

# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 28 JULY 2019**  
**SEVENTEENTH 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 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Gospel Luke 11:1-13*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** In today's gospel, Jesus provides his disciples, and all Christians, with a model for prayer. In keeping with this modelling by Jesus, it is significant that the Lord's Prayer, or Our Father, is the common prayer of all Christians, regardless of denomination.

The parable and teaching that follow the Lord's Prayer make clear the particular purpose of prayer that Jesus was highlighting – prayer as petition. In this instance, Jesus assures us that if we pray for what we need with conviction and confidence, then God cannot fail to respond to our prayer. Jesus in fact encourages us to be demanding and persistent in our prayer. However, the parable used to demonstrate the persistent nature of prayer is not focused on demands for selfish purposes, but rather the neighbour needs assistance in fulfilling his obligations of hospitality to a traveller. He is not waking his neighbour in the middle of the night to ask for bread for himself; he asks for bread to give to his guest. He asks for help to fulfil his duty and responsibility. This gives us something of an idea about how we might focus our prayer. Praying for a pony or new bike isn't quite in the same league!

The final element of the gospel passage provides us with a description of God's love and care by something of a negative comparison: if human parents would not do harm instead of good to their children, God is even less likely to act like this towards us. It's a bit of an odd way around of saying that God's love is greater than anything within our experience or imagination.

**Living the Gospel – Ask, Search, Knock:** Jesus says in the gospel, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.' The actions of asking, searching and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.

**Historical Context – Stone for bread:** The stone/bread, snake/fish and scorpion/egg comparisons seem a little far fetched to us, but would have made perfect sense to a 1st Century Palestinian audience. The flat, brown stones around Lake Galilee look very similar to the flat bread that was baked in the area. The 'snake' may refer to a sea-snake – an eel – which might be caught up in a fisherman's nets but was regarded as unclean by the Jews. The poisonous scorpions of the region are very pale in colour and when curled up at rest could be mistaken for an egg.

**Gospel Focus – Relationship:** A crucial aspect of prayer is the attitude with which we view God. We trust in God's character that it is not a pointless exercise to ask for something. We trust that God is even more loving than a parent who tries to give their child what they need. If we did not make these basic assumptions about God, there would be little point in prayer. When our prayer lives falter at times, perhaps we need to first check out our relationship with God and our attitude towards God before trying to 'fix' the ways we pray.

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**Response to the Psalm:** Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.



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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 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, may they rest in peace.

**CATHOLIC MISSION:** Propagation of The Faith Annual Appeal is being held this Weekend.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time. **Monday:** St Martha; **Tuesday:** St Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor; **Wednesday:** St Ignatius of Loyola, priest; **Thursday:** St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor; **Friday:** St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop; St Peter Julian Eymard, priest; **Saturday:** St Dominic, priest. **Sunday Masses:** Preface VII of Sundays in Ordinary Time, Eucharistic Prayer I. Eucharistic Acclamation No. 1.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** this week during the Sunday morning 10.30am Mass.

**MECWACARE FIRST FRIDAY MASS** occurs this Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 10.30am @ 13-25 Strabane Avenue Mont Albert North Vic 3129. **Parishioners are welcome, please sign in at the Reception Desk on your way through to where Mass is celebrated.**

**A VOCATION VIEW:** "Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you." Believe and act on Jesus' promise. Pray for wisdom to discern God's will. (Luke 11:1-13)

**IN THE SPIRIT OF LUKE'S 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:** "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9) Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

**THE 6PM CHOIR** will serve again this Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 17<sup>th</sup> August and 31<sup>st</sup> August.

**WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR** in Parish nominated candidates to be elected as we recommission the Parish Pastoral Council? Please see the supplement.

**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.

**ARCHBISHOP PETER** invites you to the Mass of the Imposition of the Pallium which will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday 1 August 2019 at 7.00 pm. Please see Church notice-board for more details.

**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.

**SADLY** and due to lack of support, the Parish School Parent's Association has cancelled the Cocktail fundraising Party.

**OUR LADY OF SION COLLEGE - SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE**, Ephs 4:15.

Talk and Tour mornings prior to close of enrolments: Monday 5 August, 9.30 am. Application forms are available on our website for download or you can contact our Registrar: Ms Robyn McCann 9890 9097 or [registrar@SION.catholic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@SION.catholic.edu.au) Applications for Year 7, 2021, are closing on 23 August 2019. Please see Church notice-board for more details.

**60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. SCHOLASTICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Please join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving to be celebrated by the Archbishop of Melbourne on Sunday 11:00am, 11th August, 2019 at St Scholastica Parish, 348 Burwood Hwy, Bennettswood. You are then invited to tour the school and indulge in an enjoyable recollection of past events by viewing our memorabilia. All are welcome.

**THE AUSTRALASIAN INSTITUTE FOR RESTORATIVE REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE** (AIRRM) is the new peak professional organisation dedicated to holistic management of fertility/infertility and reproductive health disorders. The AIRRM promotes contemporary and evidence-based fertility management, and aims for excellence in the provision of physical, psychological and spiritual care. For more details please see Church notice-board.

**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

27 AND 28 JULY 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Terry Wells
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Beryl Chelliah
	10:30 AM	Jenny Dixon

3 AND 4 AUGUST 2019

Lorraine Kermond
Melina Barcellona
Natalie Kilroe-Smith

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

27 AND 28 JULY 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Olive Hammill
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Kana Chelliah
	10:30 AM	Elizabeth Dixon

3 AND 4 AUGUST 2019

Bernie Brennan
Godfrey Thong
Teresa Rhynehart

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

27 AND 28 JULY 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Rita Gibb
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Joe Brogno
	10:30 AM	Mary Taranto

3 AND 4 AUGUST 2019

Terry Wells
Marie Pekish
John LoGiusto

### SLIDE OPERATORS

27 AND 28 JULY 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Choir
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Anthony Fernandez
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez

3 AND 4 AUGUST 2019

David Prabha
Megan & Darren McLean
Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

27 JULY 2019

Lesley Cormick & Rebecca

3 AUGUST 2019

Joan McHugh

### CHURCH CLEANING

3 AUGUST 2019

Team 6 (Sonya's Team)  
Sonya O'Farrell, Rose Knight,  
Joe Brogno & Shirley Prabha

### MAINTENANCE

10 AUGUST 2019

Team 7  
Steve Brennan &  
George Brodawka

### 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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) or [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) This weekend we 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.

### 'TREASURING OUR LATER YEARS' - 6 x Tuesdays, 1pm-3pm, 6 Aug - 10 Sep 2019.

Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily. This reflection series, led by Nicole Rotaru rsm, will include input, conversation and the opportunity to depth and integrate reflections and learnings through personal reflection and creative expressions. The sessions will cover: introduction and an understanding of ageing; spirituality; what is giving my life meaning?; relationships; gratitude; death - mystery. Cost \$180. Contact Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Box Hill, tel 03 9890 1101, email: [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com) or book and pay online at [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne).

**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](mailto: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 28 JULY 2019:** This week on the Journey, we hear Luke's Gospel 11:1-13, "Lord, teach us to pray". Our very own Pete Gilmore encourages us to 'Bloom where you are planted'. We continued to be truly blessed to have names like Mother Hilda, Marilyn Rodrigues and Fr Graham Schmitzer that give their time so willingly to Journey Catholic Radio Program. 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 – 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.

**HOME AND AGED CARE INFORMATION SESSION:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm Parish Hall, St Francis Xavier Church 1087 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. The Catholic Parish of St Francis Xavier – St Clare is hosting an information afternoon on Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of August at 2pm in the Parish Hall. 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**

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?





# Ask and you shall receive

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Use the words below to complete this prayer which Jesus taught to his disciples.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ who art in \_\_\_\_\_,  
hallowed be thy \_\_\_\_\_;  
thy \_\_\_\_\_ come, thy \_\_\_\_\_  
be done on \_\_\_\_\_ as it is in heaven.  
Give us this \_\_\_\_\_ our daily \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ those who trespass  
\_\_\_\_\_ us, and lead us not  
into \_\_\_\_\_, but deliver us  
from \_\_\_\_\_. Amen.

will temptation name evil  
heaven bread forgive Father  
day kingdom earth against

On the door, write down three things you can ask Jesus to help you with

Find the hidden letters in the picture and use them to complete the sentence below.



Everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ will receive, everyone who searches will \_\_\_\_\_.



# PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND TASK

While the understanding of the functioning of a Parish Pastoral Council will continue to develop, a number of issues require careful attention.

1. Membership of the Parish Pastoral Council should be open to all parishioners, respecting the reality that each person is unique and has the potential to make a specific contribution. It is the community being served that has the primary task of choosing the members of the Council. While the processes used for this purpose will vary according to the local situation, the actual selection of members is the task of parishioners. When the membership is determined mainly by private invitation, there is very little possibility that the community will recognise and take ownership of the supposedly representative group.
2. Ideally, the members of the Parish Pastoral Council are representative of the whole parish community. Each member aims to take a community view of issues and not an individual or group perspective. All parishioners are potential members.
3. In addition, the Parish Pastoral Council may include two or three ex-officio members, who have been invited to participate because of their role in the community. For example, the Parish School Principal, or representative, is usually a member. In addition, included in this category may be a person from the Parish Finance Council and sometimes the Parish Manager or Parish Secretary.
4. Since each member is a representative of the whole parish community, there are a number of concerns if members are recruited solely on the basis of their current participation in specific parish groups or ministries. The concerns include:
  - A rich resource of people remains untapped, while the people already involved are called upon to do even more. Consequently, those persons are excluded who consider that they could give time to the Pastoral Council, but not to another group as well.



- It is difficult to maintain an objective overall parish focus while representing a specific parish group.
- The amount of time and energy required of already busy parishioners often leads to frustration and burnout.
- The focus of the meetings tends to be limited to sustaining existing activities within the parish. The perspective of the wider mission of the Church may be overlooked.
- The Parish Pastoral Council does not have a life of its own because most of the meeting time will be used in reporting, reflecting on and reviewing the work of existing groups. The outcome is a rapid decrease in vigorous discussion and continuing vitality.

5. The Parish Pastoral Council is not simply one parish group among many others that make recommendations to the Pastor. Rather than focussing on a specific perspective, the Parish Pastoral Council operates from a broad overview, promoting a sharing of responsibility for the development of a more vital Christian community. Its underlying aim is to encourage and support all members of the community in their efforts to respond to their baptismal call to participate in the mission of the Church. This goes beyond the maintenance of existing services in the community.

6. The Parish Pastoral Council is not a management or an administrative body. As Parish Pastoral Council members usually meet only once a month for approximately two hours, it is impractical to expect that they can be responsible for everyday administrative detail. The daily issues of management and administration are the responsibility of the Pastor, with the assistance of the parish staff if people and financial resources are available. The staff may include at least one of the following: an Associate Pastor, a Parish Pastoral Minister, Office Manager, Parish Secretary and Volunteer Members.