

# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 4 AUGUST 2019 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

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

*This week's readings: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Gospel Luke 12:13-21*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** One of the themes running through the gospels is that wealth can be an obstacle to entering fully into relationship with God. It is not wealth in itself that is problematic but rather valuing material riches above everything else and the constant desire to accumulate more and more. We have the story of the rich young man who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit the kingdom and Jesus tells him to sell everything he has and give away the proceeds. The young man goes away sad because he thought that with his great accumulation of wealth he'd be able to buy anything that he needed to gain the kingdom. We also have the saying of Jesus that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. **The parable in today's gospel** depicts a man who has so much grain that he decides to build bigger barns to store it all. The parable follows Jesus' teaching that 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' The point is about having more than we need. What good is served by one person having more than they need while others do not have enough to meet their needs? The rich man who had the abundant harvest could have stored up all that he needed and still been able to share the abundance with others. **Liberation theology introduced** the catch phrase, 'live simply so that others may simply live'. The call was for those in wealthier countries to simplify their wasteful and indulgent lifestyles so that others may be able to meet their most basic of needs.

**Scriptural context – Do not worry:** This parable and teaching about the love of wealth is followed up by Jesus telling his disciples not to worry about what they will eat and what they will wear. He invites them to look to the birds of the air and flowers of the fields. God provides them with all that they need. Jesus tells his disciples to seek the kingdom, and all the other necessities of life will be given to them as well. Rather than focusing on accumulating wealth as the rich man in today's parable, Jesus reassures his disciples that if they focus their lives on the kingdom they will have all that they need.

**Have you thought? – Greed is good!** In the 1987 movie, *Wall Street*, the corporate raider, Gordon Gekko, famously declares: 'Greed is good! Greed is right! Greed works! ... Greed – for life, for money, for love, knowledge – has marked the upward surge of mankind!' Whilst the depiction was intended to parody and critique corporate behaviour of the 1980s, in many ways it came to define it instead. In the intervening decades, little has changed. The pursuit of more and more wealth and the ludicrous sums paid to corporate CEOs are exactly the imagery Jesus would use today for his parable.

**Living the Gospel – This hoard of yours...** Our modern society is particularly dominated by a mindset of accumulating more than we might ever need. The saying 'Whoever has the most toys, wins' holds more than just a shred of truth for many people. Our consumerist lifestyle nurtures the desire to accumulate more and more 'stuff'. Every time we turn on the television there is a new 'must have' gadget. We talk about built-in obsolescence of manufactured goods and every new technological device makes older models redundant so that we feel we constantly have to upgrade. How would we answer God's question, 'so this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?'

**Raise your voices ... Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Response to the Psalm:** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

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

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever come to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.



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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, Keith Yelland, Vicki Bowes, Bernardine O'Meara, Peter Murphy, Tony Grieve and Nadia Tarquino and those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently especially Robyn Whitehead, Rene Pekish, Fr Allan Mithen and Denise Theresa Catherine and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Mirella Pekish and Brenda Johnson, may they rest in peace.

**CATHOLIC MISSION:** We dispatched \$689.60 to the Catholic Missions Office last week for the Propagation of The Faith Annual Appeal.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time. **Monday:** Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major; **Tuesday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord; **Wednesday:** St Sixtus II, pope martyr, and St Cajetan, priest; **Thursday:** St Mary of the Cross, virgin; **Friday:** St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr; **Saturday:** St Lawrence, deacon, martyr. **Sunday Masses:** Preface VIII of Sundays in Ordinary Time, Eucharistic Prayer II. Eucharistic Acclamation No. II.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** next week during the Sunday morning 10.30am Mass.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Jesus calls us to be generous with the gifts that he has given. When we share our treasures with others, we will have true treasure in heaven. (Luke 12:12-21)

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 4 – 11 AUGUST:** Each year at this time the Church in Australia celebrates the call to holiness for all and how it is lived and lived out is particular vocation(s). This week is an opportunity for parishes, schools and other groups to pray for and to support young people discerning their vocation.

**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.

**CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY ANNUAL APPEAL** will be held next Sunday in our Parish. Relationships are at the heart of why Catholic Care exists and each day for the last 84 years we have strived to further our mission "to break down the barriers to social inclusion by strengthening families and communities". We know that strong families are the building blocks of a healthy community, but there are times when families and individuals need a little help to overcome life's challenges. Please see Church noticeboard for further details.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION 'INNOVATING FOR THE FUTURE SHOWCASE'** is a one-day showcase promoting Catholic Education at the Catholic Leadership Centre 576 Victoria Parade East Melbourne Vic 3002. This free event day runs from 10.00am to 4.00pm. It's a great chance to see 25+ Catholic Secondary Schools all in one spot. Hear from an expert panel, lots of interactive exhibits, food and giveaways. For more details visit this website: [www.catholicsschoolsguide.com.au/showcase](http://www.catholicsschoolsguide.com.au/showcase) or see Church noticeboards.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." (Luke 12:15) The Gospel message today is contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle and become more "other-centered" and less "self-centered."

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

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

**LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING FINAL REPORT FOR THE PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 PHASE 1 - LISTENING AND DIALOGUE:** Please visit this website for all the Reports <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports>

**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>3 AND 4 AUGUST 2019</u>	<u>10 AND 11 AUGUST 2019</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 PM Lorraine Kermond	Olive Hammill
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM Melina Barcellona	Godfrey Thong
	10:30 AM Natalie Kilroe-Smith	First Communion

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

	<u>3 AND 4 AUGUST 2019</u>	<u>10 AND 11 AUGUST 2019</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 PM Bernie Brennan	Melina Barcellona
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM Godfrey Thong	Rosemary Donaldson
	10:30 AM Teresa Rhynehart	First Communion

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

	<u>3 AND 4 AUGUST 2019</u>	<u>10 AND 11 AUGUST 2019</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 PM Terry Wells	Lorraine Kermond
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM Marie Pekish	Don McKenzie
	10:30 AM John LoGiusto	First Communion

### SLIDE OPERATORS

	<u>3 AND 4 AUGUST 2019</u>	<u>10 AND 11 AUGUST 2019</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 PM David Prabha	David Prabha
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM Megan & Darren McLean	Liliana Poropat
	10:30 AM Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

**3 AUGUST 2019**  
Joan McHugh  
**10 AUGUST 2019**  
Kate Skowronska

### CHURCH CLEANING

**10 AUGUST 2019**  
Team 7 (Bernard's Team)  
Bernard O'Malley, Darren Owens,  
Melina Barcellona & Anne Allsopp

### MAINTENANCE

**10 AUGUST 2019**  
Team 7  
Steve Brennan &  
George Brodawka

**WHAT LOOKS LIKE A HOUSE KEY** has been handed in, dropped in the Parish Cark Park recently. It has a Lourdes medal with the head of Mary on it, the Mother of Jesus. If it is yours, please let Fr Gerard know at your earliest convenience.

**OUR FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES** have completed their Posters and have put them up to decorate our Church for their impending First Eucharist celebration. Please take your time to read them, as we keep them and their families in our prayers.

**GRILL'D BURWOOD** are supporting the St Luke's PA Sensory Garden Project during August. Grab a burger and drop your token in the jar and help us win \$300. Please see our Church noticeboard for more details. *Burwood One Cnr Blackburn Road & Burwood Hwy, East Burwood.*

**'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 4 AUGUST 2019:** You will hear from the classics, **Mother Hilda Scott, Sam Clear, Trish McCarthy, Bruce Downes and Marilyn Rodrigues.** Not to mention the truly incredible **Fr Graham** who enlightens us with his Gospel Reflection this week all the way from Tasmania. Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

**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.

**"THE POWER OF CREATIVE ARTS TO BRING YOUR MESSAGE TO LIFE":** Take advantage of Christian creative arts to build confidence & enhance your life, reach your goals in performance, work and daily life, workshop on 24 August 1pm by professional trainer from Cog Theatre Group Free but Must Book [trybooking.com/BELCX](http://trybooking.com/BELCX) In Glen Iris Catholic church hall. 0413398528. You will also be introduced to Cog theatre group to see if you are interested in being a performer or volunteer in in our many projects & shows. Training is provided which is great way to have fun whilst learning. Please see Church noticeboard 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?*

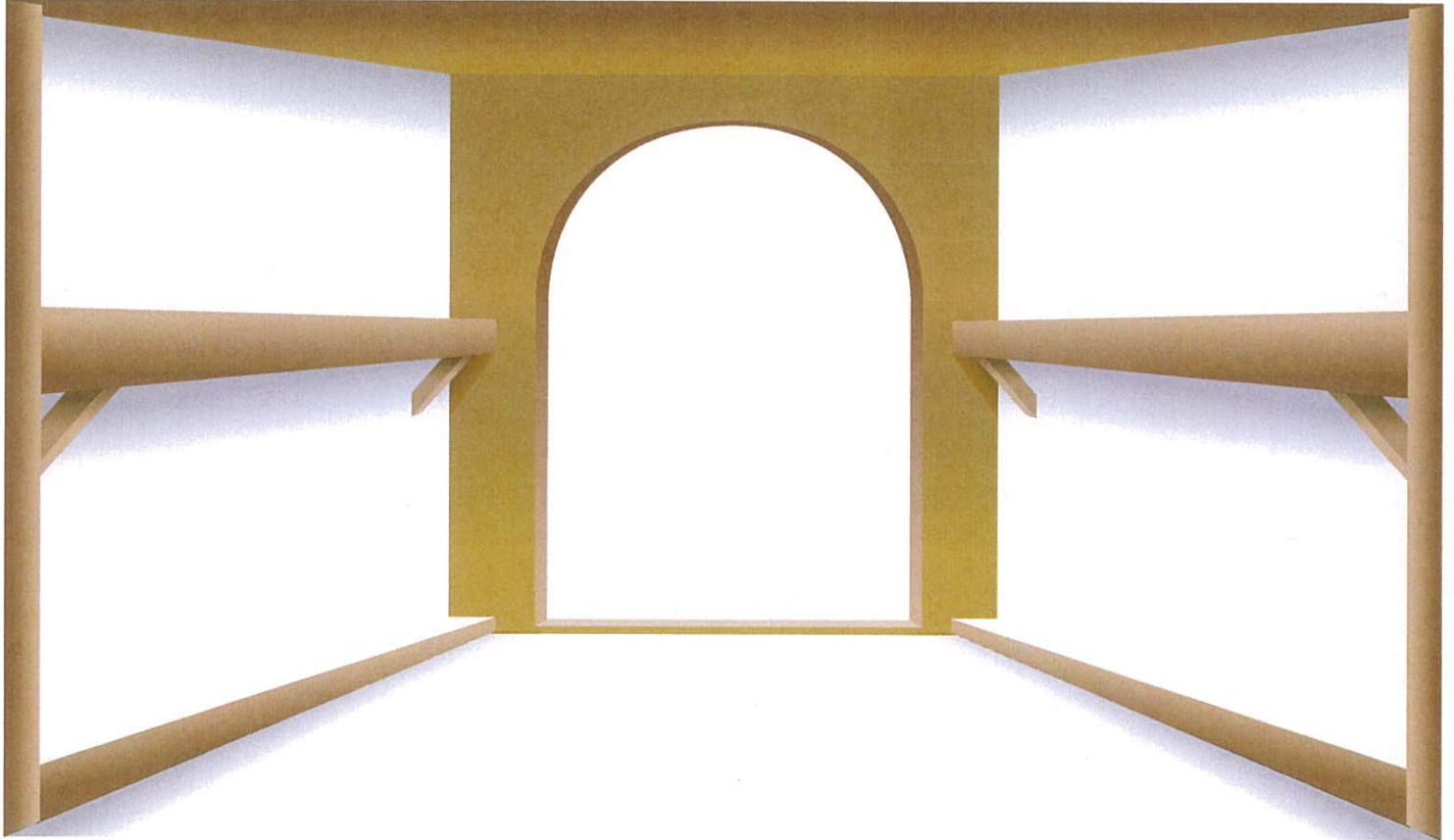




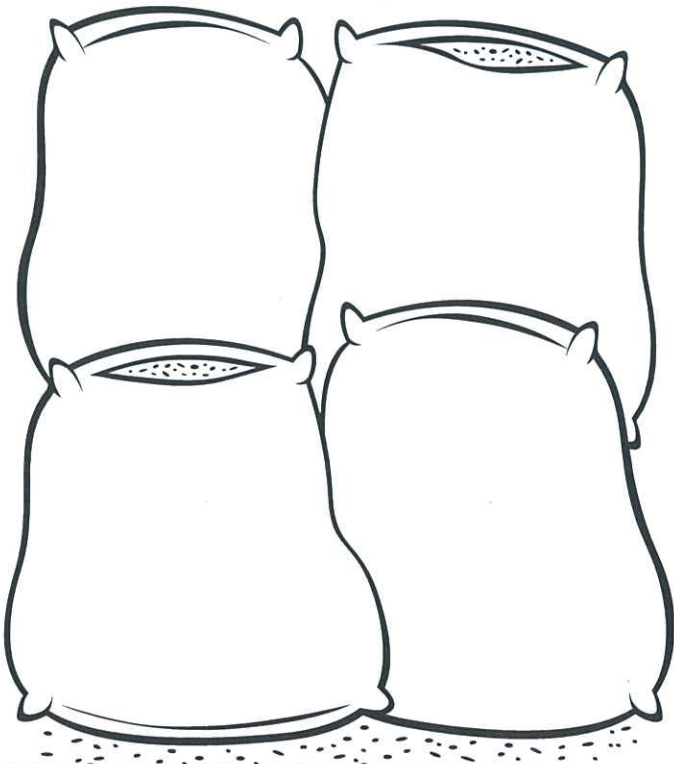
# Earthly wealth does not last

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Instead of wealth and riches, what are the important things in our lives that are worth storing up?



In what ways can we be "rich" rather than "poor" in the sight of God?



Which two of these farmers are the same?





## Other ways of Pastoral Planning

- ‘Appreciative Inquiry’ is a methodology that searches for the best practices already present in a parish – *where is there energy and life in the parish? Why is this so?* Once this is identified, the parish focuses on developing further what it does best and seeks ways to apply that energy throughout the life of the parish.
- A methodology related to this sees a shift from ‘needs based’ planning to ‘gifts based’ planning. Instead of focusing on the needs of the parish and how they can be met, the council works at unleashing people’s gifts in the service of the kingdom, confident that the variety and fullness of gifts in the parish are more than enough to deal with the parish’s issues. Important needs will still be named and planned for, but in the context of ‘a thousand flowers blooming’ rather than strict adherence to a master plan for all. By focusing on the gifts rather than the needs the parish may come to see itself as a gifted parish rather than a needy parish.

## Pastoral Planning and Pope John Paul II

In his letter *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, Pope John Paul II places “pastoral planning under the heading of holiness [which] is a choice filled with consequences.” (31) He has much more advice about pastoral planning including “If we have truly contemplated the face of Christ, dear Brothers and Sisters, our pastoral planning will necessarily be inspired by the ‘new commandment’ which he gave us: ‘Love one another, as I have loved you’ (Jn 13:34).” (42)

Michael Brady

**For further information see website:**

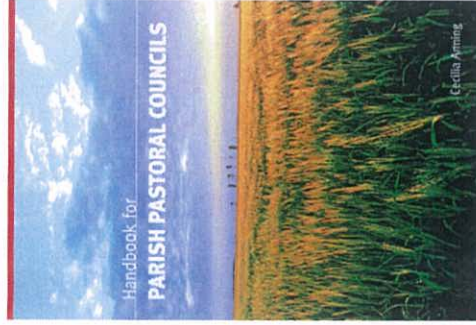
Parish Pastoral Councils  
in Australia

[www.ppc.catholic.org.au/ppc](http://www.ppc.catholic.org.au/ppc)

An initiative of the  
Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

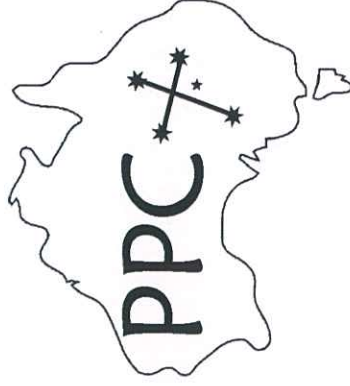
## Helpful resource:

Anning, C. (2007) 3rd edition  
*Handbook for Parish Pastoral Councils*



For details of contents, reviews and  
online ordering see:  
[www.bne.catholic.net.au/opc/manual.html](http://www.bne.catholic.net.au/opc/manual.html)

# Parish Pastoral Councils



# Pastoral Planning

Michael Brady  
Pastoral Projects Office  
Australian Catholic Bishops Conference



## Pastoral Planning

Parish Pastoral Councils undertake pastoral planning for their parish.

Pastoral Planning differs from many other forms of planning because the principles that shape it and the goals it aims towards are clearly based on the gospel.

While in many forms of planning the principles of efficiency, economy and determination are highly prized, this is not always so with pastoral planning. In pastoral planning the path taken to reach the goal is as important as the goal itself, sometimes more so.



## Spirituality of Communion

To understand the processes of pastoral planning it helps to understand that pastoral planning in these times grows out of a spirituality of communion.

Through this spirituality we understand that all of us in the parish are in communion with Christ, and through Christ in communion with one another.

Together we make up the body of Christ, and what touches one of us touches all of us.

We each have different gifts, roles and functions within the body of Christ and this is part of our strength.

We believe that each person in this communion

is loved fully by God, and so - in Christ - we truly love each other as brothers and sisters.

We value the contribution of each person and are grateful for their commitment to the parish.

## Pastoral Planning Processes

The main processes of pastoral planning are:

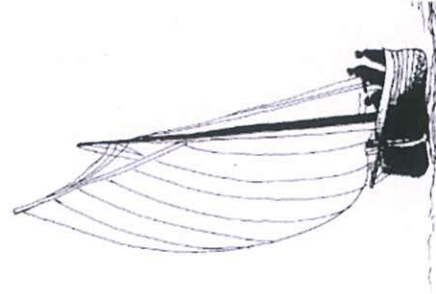
**Communication** - if we are all part of the body of Christ then communication that is clear and timely needs to be part of the parish culture and exercised at all levels. A culture of secrecy will often cripple community and shatter communion.

**Consultation** - because the Holy Spirit moves in the lives of all God's people, it is necessary to consult meaningfully during the planning process; the purpose of this is to guide leadership towards a more effective decision than it would otherwise have made.

**Collaboration** - means to work together,

and is quite different to delegation. It speaks of partnership and shared commitment, trust and being able to rely on one another.

These processes are shaped by the parish living a spirituality of communion.



## How to do Pastoral Planning

There are different methods of pastoral planning and a widely used one has these five simple steps which are taken over a period of some time:

1. Lead the parish to articulate its vision for itself. This takes time and discussion, and is quite different to getting the parish to accept someone else's vision. The key question is 'What is God calling this parish community to be?' (not 'What is God calling this parish to do?' - that comes later). The statement is often very short and easily remembered by all parishioners.
2. Honestly name the current reality of the parish - not just the negatives, not just the positives - perhaps create a parish profile.
3. Allow time for some critical analysis together - e.g. discuss 'Why is the parish the way it is and not as we believe it is called to be?'
4. Plan - 'What practical and achievable goals will help the parish move from its current reality towards its vision? Who has to do what and by when to achieve these goals?'
5. Pray together often as a parish for what we're doing and trying to achieve, and evaluate how it's going at set intervals.



*"Pastoral planning is the action of the church organising itself for mission."*