

# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 25 AUGUST 2019**  
**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

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

*This week's readings: Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Gospel Luke 13:22-30*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** This week's gospel passage picks up one of the major themes that runs throughout the gospel of Luke: the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews, but is for all people; Jew and Gentile alike. A number of times in this gospel, the writer makes a point of having Jesus relate this controversial and fairly unpopular message to his audience. Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives. The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. To further make the point, they are told that people from east and west, north and south will be welcomed into the feast of the kingdom. References to people from the four points of the compass always indicate people from other lands – non-Jews. Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.

**Scriptural context – A gospel of the least:** The gospel of Luke portrays Jesus as focusing his ministry on those considered the least in society. In the Lukan version, the birth of Jesus is witnessed by lowly shepherds as opposed to the regal wise men of Matthew's version. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, it is the Samaritan outsider who responds with compassion. The Lost (Prodigal) Son is welcomed back with great rejoicing. Zacchaeus, the resented tax collector, is treated with acceptance and makes a conversion of heart. All of these stories are unique to this gospel and paint a very particular picture of a compassionate Jesus.

**Gospel Focus – First and Last:** 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.' These words of Jesus carry with them a major thrust of his ministry in the gospel of Luke. Jesus reminds his audience that their status in society means nothing when it comes to their status in the kingdom of God. What will make people 'first' in the kingdom is their acceptance of Jesus' message, their faith and their compassionate actions toward others. Jesus' insistence on the inherent value of the 'last' in society must have been a constant irritant to those who considered themselves 'first'.

**Living the Gospel – Consequences:** To be Christian is more than a name; more than a title. If we put our hand up and claim the title of Christian, then there are consequences that flow from that. Those who are disillusioned by religion frequently name hypocrisy as the major reason for their disillusionment. Sometimes, that's an easy out. We can't all live like Jesus all of the time. However, we are called to take Jesus as our model of the Christian life and to use his example as a guiding beacon. To call ourselves Christian is to try to be Christ-like in all our actions.

**Raise your voices ... Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**Response to the Psalm:** Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

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Blackburn South**  
*Being the Good News ...*

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Whitehorse Deanery  
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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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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**

*In recess this week because of the  
Parish Primary School Production*

**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  
Gerald Chia, Bernardine O'Meara, Peter Murphy, Kathryn Holmes, Tony Grieve,  
Vicki Bowes, and Nadia Tarquino and those Parishioners unable to be among us this  
weekend. For those who died recently and for John Patrick and all those whose  
anniversaries occur about this time, may they rest in peace.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time. **Tuesday:** St Monica;  
**Wednesday:** St Augustine, bishop, doctor; **Thursday:** The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr;  
**Saturday:** Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary; **Sunday Masses:** Preface III of Sundays in Ordinary  
Time, Eucharistic Prayer II. Eucharistic Acclamation No. II.

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

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Will you help gather people to be a part of the reign of God? Pay to  
be open if God calls you to serve as priest, deacon, brother or sisters. (Isaiah 66:18-21)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first  
who will be last." (Luke 13:30) Our standards in society are different from God's standards.  
We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they  
are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God  
asks you, "what have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

**NEXT PARISH THANKSGIVING/STEWARDSHIP PERIOD** begins in November this  
year. If you would like to support the Parish via **Direct Debit, Credit Card or Electronic  
Funds Transfer** rather than via Envelopes please contact Sonya in the Parish Office  
a.s.a.p. to make this happen.

**ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY (PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FOUNDATION) APPEAL** will  
be taken up next weekend at all Masses. 'Caring for those who cared'. Since the last  
Father's Day Appeal the following Priests have retired: Frs. Mick Shadbolt,  
Michael Casey, Gerry Spillane, Laurie Pearson, Kevin Burke and Peter Matheson.

**THE 6PM CHOIR** will serve again on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

**DISCERNING 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  
13<sup>th</sup> October from 1.30pm - 3.30pm in our Parish Hall for the Parish Discernment  
Gathering.** Please refer to the supplement this weekend for more details. (A few  
booklets of the history of the Parish are available on the notice table in the Church foyer;  
to complement our process of recommissioning our Parish Pastoral Council and for more  
recent Parishioners who may like to take a copy to learn how the original Families were  
involved in establishing a successful Parish from the start)

**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.

**ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD:** On Saturday September 7 at 10am at  
St Patrick's Cathedral, Archbishop Peter will ordain four new priests for service in Melbourne. Please  
pray for Deacons Andrew Choi, Nathan Rawlins, Michael Buck and Trac Nguyen as they prepare  
for ordination. All are welcome to the Ordination Mass at the Cathedral to pray for these men and  
to rejoice in the gift of four new priests for Melbourne. On this day the Archbishop will also ordain  
three deacons in preparation for priestly ordination at a later date.

**CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST:** This next opportunity will take place on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>  
September 2019 and features Fr Leo Patalinug. Fr Leo is being hosted to Australia by several  
Archdioceses, including The Archdiocese of Melbourne. He has a high profile as a chef, TV host  
and martial arts exponent which are tools in his real trade of 'evangelising'. Cost is \$50 with group  
discounts available. The time is strictly 0700 - 0900 hours. There is a new venue being the  
Athenaeum Club, 87 Collins St Melbourne (not the Athenaeum Theatre) His talk will be "**be a man  
and feed your family**". Enquiries: [michael.bohan@menalive.org.au](mailto:michael.bohan@menalive.org.au) The **Catholic Man Breakfast  
Series** is an opportunity for men to gather and be encouraged and inspired in their faith. Please  
see Church noticeboard for further details.

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

**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.*

**ORGAN CONCERT TO BE HELD AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL ON FRIDAY**

**6 SEPTEMBER, 2019 AT 6.30PM:** Thomas Trotter has been City Organist for the City  
of Birmingham since 1983 and is also Organist at St Margaret's Church, Westminster  
Abbey, in London. Tickets: \$20.00 (no concessions). Children under 15 free Bookings:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BEUKN> or tickets available at the door. Please see Church  
notice-board for further 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

24 AND 25 AUGUST 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Melina Barcellona
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Megan McLean
	10:30 AM	Teresa Rhynehart

31 AUG AND 1 SEPT 2019

Ian Holmes
Engelina Nyhuis
Sonya O'Farrell

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

24 AND 25 AUGUST 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Olive Hammill
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Darren McLean
	10:30 AM	Mike Yore

31 AUG AND 1 SEPT 2019

Terry Wells
Kana Chelliah
Marg Yore

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

24 AND 25 AUGUST 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Terry Wells
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Marie Pekish
	10:30 AM	Pamela & Michael

31 AUG AND 1 SEPT 2019

Lorraine Kermond
Don McKenzie
Mary Taranto

### SLIDE OPERATORS

24 AND 25 AUGUST 2019

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

31 AUG AND 1 SEPT 2019

Choir
Megan & Darren McLean
Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

24 AUGUST 2019

Val Wells & Marie Parker

31 AUGUST 2019

Janette Neumann

### CHURCH CLEANING

31 AUGUST 2019

Team 2 (Monica's Team)

Monica Hodder, Marie Parker,  
Filomena Manley, Beryl

Kanagalingam & William Stephens

### MAINTENANCE

7 SEPTEMBER 2019

Team 9

John Ryan, Darren Foster &  
Anthony Fernandez

## 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

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### Parish and School Fete Committee

T.B.A. - 9877 4023

### Parish School Advisory Board

Ed Weekes - 9877 4023

### Parish School

### Parents' Association

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### 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?

**THE HERO'S JOURNEY, SAT 21 SEP 2019, 10AM - 4PM.** With heroic figures from both literature and film as our guides, we will map the Journey of the Hero: its spiritual significance and its power to inspire. You will be invited to question your own Journey, to discern the presence of the Hero within and to pursue it fearlessly. Facilitated by psychologist and spiritual director Simon Jenkinson, \$60.

**SPRING'S RETURN CREATIVE ENRICHMENT, WEDS X 4, 9 - 30 OCT 2019, 1PM-3PM,** journeying with a reflective and creative process, you are invited to touch the new growth, colour and gifts of Spring with your heart space. Come to one or all. \$105 or \$30 per session 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) For more details please see Church noticeboards.

**THE VIC-TAS CATHOLIC MODERN SLAVERY TASKFORCE** is determined in its focus to ensure all the policies, practices and procurements of the four Victorian dioceses and the Archdiocese of Hobart are completely free from the scourge of modern slavery. We ask that together we remain vigilant to ensure that we do not make purchases that are the product of cruel and undignified practices – including modern slavery and human trafficking. Please take the time to watch Pope Francis' plea to us all. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6zCPq1JHtI> We hope you will join with us in the small things – tea coffee, chocolate. If you have any suggestions for the Taskforce, please do not hesitate to forward your suggestions to [justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au)

**JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO:** This week on the Journey, we hear Luke's Gospel 13:22-30, about "the narrow door". Pete Gilmore shares his inspiration of Living the Gospel, and we have some other amazing presenters sharing their faith filled experiences and parts of their life's journey. 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.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** is an international Catholic Charity that supports suffering and persecuted Christians. Currently over 200 million Christians worldwide cannot freely exercise their faith; Christians are persecuted, discriminated against or oppressed in more than 40 countries. The primary work of *Aid to the Church in Need* focuses on providing spiritual and pastoral support to keep the Catholic faith alive. We support projects at the request of bishops and religious superiors who have nowhere else to turn. We invite you to stay informed by receiving news from the suffering Church. Visit [www.aidtochurch.org](http://www.aidtochurch.org) and click 'subscribe'. If you prefer to receive our newsletter via post, call 1800 101 201 during business hours to arrange.

**NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK 19<sup>TH</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019:** Did you know a woman's health is often reflected in her fertility? Learning The Billings Ovulation Method® can alert a woman to underlying health problems. If you would like to be able to manage your fertility naturally and to monitor your reproductive health, accredited Billing Teachers are available to assist you throughout Australia. For further information ring Billings LIFE on 1800 335 860 or visit [www.billings.life](http://www.billings.life)

**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>



Those who are least will be the most important



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Write or draw someone who is not considered an important person. Then fill in the missing letters.

Write or draw someone who considers themselves more important than others. Then fill in the missing letters.

The o\_es wh\_ are \_ow  
le\_t im\_\_rt\_nt wi\_\_  
be th\_ mo\_t i\_po\_tan\_.

Th\_se w\_o a\_\_ now  
m\_st i\_po\_\_nt \_ill b\_  
the \_e\_st \_m\_\_rt\_nt.

Draw some people from many different lands, sitting at the feast in God's kingdom.



# Discernment: Making Inspired Choices

LOYOLA PRESS.  
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by Joe Paprocki, D.Min.

*“Just do it.”*

Sounds easy, right? On the one hand, there's something to be said for spontaneity. On the other hand, some of our choices in life require deep thought, prayer, and consideration, lest we find ourselves facing the consequences of a poor decision. That's where the art of *discernment* comes in.

Discernment is a time-honored practice in the Christian tradition. In essence, discernment is a decision-making process that honors the place of God's will in our lives. It is an interior search that seeks to align our own will with the will of God in order to learn what God is calling us to. Every choice we make, no matter how small, is an opportunity to align ourselves with God's will. Here are some tried-and-true pointers that can help you discern God's will.

*Talk to Someone You Respect.*

God often speaks to us through the wisdom of others. Seek out the wisdom of at least one and perhaps several people who you feel have the gift of wisdom and ask for their advice.

*Find Some Solitude.*

It's good to talk to other people when making important decisions, but at some point, it is crucial to make some time to be alone with your thoughts and with God. Invite God into your decision-making process.

*Start with What You Know.*

Lay out all of the facts in front of yourself so that you can deal with the known before you delve into the unknown!

*Tell God What It Is That You Desire and What You Fear.*

Be honest and tell God what your deepest desires and fears are in this situation is. Before you can say the words, “thy will be done,” be sure you are truly in touch with your own will; otherwise it will come back to bite you anyway!

### ***Let God Speak to You.***

Most of us don't actually hear a voice when God speaks to us. However, pay attention closely to the ways that God is speaking to you. What kinds of thoughts, feelings (especially love, joy, and peace, or a lack thereof), and memories might God be stirring within you to help you make your decision? What Scripture story or saint's life comes to mind that might enlighten your decision? Find the passage or story and prayerfully read it.

### ***Know That God Has a Plan for You.***

Remind yourself that you are not on your own and that you don't have to yell and scream to get God's attention to help you in this matter. On the contrary, remind yourself that God has a plan for you and that his plan is driven purely by love.

### ***Pray to Do God's Will.***

As difficult as it may be, pray the words, "thy will be done," asking God to give you the strength you need to continue to discern his will and to follow it.

### ***Wait.***

If circumstances allow, wait before making your decision. Continue to pay attention to your feelings to see which direction you are being drawn to.

### ***Prayerfully Commit.***

At some point, you need to act. Knowing that you have sought God's will, set forth to do the loving thing.

### ***Check Out the Fruits.***

Discernment is ongoing. After you make a decision, prayerfully evaluate it. If the fruits (outcomes) of your decision—your words, actions, and behaviors—are good, then it is a good indication that the decision you made is good. If the fruits are "rotten," then that is a good indication that you may need to alter your course. True discernment results in good fruit (even if it's something we wouldn't normally pick out for ourselves).

Discernment can help you when you face decisions. Even though making good decisions can be difficult at times, trust that the Holy Spirit is with you to guide you and help you choose what is good and true.