiatives that assist parishioners in their continuing efforts to live as effective Christians in society
- All are called to engage in this mission in the concrete circumstances of their personal and communal/parish lives. Moreover, each person's contribution is unique, valuable and indispensable.
- This mission of God's people, the Church, is a continuation of the work of Jesus. Four of the basic elements of this mission carried out in today's world can be described as:
 - **Proclaiming** the Good News of God's love to the world around us;
 - **Inviting** people into, or back into, the community of disciples, the local Church;
 - **Sanctifying** by encouraging our faith community to grow in holiness;
 - **Transforming** the world around us by our lives of discipleship until justice, love and peace prevail.
- **A Mission-Focused Parish Community**
- There are many signs that a local parish community is striving to live as faithful followers of Jesus. Four characteristics that will always be evident – to varying degrees – in a mission-focused parish community are:
 - **Attractiveness**
 - The community is experienced as a valued source of spiritual nourishment, of belonging and of healing. It is a community that facilitates personal and communal transformation and its members are happy to belong to it and participate in its life.
 - **Hospitality**
 - Every member of the parish community takes responsibility to welcome newcomers and feels welcome themselves. A deep sense of respect for the dignity and worth of every person underpins all activities.
 - **Inclusiveness**
 - There is a genuine spirit of inclusion in the parish community for everyone irrespective of age, personal circumstances, ability, ethnicity, lifestyle choices, degree of involvement etc. No one is judgmental, and no member of the community feels judged. The door is open to everyone and all are welcome at the Lord's table.
 - **Outward Focus**
 - The community, as faithful followers of Jesus, recognize their responsibility to bring the values of the Gospel to the world around them, permeating it with God's love, justice and peace. Working with all other like-minded people they will challenge injustice locally and globally and make their own the universal Church's option for the poor and the marginalized.
 - These characteristics form the **General Framework** within which the PPC constructs, implements and evaluates a Parish Pastoral Plan, for the short and long-term, relevant to the needs and aspirations of a particular parish community.
 - The PPC works with the Parish Priest to give these characteristics of a mission-oriented community a clear focus at a local level. They work together to develop a pathway along which the community can move in solidarity to fulfil its mission by exploring all the possibilities for living that mission in their individual lives and as a parish community.