

# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2019**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

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

*This week's readings: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Gospel Luke 16:1-13*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** We return again to the Lukan theme of money and how it can get in the way of being a true disciple. This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. That parable of the steward and his master is one that is rarely quoted and would be unfamiliar to most readers. The actions of the steward upon learning that he is to be dismissed seem to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness.

When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his master, he would build into the repayment a profit for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forego his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay as much.

But why does Jesus use this parable? He makes the point that when the crunch comes – when the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.

**Historical Context – Stewards:** We often encounter the term *steward* in the gospels. To be the steward of a household or business was much more than being the manager on behalf of the owner. Stewardship meant to stand and act in the place of the owner. It was to carry the authority and responsibility of the master or owner. When dealing with a steward it was just like dealing with the master. Jesus sometimes portrays himself as God's steward and sometimes portrays the disciples as his stewards. To be entrusted with the stewardship of anything was a great honour and carried enormous trust.

**Gospel Focus – Using money:** Jesus tells his audience to use money to win friends so that when your money fails you your friends will welcome you. This sounds a bit like buying friendship. But what Jesus was saying was to share your riches with those in need and not be boastful and greedy of your wealth. He is calling his audience back to the commands of God to take care of the needy and to make sure that no one is left without enough to live. So the friendship Jesus is encouraging the people to make through their money is a friendship with the poor and the needy.

**Have you thought? Tainted Money:** Money seems to get a pretty bad rap in the gospel of Luke. In today's passage, it is even described as 'that tainted thing' which is the lowest measure of trustworthiness. However, it is not money as such that is the concern, but rather it is the love of money and inappropriate use of money. In the Jewish tradition, the measure of society was based on how the lowest and the least were treated and looked after. When our focus is on acquiring money and possessions, it is impossible to be using our money for the good of others.

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Response to the Psalm:** Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

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

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.



## Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

*Being the Good News ...*

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Whitehorse Deanery  
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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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Sonya O'Farrell

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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).*

**St Luke the Evangelist  
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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, Måe, Peter Murphy, Kathryn Holmes, Tony Grieve, Vicki Bowes, Jim Maguire, Keith Yelland, Jim Grant and Nadia Tarquino and those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently and for Michael Downie, Shannon O'Mara and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, may they rest in peace.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time. **Monday:** St Pius Pietrelcina, priest; **Thursday:** Sts Cosmas and Damian, martyrs; **Friday:** St Vincent de Paul priest; **Saturday:** St Wenceslaus, martyr and St Lawrence Ruiz and companions, martyrs; Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary. **Sunday Masses:** Eucharistic Prayer for use in Masses for Various Needs III. Eucharistic Acclamation No. III.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** You cannot serve two masters. Whom do you choose to follow? You have to make a choice. (Luke 16:1-13)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." (Luke 16:13) Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

**THE 6PM CHOIR** will serve again on Saturday 28th September.

**DISCERNING WHO THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF OUR NEXT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS THE PARISH STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE)**

**WILL BE + FIVE EX OFFICIO** (by virtue of one's position or status) = **12 PARISHIONERS IN TOTAL:** 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.

**SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH FEAST DAY** will occur this year on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October. We will have our usual 10.30am morning Mass then a Parish BBQ lunch to follow. It will be the end of **BOOK WEEK** in our Parish Primary School so you may see some of our Students in 'Book Character' at Mass and/or at our Parish BBQ. Mrs. **Liz Sullivan**, our new Parish Primary School Principal, will be coming too. All Parishioners are invited. A Jumping Castle will be available for all the chronologically Young Parishioners present.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, BOX HILL CONFERENCE** - our conference is this year celebrating 80 years of service to the local community. A celebration Mass and morning tea will be held on Sunday 6 October at 10.15am at St Francis Xavier's Church, cnr Dorking and Whitehorse Roads Box Hill. We warmly invite any past conference members or the family of deceased members to join us. RSVP: by 30/9/19 to Kathy Sakowski - email: [kmsakowski@gmail.com](mailto:kmsakowski@gmail.com)

**PLEASE BE ADVISED** that our vulnerable adult Parishioner who went missing from Orchard Grove recently, John, has decided to live privately/confidentially and elsewhere for personal well-being and safety reasons.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA** advises that on 29 September 2019 in the Archdiocese of Melbourne we will observe Social Justice Sunday. We have been asked to prepare for this day by praying this weekend for all the Catholic social services agencies across the archdiocese that offer professional and volunteer services and support to those most needy and marginalised in our society. More information and support possibilities can be found at [www.css.org.au](http://www.css.org.au) Some fliers are available on our Church notice-table.

**WHAT IS THE EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH?** In 2019, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, Pope Francis announced that October will be an Extraordinary Missionary Month. He encourages us to live out joyfully our responsibility for the world. To honour the extraordinary nature of this celebration, **Catholic Mission** has planned some events to engage as wide an audience as possible. **The Theme:** For the Extraordinary Missionary Month, the Holy Father has chosen the theme '**Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on a Mission in the World**'. Awakening the awareness of the *missio ad gentes*, and reinvigorating the responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel with new enthusiasm, are themes that combine the pastoral concern of Pope Benedict XV in *Maximum Illud* with the missionary vitality expressed by Pope Francis in the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*: "Missionary action is the paradigm of every work of the Church" (EG 15). **How to Live Your Own Extraordinary Missionary Month:** There are four dimensions, specified by the Pope, to live more intensely the journey of preparation for the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019:

1. A personal encounter with Jesus Christ living in His Church through the Eucharist, the Word of God, personal and communal prayer;
2. Testimony: missionary saints, martyrs and confessors of the faith, as an expression of the Church scattered throughout the world;
3. Missionary formation: biblical, catechetical, spiritual and theological;
4. Missionary charity. (Please see flier on Church Foyer notice table).

**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>21 AND 22 SEPT 2019</u>		<u>28 AND 29 SEPT 2019</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 PM	Lorraine Kermond	Monica Hodder
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM	Engelina Nyhuis	Megan McLean
	10:30 AM	Sonya O'Farrell	Elizabeth Dixon

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

	<u>21 AND 22 SEPT 2019</u>		<u>28 AND 29 SEPT 2019</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 PM	Terry Wells	Mia Perang
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM	Rosemary Donaldson	Darren McLean
	10:30 AM	Genevieve Hemsley	Dale Dixon

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

	<u>21 AND 22 SEPT 2019</u>		<u>28 AND 29 SEPT 2019</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 PM	Rita Gibb	Lorraine Kermond
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM	Don McKenzie	Joe Brogno
	10:30 AM	Pamela & Michael	Leigh Kelly

### SLIDE OPERATORS

	<u>21 AND 22 SEPT 2019</u>		<u>28 AND 29 SEPT 2019</u>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	6:00 PM	Tony Lobo	Choir
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 AM	Anthony Fernandez	Liliana Poropat
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

**21 SEPT 2019**  
Kate Skowronska  
**28 SEPT 2019**  
Engelina & John Nyhuis

### CHURCH CLEANING

**28 SEPT 2019**  
Team 6 (Sonya's Team)  
Sonya O'Farrell, Rose Knight,  
Joe Brogno & Shirley Prabha

### MAINTENANCE

**5 OCTOBER 2019**  
Team 1  
Bob Dimmattina &  
Steve Kilroe-Smith

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE** invites you to enroll in its course, Master of Education and Theology. For more information, please see our Church noticeboard.

**THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER** will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 9.00am – 3.00pm in the Convent Grounds at 154 Cotham road Kew. This year all the proceeds raised will be forwarded to Sister Veneranda Myuku of the Franciscan Sisters of Charity, working at the **IKOMBO EPILEPTIC CENTRE** for the poor in the Mahenge Diocese of Tanzania. Enquiries please phone 9817 3715. See poster on our Church notice-board.

**THE CROYDON PARISH PLAYERS** next performance – see Church noticeboard.

**PALMS AUSTRALIA:** Discovering Global Mission - How can our skills create better opportunities for disadvantaged people? Communities in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to assist their development. Learn of Melbourne teacher **Kathy Brick's** experience mentoring local educators at schools in Samoa and South Africa, and how **sharing your skills** can **immerse you** in a **world of deep cultural discovery**. Qualified medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins are always required. **Discover Palms: Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am Jenny Florence Room Ross House 247-251 Flinders Lane MELBOURNE Call Palms now on 02 9560 5333 or see [palms.org.au/assignments-abroad](http://palms.org.au/assignments-abroad)** See poster on our Church notice-board.

**JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO:** This week on the Journey, we have Fr Graham reflecting on our Gospel of Luke 16:1-13. We hear the soothing words from Mother Hilda and Sam Clear, and some of our other favourites this week include our very own Pete Gilmore and Trish McCarthy. We are so very lucky to have some wonderful Christian Music artist on this week's edition of the 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.

**ARE YOU A SPIRITUAL LEADER? –** The Spiritual Leaders Program is a one-year, part-time program held on Friday mornings (and some afternoons) in Box Hill, Vic. It is suitable for people in various positions of leadership, spiritual formation and outreach ministries such as community leaders, nurses, school principals, ministers, lay ecclesial ministers, and chaplains. The program, which commences in Feb 2020, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Fee-Help may be available. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Brochure and application form at [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 03 9890 1101.

**CELEBRATE LIFE CONCERT WITH CATHOLIC ARTISTS** an at 7.30 pm on 11th October 2019 with Fr David Lemewu & Georga Byrne & Alyssa Agius who's song hit 5th on the charts of Australian Christian music, they also sing at catholic youth festivals and there will be other acts and dances including scenes from the COG theatre group's musicals. A not for profit fundraiser. Limited tickets are sold at half price, only \$12. Don't miss out on this special, to be entertained by talented christian artists. For more info [www.trybooking.com/BEVLD](http://www.trybooking.com/BEVLD) [cogtheatregroup@gmail.com](mailto:cogtheatregroup@gmail.com) or telephone 0413398528 [www.callofguadalupe.com](http://www.callofguadalupe.com) For more details please see Church noticeboard.

**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

**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**

T.B.A.

**Holy Communion to the housebound**

**Emmaus College**

**Education Board Parish Reps**

Maureen Mac Mahon &

Bernard O'Malley

**Parish & School Choirs**

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0411 136 043

Marg Yore & Kat Bergin

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**Parish and School Fete Committee**

T.B.A.

**Parish School**

**Education 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?*





You cannot serve God and Money

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

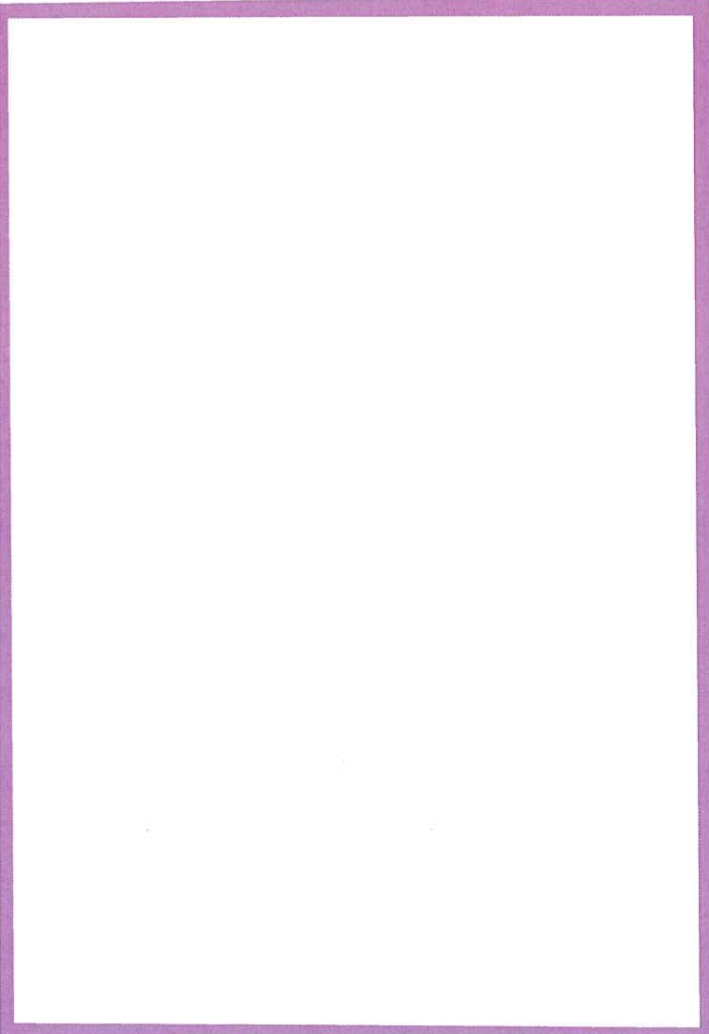




How can money be used well?



How can money be used badly?

Draw a picture of something that you are trusted to do every week.



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Try to decipher this teaching that Jesus gave to his disciples. Draw yourself listening to Jesus.



# Discernment versus Decision Making

Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM

Thursday, May 31, 2018

The holiness of Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), like all holiness, was unique and never merely a copy or imitation. In his *Testament*, he tells his brothers, “No one showed me what I had to do,” [1] and then, at the very end of his life, he says, “I have done what is mine; may Christ teach you what is yours!” [2] What permission, freedom, and space he thus gave to his followers!

We are each unique incarnations of God, bringing to visible and tangible expression God’s presence in the world. Sr. Ilia Delio paraphrases Francis’ message from his *Later Admonition and Exhortation*:

When love transforms our actions in a way that Christ is “represented”—then we become mothers, sisters and brothers of Christ. This birthing of Christ in the life of the believer . . . is a way of conceiving, birthing, and bringing Christ to the world in such a way that the Incarnation is renewed. It is making the gospel alive. [3]

So, how do we discover what is ours to do? How do we connect with our sacred vocation in service to the needs of the world? How do we give birth to Christ in the world? How do we renew the Incarnation and give flesh to the Word?

First, we must go through a process of discernment. Henri Nouwen explains:



Christian discernment is not the same as decision making. Reaching a decision can be straightforward: we consider our goals and options; maybe we list the pros and cons of each possible choice; and then we choose the action that meets our goal most effectively. Discernment, on the other hand, is about listening and responding to that place within us where our deepest desires align with God's desire. As discerning people, we sift through our impulses, motives, and options to discover which ones lead us closer to divine love and compassion for ourselves and other people and which ones lead us further away.

Discernment reveals new priorities, directions, and gifts from God. We come to realize that what previously seemed so important for our lives loses its power over us. Our desire to be successful, well liked and influential becomes increasingly less important as we move closer to God's heart. To our surprise, we even may experience a strange inner freedom to follow a new call or direction as previous concerns move into the background of our consciousness. We begin to see the beauty of the small and hidden life that Jesus lived in Nazareth. Most rewarding of all is the discovery that as we pray more each day, God's will—that is, God's concrete ways of loving us and our world—gradually is made known to us. [4]

#### References:

[1] Francis of Assisi, *The Testament*, line 14. See *Francis of Assisi: Early Documents*, vol. 1 (New City Press: 1999), 125.

[2] Francis of Assisi, quoted by Thomas of Celano, *The Remembrance of the Desire of a Soul*, chapter 162. See *Francis of Assisi: Early Documents*, vol. 2 (New City Press: 2000), 386.

[3] Ilija Delio, *Franciscan Prayer* (Franciscan Media: 2004), 150-151.

[4] Henri Nouwen, *Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life* (Harper One: 2013), 17.