

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2019
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

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

This week’s readings: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: In the gospel of Luke, Jesus is accused of eating with sinners and tax collectors (Lk 15) and we have an image of Jesus as always eating with the marginalised. However, today’s gospel account is a more common occurrence: Jesus eating with a leading Pharisee and people of social importance. Although Jesus is depicted as frequently dining in the houses of these well-to-do people, he was probably never invited a second time! As in today’s account, Jesus made a habit of accepting the hospitality of such people and then giving them a lecture about how they should behave and reminding them who was not gathered around the table with them. Certainly the sort of actions that don’t see too many follow-up invitations! The message he dishes out to the Pharisees on this occasion is about not thinking you’re more important than you really are. He tells them that it is far better to assume a lower status and to be lifted to greater prominence than it is to assume too much and have to be asked to step down to your proper status. In first century Jewish society, eating was as much a political act as it was a social one. Who you ate with was a reflection of your social and political position. To be invited to the head of the table would reflect very positively on a guest whilst being asked to assume a lower seat would be humiliating.

Jesus’ final teaching in this account would have been outrageous to his audience. The thought of inviting to a meal people who were in no position to reciprocate was absolutely ridiculous. But Jesus encourages his audience to give to those who cannot repay – to be graciously generous just as God gives without expecting anything in return. **Historical Context – Hospitality:** In the first century, hospitality carried with it certain rules and expectations. If you were the recipient of hospitality, there was an obligation on you to return hospitality if it were within your means. Hospitality meant more than feeding people. It meant extending welcome to people even if you didn’t know them. There was an obligation to extend welcome and hospitality to anyone who asked for it. Travellers knew that they could enter a village and ask for a meal and a bed and they would be provided. Jesus reinterpreted this obligation of hospitality and extended it to anyone in need.

Scriptural context – Humility and Honour: Jesus’ comments about taking the place of honour at a table are introduced as being a parable. Because it is identified as a parable, we know that there is a richer meaning below the surface. In talking about places at a feast, Jesus is referring to the kingdom of God. We know that Jesus has already identified that the lowly in this world will be in a place of honour in the kingdom. His message is that those who humble themselves in this world and give hospitality to the lowly will be lifted up – exalted – in the kingdom. **Living the Gospel – What’s the cost?** Jesus’ message about humility is as relevant today as it was in the first century. It is part of human nature to want to fit in and to want to belong. Sometimes we are tempted to seek this acceptance at any cost. When our sense of belonging is achieved through the harming, humiliation or exploitation of others then the price is too high. When our desire for the latest fashion comes at the expense of others being able to simply live, then the price is too high. When we lift ourselves up by putting others down, then the price is too high.

Raise your voices ... Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Response to the Psalm: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

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

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Saint Luke the Evangelist
Catholic Parish
Blackburn South**
Being the Good News ...

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Whitehorse Deanery
Eastern Region
Archdiocese of Melbourne

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Parish Priest

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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 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 Clive Adams, Brett Adams, Emmanuel Raj, George and Dorothy Peattie and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, R.I.P.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Tuesday:** St Gregory the Great, pope, martyr; **Friday:** Spring Ember Day; **Saturday:** Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary; **Sunday Masses:** Preface VI of Sundays in Ordinary Time, Eucharistic Prayer III, Eucharistic Acclamation No. III.

MECWACARE FIRST FRIDAY MASS occurs this Friday, 6th September 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: Humility is needed for those who choose to serve. Recognise your gifts and offer them in humble service. (Luke 14:1, 7-14)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." (Luke 14:13-14) We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, a chance to play golf or our name in print. Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

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 this 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 this Saturday 31st August, 21st and 28th September.

DISCERNING WHO THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF OUR NEXT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL BE (THERE WILL BE FIVE EX OFFICIO): 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.** 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).

DID YOU GET TO SEE OUR PARISH SCHOOL PRODUCTION – 'THE GRUNCH' THIS YEAR? If you did how proud you must be of all our young Parishioners who participated in it, as I am. If you didn't you missed a unique pedagogical moment of joy that was created by our young Parishioners working as a team and inspired by the spirit of theatre, which certainly prevailed at the Besen Centre last Wednesday evening. All professionally supervised by our School Staff, committed Parents and Mrs Kat Bergin our Theatre Director again this year. Well done everyone!

THE ALIGHT FAMILY FIESTA is on Saturday 21 September. We are all part of a family so everyone is welcome. If the faith of your family could benefit from some encouragement right now, come and join us! **Registrations close on Wednesday 11 September.** Fr Leo Patalinghug, chef and priest, will cook up a storm to feed us body, mind and soul. There will be rides, games, live music – don't miss out! Look for the Alight flyers in your parish. Register today at www.cam.org.au/alight19. If the cost is a problem, we can help. See the "Subsidy" tab on the Alight website. Flyers are available on the notice-table in our Church foyer.

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.

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

31 AUG AND 1 SEPT 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Ian Holmes
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Engelina Nyhuis
	10:30 AM	Val Gardiner

7 AND 8 SEPT 2019

Olive Hammill
Godfrey Thong
Lynda Kilroe-Smith

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

31 AUG AND 1 SEPT 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Terry Wells
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Kana Chelliah
	10:30 AM	Marg Yore

7 AND 8 SEPT 2019

Mia Perang
Melina Barcellona
Margaret Gearon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

31 AUG AND 1 SEPT 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Lorraine Kermond
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Don McKenzie
	10:30 AM	Mary Taranto

7 AND 8 SEPT 2019

Rita Gibb
Joe Brogno
Margaret Gearon

SLIDE OPERATORS

31 AUG AND 1 SEPT 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Choir
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Megan & Darren McLean
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez

7 AND 8 SEPT 2019

David Prabha
Liliana Poropat
Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

31 AUGUST 2019

Jeanette Neumann

7 SEPT 2019

Reshika Weerasinghe

CHURCH CLEANING

7 SEPT 2019

Team 3 (Joanne's Team)

Joanne Nolan, Melissa O'Mara,
Tina Tempany & Jesse Barrett

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

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Pastoral Council &

Child Safety Officer

Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

Parish 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

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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?*

CATHY JENKINS DIRECTOR from the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation has sent us a letter outlining what is the next stage of preparation for the **2020 Plenary Council**: the Listening and Discernment phase. Please read it on our Parish notice board in our Church foyer. As we move into this discernment stage of the Plenary, "What happens when two visions of the kingdom of God come together? They can be both right—on about truth but with different perspectives. We have to take that into account in our reflection and discernment. The Church doesn't move by 'group think' or popular opinion; it moves by a process of faith." Fr Kevin Lenehan. The Plenary Council 2020 is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Six National Themes for Discernment have been drawn from the 220,000 people that were engaged in the Listening and Dialogue sessions. How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is: •missionary and evangelising? •inclusive, participatory and synodal? •prayerful and eucharistic? •humble, healing and merciful? •a joyful, hope-filled servant community? •open to conversion, renewal and reform? Each of the themes has a 'snapshot' report which provides a sample of the voices and answers that inspired the theme. Snapshot reports are available at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports/>

CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST: This next opportunity will take place on Friday the 20th September 2019 and features Fr Leo Patalinhug. 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 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.

JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO: This week on the Journey, we hear Luke's Gospel 14:1,7-17. Mother Hilda from the Abbey, Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent, share their sage words. We have the ever-talented Trish McCarthy with her God spot, and you will also hear from Fr Dave Callaghan. With amazingly talented 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.

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 or book and pay online at www.heartoflife.melbourne For more details please see Church noticeboards.

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>

Invite the poor to your feast



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

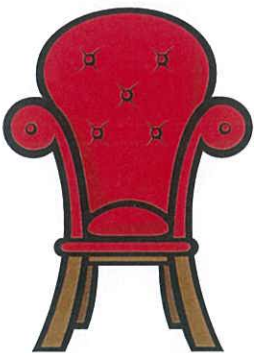
Who would you invite to your party? Fill out the invitation.

Use the words below to complete these sentences.

-  When you are invited to be a _____, go and sit in the _____ place.
-  If you put yourself _____ others, you will be put down.
-  When you are _____ to a wedding feast, don't sit in the _____ place.
-  If you _____ yourself, you will be honoured.
-  When you give a _____, invite the _____, crippled, the lame and the _____. They _____ pay you back.

CANNOT GUEST
HUMBLE INVITED
BEST BLIND FEAST
ABOVE WORST
POOR

If you were invited to a party where would you sit? Circle the chair you would sit in and write down why you would sit there.



Happy Father's Day to all our Dads

REFLECTIONS

WHAT MAKES A DAD

God took the strength of a mountain,
the majesty of a tree,
the warmth of a summer sun,
the calm of a quiet sea,
the generous soul of nature,
the comforting arm of night,
the wisdom of the ages,
the power of the eagle's flight,
the joy of a morning in spring,
the faith of a mustard seed,
the patience of eternity,
the depth of a family need,
then God combined these qualities,
when there was nothing more to add,
he knew his masterpiece was complete,
and so, he called it.....Dad.

'MY DAD' BY ANTHONY BROWNE

He's all right, my dad. My dad isn't afraid of ANYTHING, even the Big Bad Wolf.
He can jump right over the moon, and walk on a tightrope (without falling off).
He can wrestle with giants, or win the fathers' race on sports day, easily. He's alright, my dad.
My dad can eat like a horse, and he can swim like a fish.
He's as strong as a gorilla, and as happy as a hippopotamus. He's alright, my dad.
My dad's as big as a house, and as soft as my teddy.
He's as wise as an owl, and daft as a brush. He's alright my dad.
My dad's a great dancer, and a brilliant singer.
He's fantastic at football, and he makes me laugh. A lot.
I love my dad. And you know what? HE LOVES ME! (And he always will).

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads, Special Men and those who play a fatherly role in all our lives. We especially remember our beautiful Dads who are no longer with us in this life, but whose memories remain with us every single day. Thank you for enriching our lives, imparting upon us, life long lessons and for making us the people we are today. You will never be forgotten, as you live on, in us, each and every day.

Seven Practical Discernment Techniques

(Spiritual Exercises, [178-187])

1. Ignatius suggests that we start the decision-making process by putting before our mind what it is we want to decide about. For example, we might be trying to decide whether or not to enter a specific religious community.
2. He then asks us to pray for the grace to “try to be like a balance at equilibrium, without leaning to either side” (*Spiritual Exercises*, [179]). In other words, we should try to the extent possible not to prefer one option to the other but only desire to do God’s will. To help us maintain focus and perspective, he asks us to keep the ultimate end and goal of our existence clearly before us.
3. Then we pray for God to enlighten and move us to seek only what is most conducive to God’s service and praise.
4. One suggestion Ignatius makes is to imagine a person we never met who seeks our help in how to respond to God’s call in the same decision we are considering. We then observe what advice we give this person and follow it ourselves. This is helpful since most of us are better at giving others advice than at figuring out what we should do.
5. Another suggestion is that we imagine ourselves at the end of our lives either on our deathbed or after our death standing before Christ our Judge. How would we feel about our decision then? What would we say to Christ about the decision we have just made? We should choose now the course of action that would give us happiness and joy in looking back on it from our deathbed and in presenting it to Christ on the day of our judgment.
6. When we do not experience inner clarity about the correct decision to be made, Ignatius suggests that we use our reason to weigh the matter carefully to attempt to come to a decision in line with our living out God’s will in our lives. To do this we should, bearing in mind our ultimate goal, list and weigh the advantages and disadvantages for us of the decision at hand, for example, the reasons for and against entering religious life or a specific religious community. We are then to consider which alternatives seem more reasonable and decide according to the more weighty motives – not from our selfish inclinations. Looking over our list of “pros” and “cons” for the decision at hand, we should notice if any of the reasons listed stand out from the others and why and see which way this might point us. This technique can help us move from inner confusion to greater clarity at least as to the issues that need to be attended to and help separate out which are more significant.
7. Having come to a decision, we turn again to God and beg for signs of God’s confirmation that the decision is leading us toward God’s service and praise. The usual sign of this confirmation from God is an experience of peacefulness about the decision. The confirmed decision has a feeling of “rightness” about it, and we feel a sense of God’s presence, blessing, and love. This is a very important step, since the feeling of rightness, peace, and joy about a decision is a positive indicator that we have made the right decision whereas feelings of anxiety, heaviness, sadness, and darkness often indicate the opposite.