

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 2019
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

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

This week's readings: Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Gospel Luke 17:5-9

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: How much faith does one have to have? How much faith is enough? How is it possible to measure one person's faith against another? When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, what exactly were they asking of him? These fishermen and nobodies chosen as disciples by Jesus must surely have had moments of realisation that they were not the sorts of young men normally chosen by Rabbis to be disciples. They must have looked around at the disciples of other teachers and seen that, by comparison, they weren't really in the same league. So they ask Jesus to increase their faith. What they're saying is: make us more like the sorts of people we think we ought to be. Jesus counters their request by telling them that if they had faith the size of a tiny mustard seed they could accomplish great things. It's not a matter of how much faith one has but what they do with it. How much faith does it take to do great things? Jesus says that it only takes the tiniest scrap of faith. Jesus follows up this statement by pointing out to the disciples that no matter how small the amount of faith, it carries with it a responsibility and duty to act upon it. One shouldn't be looking for acclaim and special treatment when one acts out of faith as that is simply what is expected. The gift of faith carries with it a duty to live that faith and act upon it.

Historical Context – Servants and Slaves: When speaking about doing what is expected, Jesus uses the image of a servant or slave. Whilst this image may be a difficult one for us, Jesus is simply using an image that would have held meaning to his audience. The sense of doing what is expected without anticipating acclaim was best captured in the time by talking about a servant or slave. This does not suggest that Jesus condoned the practice of slavery or servitude – they were just cultural norms at the time. When Jesus spoke about these matters it was only to ensure that slave and servants were treated fairly.

Scriptural context – A lesson for the disciples: For the last few months, in the Sunday gospel readings, we have been working our way through the second half of the gospel of Luke. From the end of chapter 9 onwards, the gospel charts the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem. Throughout this journey, Jesus teaches his disciples and attempts to prepare them for his departure and their need to step up and take on his ministry. Today's passage is an example of this instruction to the disciples. Jesus makes clear that they are being called to give their lives to faith in service of others without expecting any return – just as Jesus does!

Gospel Focus – Faith: The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.

All Parishioners are invited to gather with the Steering Committee next Sunday 13th October from 1.30pm – 3.30pm in our Parish Hall for the Parish Discernment Gathering, our preparation to recommission our Parish Pastoral Council or Parish Stewardship Committee.

Raise your voices ...

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Response to the Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever: it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

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

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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Blackburn South**
Being the Good News ...

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Whitehorse Deanery
Eastern Region
Archdiocese of Melbourne

Rev Father Gerard
Parish Priest

Sonya O'Farrell
Part-time Parish Secretary
Wednesdays, Thursdays &
Fridays
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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am & 10:30am

WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY:
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, Mãe, Peter Murphy, Kathryn Holmes, Tony Grieve, Vicki Bowes, Jim Maguire, Keith Yelland, Jim Grant, Nadia Tarquino, Elaine Chapman and all those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For Kathleen Canavan who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Beatrice Patrick, may they rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Monday:** Our Lady of the Rosary; **Wednesday:** St Denis, bishop, martyr, and companions, martyrs and St John Leonardi, priest; **Friday:** St John XXIII, pope; **Saturday:** Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary. **Sunday Masses:** Eucharistic Prayer II. Eucharistic Acclamation No. II.

REGIS INALA SECOND TUESDAY (OF THE MONTH) MASS occurs this Tuesday, 8th October 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: The Spirit of God makes us strong, loving and wise. How will you use these gifts to serve the gospel? Consider being a sister, brother, priest or deacon (2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14).

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7) Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighbourhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

THE 6PM SATURDAY VIGIL CHOIR will next serve on Saturdays 12th & 26th October, **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 next 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.

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH FEAST DAY will occur this year on Sunday 20th 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.

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 take flier from Church Foyer notice table).

JOIN THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FORMATION, PRAYER, AND INSPIRATION AS WE WELCOME THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Sunday 13th October 2019, Holy Family Parish

236 Stephenson's Road, Mount Waverley. 4:00PM: Holy Hour and Benediction; 5:00PM: Holy Mass; 6:00PM: Holy Rosary; 6:30PM: 'Behold your Mother' Tim Staples; 7:30PM: Supper. **Tim Staples:** Tim Staples was a fallen-away Southern Baptist who as a teen came back to faith in Christ through the witness of televangelists. Determined to prove Catholicism wrong, Tim studied his way to the last place he thought he would ever end up: the Catholic Church. He converted in 1988 and spent six years in formation for the priesthood, earning a degree in philosophy and studying theology at the graduate level. Realizing that his calling was not to be a priest, Tim left the seminary in 1994 and has been working in Catholic apologetics and evangelization ever since.

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY'S 23 POLICE ROAD MULGRAVE FETE is on the 26th of October 2019. Please see Poster on our Parish noticeboard for more details.

CATENIAN INVITATION: Come and join other Catholic men and women from nearby parishes for dinner and an evening of fellowship along with a topical presentation by: **ABC television state political reporter, Richard Willingham.** To be held at Natalies Restaurant with function room privacy on October 16th. Men's Group meeting 7.00 pm start. Dinner and presentation from 7.45 pm onwards Cost \$45.00 p/person (Includes 2 courses & drinks) **Bookings essential** - Please confirm attendance with Phil Copsey on 0422 141977 or philipcopsey@gmail.com (Please call or text for further details). Poster available on our Church noticeboard.

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

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| | 5 AND 6 OCT 2019 | 12 AND 13 OCT 2019 |
| SATURDAY 6:00 PM | Ian Holmes | Terry Wells |
| SUNDAY 8:30 AM | Beryl Chelliah | Kana Chelliah |
| 10:30 AM | Natalie Kilroe-Smith | Jess Kilroe-Smith |

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

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| | 5 AND 6 OCT 2019 | 12 AND 13 OCT 2019 |
| SATURDAY 6:00 PM | Olive Hammill | Melina Barcellona |
| SUNDAY 8:30 AM | Kana Chelliah | Beryl Chelliah |
| 10:30 AM | Jess Kilroe-Smith | Lizzie Dixon |

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

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| | 5 AND 6 OCT 2019 | 12 AND 13 OCT 2019 |
| SATURDAY 6:00 PM | Terry Wells | Lorraine Kermond |
| SUNDAY 8:30 AM | Marie Pekish | Don McKenzie |
| 10:30 AM | Mary Taranto | John LoGiusto |

SLIDE OPERATORS

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| | 5 AND 6 OCT 2019 | 12 AND 13 OCT 2019 |
| SATURDAY 6:00 PM | David Prabha | Choir |
| SUNDAY 8:30 AM | Megan & Darren McLean | Rosemary Donaldson |
| 10:30 AM | Manny Gonzalez | Manny Gonzalez |

CHURCH FLOWERS

5 OCT 2019
Jeanette Neumann
12 OCT 2019
Val Wells & Marie Parker

CHURCH CLEANING

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

MAINTENANCE

5 OCTOBER 2019
Team 1
Bob Dimmatina &
Steve Kilroe-Smith

VICTORIA'S ANNUAL MARCH FOR THE BABIES assembles in the Treasury Gardens Cnr. Spring Street and Wellington Parade 1.00pm Saturday October 12. The March concludes with speeches in front of Parliament House commemorating the 100,000 Australian lives a year lost through abortion in our country. Enquiries: Moira 0439 619 590

2019 WHITEHORSE SENIORS FESTIVAL: Some Festival booklets are on the Church foyer notice-table. It can also be downloaded from the Council's website at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Seniors-Festival.html Please see Church noticeboard for further details.

THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 12th 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.

JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO: This week on the Journey, Mother Hilda, Byron and Francine Pirola, Bruce Downes and Sam Clear take over the show with ultimate wisdom you will never forget, and be able to incorporate in your every day life! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

THEOLOGY IN THE PUB: Monday October 14th Doors open on Level 1 at 6:30pm. The talk will commence at 7:30pm **Where:** European Bier Café Level 1, 120 Exhibition Street CBD MELBOURNE Our guest this time is **Christopher Check** is president of Catholic Answers, the largest lay-run apologetics and evangelization organization in the English-speaking world. **Audience:** 18 to 35 year olds; Priests and Religious of all ages welcome **Visit us on Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/tapmelb/> **Website:** www.theologyatthepub.com.au

WHAT DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE ABOUT SACRAMENTS OF HEALING? How do Catholics celebrate reconciliation and forgiveness? How do priests, deacons and lay ministers care for the sick? What is Viaticum and how is Communion ministered to the sick? These questions and more will be investigated by the ACU Centre for Liturgy team during a pastoral formation day called: **Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing** at ACU Melbourne, Cnr Victoria Parade and Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. (Building 400, Ground floor, room 8) on Saturday 19 October from 9am to 4.45pm (registration from 8.30am). Cost is \$60 and registration (including lunch) is essential at: http://www.acu.edu.au/pastoral_formation_days All are welcome. For more information phone 02 9701 4751. Please see Church noticeboard for more details.

A VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 15 October, 2019 at 7.00pm. This concert will feature Baroque Ensemble SONARE and Vocal Ensemble CANTUS NOVESIA from Germany, under the direction of Joachim Neugart, Director of Music at the cathedral in Neuss, Germany. Tickets: \$20.00 (no concessions). Children under 15 free Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BFXGN> or tickets available at the door. Please see more details on our Parish noticeboard.

SR. NICOLE ROTARU RSM will be providing a program called "Soothing the Wounds of Trauma". It will cover the following: #An understanding of Trauma #The impact of Trauma. #Mindfulness exercises and exercises to unblock trauma stored in our bodies #'Waking up' physically, emotionally, socially, cognitively and spiritually. When: 21st-25th October 2019. Where: Family Care Sisters, Croydon Cost: Residential: \$300 Day attendance \$140 (9.45am-12.30pm; 4-5pm) Bookings: 03 9723 6797 or resthome.familycaresrs@bigpond.com

MEN'S RETREAT: It's back! You're invited to a retreat run by the Men's Prayer Group at St Benedict's Parish, Burwood. 7pm Fri 25 to Sun 27 October 2019 at St Paul's Missionary College Retreat Centre in Wantirna. Fr Bruno Carrera will lead us on the theme **To Whom Shall We Go?** Accommodation, meals, retreat all included for \$190! Places are limited, so to register, email Tony on t.collier3124@gmail.com 0456 732 782 or Michael on michaelpballek@gmail.com 0433 196 549.

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

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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

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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

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Maria Pinto, Lina Mafi

0411 136 043

Marg Yore & Kat Bergin

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Parish and School

Fete Committee

Liz Sullivan - 9877 4023

Parish School

Education Advisory Board

Liz Sullivan - 9877 4023

Parish School

Parents' Association

Liz Sullivan - 9877 4023

St Vincent de Paul Conference

For Assistance: 1800 305 330

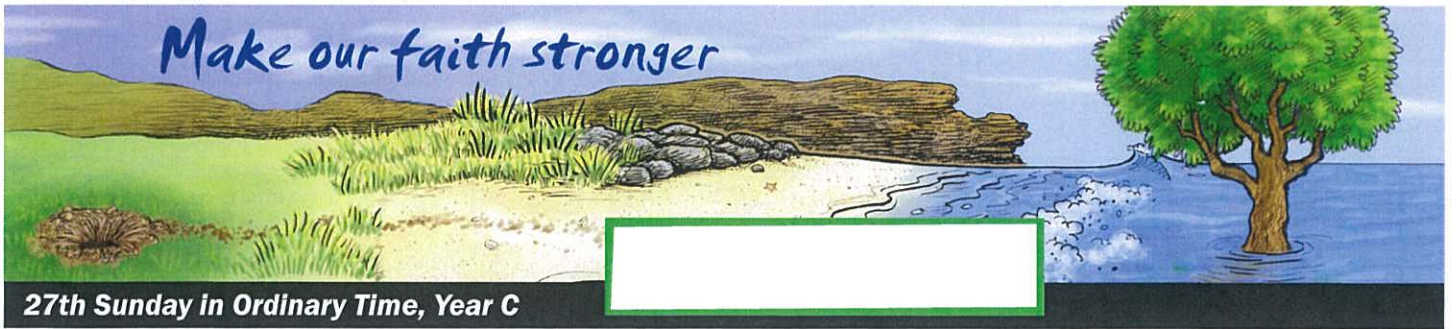
(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

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?

Make our faith stronger

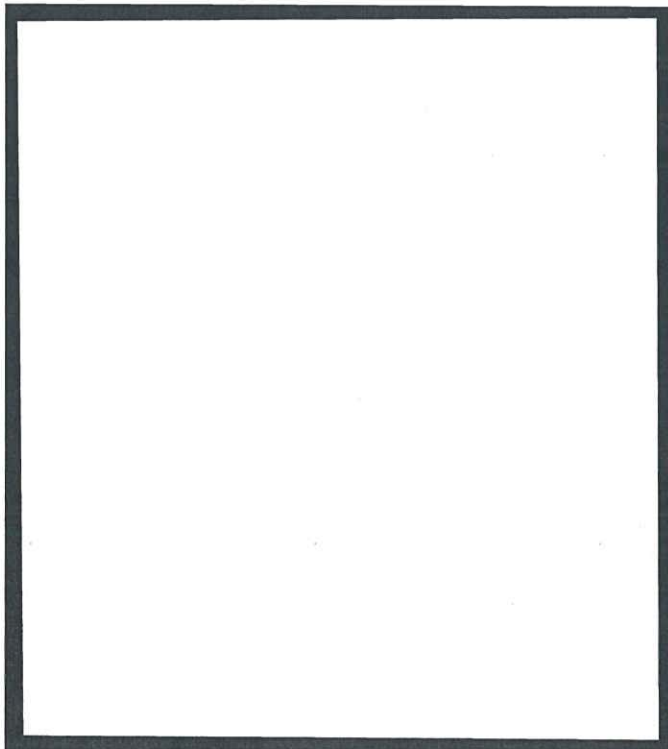


27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

With even the smallest amount of faith we can achieve a lot. Write in the tree some good things that you can do this week which show how much you believe in Jesus.



Jesus says our faith can grow, like a mustard seed that grows into a tree. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that helps your faith in Jesus to grow.



MUSTARD SEED

How many words can you make from the letters in the words MUSTARD SEED?

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Discernment: Reading the Signs of Daily Life

By Henri J. M. Nouwen

God's Time Is Timeless

"Thomas Merton identified the 'signs of the times' as *kairos* — a quality of time that is eternal, when time is full of meaning and events point to divine purpose. In one of many reflections on the topic, he wrote, 'The Bible is concerned with time's fullness, the time for an event to happen, the time for an emotion to be felt, the time for a harvest or for the celebration of a harvest.' The Bible can be a good guide for our interpretation of events as we look to discern what God is doing and remember that God's design and final purpose is that God will ultimately reign and God's ways of love will prevail. God's ways are not always our ways. God's timetable is not always our timetable. Discernment calls us to settle into God's ways of measuring time.

"Clock time (*chronos*) is divided into minutes, hours, days, and weeks, and its compartments dominate our lives. In chronological time, what happens to us is a series of disconnected incidents and accidents that we seek to manage or subdue to feel in control of our lives. Time becomes a burden unless we convert it into God's time.

"God's time (*kairos*) has to do with opportunity and fullness of meaning, moments that are ripe for their intended purpose. When we see time in light of our faith in the God of history, we see that the events of this year are not just a series of happy or unhappy events but part of the shaping hands of God, who wants to mold our world and our lives. Even when life seems harried and continues to have hard moments, we can believe that something good is happening amid all of this. We get glimpses of how God might be working out his purposes in our days. Time becomes not just something to get through or manipulate or manage, but the arena of God's good work in us. Whatever happens — good things or bad, pleasant or problematic — we ask, 'What might God be doing here?'

We see the events of the day as continuing occasions to change the heart. Time points beyond itself and begins to speak to us of God.

"*God's time is timeless. Kairos* contains both past and future events in the present moment. Words like *after* and *before*, or *first* or *last*, belong to mortal life and chronology. God is all in all, the beginning and end of time, and the deeper meaning of history. To gain this wider perspective, we first look backward to see how the seemingly unrelated events of our lives have brought us to where we are now. Like the people of Israel, who repeatedly reflected on their history and discovered God's guiding hand in the many painful events that led them to Jerusalem, so we pause to discern God's presence in the events that have made or unmade us. For by not remembering, we allow forgotten memories to intrude into the present and become independent forces with crippling effects on our lives. Forgetting the past is like turning our most intimate teacher against us. Remembering the past in this way allows us to live in the present and gain hope for the future, until *chronos* is converted to *kairos*.

"This view of time helps us practice patience in discernment. If we are patient, we can look at all the events of each day — expected and unexpected — as holding promise for us. Patience is the attitude that says we cannot force life but have to let it grow in its own time. Patience lets us see the people we meet, the events of the day, and the unfolding history of our times as all part of that slow process of development and final liberation.

"Given the nature of *kairos*, let's take a look at how certain *events* — critical events, current events, historical events, and even life circumstances — can serve as signposts pointing to the will of God and the new creation for those with eyes to see and ears to hear."

<https://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/book-reviews/excerpts/view/25215>