

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 2019 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

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

This week's readings: Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Gospel Luke 12:35-40

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: This week's gospel passage carries with it the expectation of the late 1st Century as the early Christians awaited the triumphant return of the Christ (sometimes called the Second Coming or the *Parousia*). This is a familiar theme through the gospels and, in fact, across the gospels we can see that the communities were beginning to face the realisation that the promised return was taking longer than they had expected. In the gospel of Mark, it is clear that the community expects the Parousia at any moment, while by the time of the writing of the gospel of Luke, 10 or 15 years later, we can see that the language has taken on an aspect of uncertainty about the timing – it could be sooner or it could be later ('It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third...').

What began to emerge was an attitude that if we don't know when the Parousia will come, then we need to live 'in anticipation' of it. We need to live as *if* the Parousia were imminent. So, rather than waiting for the kingdom of God to be delivered, we must live our lives in such a way as to bring about the kingdom; to draw the kingdom into the present. Jesus often spoke of the kingdom as both near and not yet. If we all live the values of the kingdom, by our very actions we bring the kingdom into being. This gives an incredible significance to the way we choose to live our lives. If we 'invest' in the kingdom by living out the values of the kingdom and living in expectation of the Parousia, then that 'investment' is its own reward.

Historical Context – Parousia: The Greek word *parousia* means 'presence' or 'arrival'. In ancient times the word was usually associated with the formal visit of a king or a ruler. The *parousia* of a king was a significant and sometimes formidable event. In the writings of the New Testament, the word is used for the return of Christ, the drawing to a close of salvation history and the full establishment of the kingdom of God. The earliest Christians expected to see the Parousia in their own lifetimes. The realisation that this was not to be the case led to a rethinking about living a Christian life.

Gospel Focus – Answer the Question! Peter asks Jesus very specifically, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' Frustratingly for Peter (and for the audience), Jesus doesn't give the direct question a direct answer, he answers the question with another story. Throughout the gospels, this is a constant tactic used by Jesus. He almost never gives a question a straightforward answer. By doing this, he invites the questioner to reflect on their own question and their purpose in asking it in the first place. He also cleverly avoids being tied down to a yes/no answer when a matter is not that simple.

Have you thought? – Stewardship Jesus responds to Peter's questioning the gospel in a roundabout way by speaking about a steward acting either faithfully and with wisdom or alternatively irresponsibly and recklessly. A steward is one who stands in the place of the master during the master's absence – taking on the duties, responsibilities and authority of the master. That's exactly what Christian people are called to do: become stewards who act in the place of Jesus as we await his return. As the prayer of St Teresa of Avila says, Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Raise your voices ...

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Response to the Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

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

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

Communion Antiphon: The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

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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
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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 + 7.00pm
on Thursday only this week.**

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 Fr. Peter Shultz and Neville Robinson and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, may they rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Monday:** St Jane Frances de Chantal, religious; **Tuesday:** Sts Pontian, pope, martyr and Hippolytus, priest, martyr; **Wednesday:** St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr; **Thursday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Day of Obligation, Mass at 9.00am and 7.00pm; **Friday:** St Stephen of Hungary; **Saturday:** Mass of BVM. **Sunday Masses:** Preface I of Sundays in Ordinary Time, Eucharistic Prayer III. Eucharistic Acclamation No. III.

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

REGIS INALA SECOND TUESDAY (OF THE MONTH) MASS occurs this Tuesday, 13th August at 11.00am @ 220 Middleborough Road, Blackburn South Victoria 3130. Parishioners are invited to join the Residents for Refreshments afterwards. All Parishioners are welcome.

A VOCATION VIEW: Be alert to God's presence even in the least expected times, places and events. You will be ready to respond to God's call. (Luke 12:32-48)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Luke 12:34) Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

THE 12 MONTH ANNIVERSARY OF SONYA O'FARRELL arrived this week just gone. Sonya has been our Parish part-time Secretary for one full year and if you get a chance you might like to thank her too for being who she is and what she does for our Parish, especially behind the scenes and the going that proverbial 'extra mile' on numerous occasions for all of us.

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve again next Saturday 17th August and 31st August.

DISCERNING FOR WHO TO BE MEMBERS OF OUR NEXT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: We now move into the formal **DISCERNMENT** phase and we are all invited to PRAY to determine 'is God calling you to share your gifts and talents as a member of the next Parish Pastoral Council to build the faith community of St Luke the Evangelist?' All Parishioners are invited to gather with the steering committee on **Sunday 13th October from 1.30pm - 3.30pm** in our Parish Hall for the Parish Discernment Gathering.

PRAYING FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE FAMILY: Several regular people who attend weekday Mass have suggested that we gather to especially PRAY for (our) Families. Thursday August 22nd at 7.00pm here at St Luke's we'll begin with Mass and then further devotional spiritual exercises as well as Healing Prayer over/for individual Family members or Families in need of prayer at this time. Please see Church notice-board for details or pick up a flier from the notice table.

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL 2020 ENROLMENTS: There are still **LIMITED** places available for 2020 in our Parish Primary School. Do you know a Family who might like to send their child/ren to our School? Please let them know asap, especially for 2020 enrolments. Please ring the School Office on 98774023 for more details.

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 this 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 this Sunday 11th August. 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 or see our Church noticeboard.

INTER-PARISH WALK Join others from surrounding Parishes for a relaxed 1 hr walk, and share coffee, cake and a chat afterwards. Sun 25 Aug 2019, 1.45pm for 2pm start. Location details to follow. Please see Church notice-board for more details.

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>10 AND 11 AUGUST 2019</u>	<u>17 AND 18 AUGUST 2019</u>
SATURDAY 6:00 PM	Olive Hammill	Monica Hodder
SUNDAY 8:30 AM	Godfrey Thong	Kana Chelliah
10:30 AM	First Communion	Marg Yore

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

	<u>10 AND 11 AUGUST 2019</u>	<u>17 AND 18 AUGUST 2019</u>
SATURDAY 6:00 PM	Melina Barcellona	Shirley Prabha
SUNDAY 8:30 AM	Rosemary Donaldson	Beryl Chelliah
10:30 AM	First Communion	Dale Dixon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

	<u>10 AND 11 AUGUST 2019</u>	<u>17 AND 18 AUGUST 2019</u>
SATURDAY 6:00 PM	Lorraine Kermond	Rita Gibb
SUNDAY 8:30 AM	Don McKenzie	Joe Brogno
10:30 AM	First Communion	Leigh Kelly

SLIDE OPERATORS

	<u>10 AND 11 AUGUST 2019</u>	<u>17 AND 18 AUGUST 2019</u>
SATURDAY 6:00 PM	David Prabha	Choir
SUNDAY 8:30 AM	Liliana Poropat	Rosemary Donaldson
10:30 AM	First Communion	Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

10 AUGUST 2019
Kate Skowronka
17 AUGUST 2019
Engelina & John Nyhuis

CHURCH CLEANING

17 AUGUST 2019
Team 8 (Judy's Team)
Judy Noy, Chelsea Brown,
Debbie Brown & Sarah Santilli

MAINTENANCE

24 AUGUST 2019
Team 8
Don McKenzie &
Charles Chin

WHAT LOOKS LIKE A HOUSE KEY has been handed in, dropped in the Parish Car 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 (NEW) FIRST EUCHARIST COMMUNICANTS are sitting with us at the Table of the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. Their Posters have been put up to decorate our Church for this Parish occasion. 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. Shop 30, Burwood One Cnr Blackburn Road & Burwood Hwy, East Burwood.

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.

HOME AND AGED CARE INFORMATION SESSION: Next Sunday 18th 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 18th 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 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 our many projects & shows. Training is provided which is great way to have fun whilst learning. Please see Church noticeboard for more details.

ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR? – The Siloam Program is an accredited full-time or part-time program to form Spiritual Directors. It is suitable for those who wish to companion others on their spiritual journey, helping them to notice the movement of God in their hearts and in their lived experience. The program, which commences in Box Hill VIC in Feb 2020, blends academic and practical work to foster a discerning, contemplative approach. The Program may be studied as a Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction, with Fee-Help available to qualifying students. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Brochure and application form at www.heartoflife.melbourne or tel 03 9890 1101.

JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO: This week brought to you from **Julia Goonan**, who interviewed Marilyn and Louisa, the two astonishing women that formed **Gus & Iggy**. You can listen to the interview with the link below and find **Gus & Iggy** on Spotify and iTunes, as well as Facebook and Bandcamp. We have **Mother Hilda Scott** on the show this week as well as the wonderful **Fr Mark DeBattista** with a beautiful Gospel Reflection! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by 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>

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

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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?

Always be ready and keep
your lamps burning



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Below are some things we can do that will help us to always be ready for Jesus.

PRAY

What are some things we can pray for?

A blank white rectangular box for writing a prayer request.A blank white rectangular box for writing a prayer request.A blank white rectangular box for writing a prayer request.

Write a prayer about
one of them.

Dear God,

. Amen.

CARE FOR OTHERS

Draw a picture of yourself caring
for someone you know

A large blank white rectangular box for drawing a picture of oneself caring for someone.

ASK FOR FORGIVENESS

When do we need to say "I'm sorry" to others or God?

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