

# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2019**  
**TWENTY-EIGHTH 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:** Today's gospel is one of the stories unique to the gospel of Luke. At the same time, it is a commonly known story that is often cited to demonstrate the value of saying thank you. However, as usual, there's more to this story than initially meets the eye. One of the recurrent themes of the gospel is at play here: the message of salvation that Jesus brings is available to all, not just the Jews. The first reading is an interesting link with the gospel of Luke. In chapter 4 of the gospel, when Jesus visits Nazareth and preaches in the synagogue, he later tells a story about the prophets Elijah and Elisha responding to the needs of Gentiles rather than Jews. He tells the story to make the point that the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews. The incident involving Elisha that Jesus refers to in chapter 4 is the one we hear in today's first reading. Whilst both the first reading and the gospel tell stories about the healing of those with skin diseases, the common factor is actually about their expressions of gratitude and conversion of heart. In the gospel, all ten men are healed but it is only the stranger; the foreigner; the Samaritan, who comes back to give thanks and to praise God. The others – Jewish men, presumably – are only concerned about themselves and have no time to acknowledge the graciousness of God that they have experienced. The gospel writer has Jesus emphasise the point that it is the Samaritan – the outsider – who has recognised God's activity in his cure and come back to give praise and thanks. It is only he who has experienced the change of heart; the conversion of faith.

**Historical Context – Leprosy:** In ancient times, a wide variety of skin diseases were loosely labelled as 'leprosy'. Because of Jewish purity laws, people with skin diseases were automatically regarded as 'unclean' and were forced to live away from others. The assumption was that such disfigurement must be a punishment from God for sinful behaviour. When Jesus encounters the men they are outside the town and keep the required distance from Jesus. He tells them to go and show themselves to the priest, whose authority was relied upon to declare a person healed and fit to return to society after extensive ritual purification. **Have you thought? – On the Borders:** When Jesus encounters the ten men, he is travelling along the border between Galilee and Samaria. The level of distrust between the Jews of Galilee and the Samaritans were deep and abiding. The land that fell between the two countries was sparsely populated and mostly barren. That Jesus should encounter the men in this environment is not surprising for these men literally and metaphorically were at the border of society. Not welcome in any town, the men roamed the very edges of society. They lived their whole lives on the borderline – welcome nowhere and belonging nowhere. **Gospel Focus – Where are they?** 'The other nine, where are they?' asked Jesus. Why would the other nine not have come back to give thanks? It is insufficient to say that the miraculous healing these men experienced changed their lives. Being healed of this disease meant so much to them: they could return to their families; they could return to work; they could touch another person; another person could embrace them; they could hold hands with someone else; they could walk among other people; they could join in prayer at the synagogue. As they hurried back toward town they must have been overwhelmed by the possibilities and opportunities that lay before them. But they neglected to acknowledge the source of their great joy!

**All Parishioners are invited to gather with the Steering Committee this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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:** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

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

**Communion Antiphon:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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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  
revel 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, Jim Maguire, Nadia Tarquino, Jim Grant, Elaine Chapman and all those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For all who died recently, especially Måe and Fr Bart San and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, R.I.P.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time. **Monday:** St Callistus I, pope, martyr; **Tuesday:** St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor; **Wednesday:** St Hedwig, religious and St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin; **Thursday:** St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr; **Friday:** St Luke, evangelist, our Patronal Feast; **Saturday:** Sts John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests, and companions, martyrs; St Paul of the Cross, priest; Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary. **Sunday Masses:** Preface I of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. Eucharistic Prayer III. Eucharistic Acclamation No. III.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Gratitude leads to praise. For what are you thankful? Share your gratitude. (Luke 17:11-19)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" (Luke 17:18) Most of us live "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.

**OUR COLLECTIVE PARISH AND GENUINE THANKS** to Steve Brennan who has administered our Parish Accounts for the past 15 years. He has decided to 'hang up his spurs' and so another Parish Accountant will now be sourced to manage our books.

**OUR PARISH SCHOOL** resumed this week for Fourth Term. Liz Sullivan has joined us as our next Principal and the quadrennial School Review was undertaken. The VRQA (Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority) also Reviewed our School late last Term, giving us a licence to continue to operate as a Catholic Parish Primary School.

**THE 6PM SATURDAY VIGIL CHOIR** will serve this Saturdays 12th & on 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 this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 1.30pm – 3.30pm in our Parish Hall for the Parish Discernment Gathering.**

**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. **PLEASE B.Y.O.** all Drinks & Glasses or Plastic Cups. Mrs. **Liz Sullivan**, our new Parish Primary School Principal, will be coming too. All Parishioners are invited. *(Our format is changing due to the prohibitive and escalating costs of how it was done in the past).* 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).*

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN** (Victorian Unit) invites you to **WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY @ St Thomas' Church 57 Central Road Blackburn** on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am to 10.30am. speaker this year is Anne Marmion and the theme this year is "Open Hearts, Serving Hearts". Everyone welcome.

**SAINT JOHN VIANNEY'S 23 POLICE ROAD MULGRAVE FETE** is on the 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

	<u>12 AND 13 OCT 2019</u>		<u>19 AND 20 OCT 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Terry Wells	Lorraine Kermond
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Kana Chelliah	Melina Barcellona
	10:30 AM	Jess Kilroe-Smith	Lynda Kilroe-Smith

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

	<u>12 AND 13 OCT 2019</u>		<u>19 AND 20 OCT 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Melina Barcellona	Bernie Brennan
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Beryl Chelliah	Godfrey Thong
	10:30 AM	Lizzie Dixon	Mike Yore

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

	<u>12 AND 13 OCT 2019</u>		<u>19 AND 20 OCT 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Lorraine Kermond	Rita Gibb
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Don McKenzie	Joe Brogno
	10:30 AM	John LoGiusto	Pamela & Michael

### SLIDE OPERATORS

	<u>12 AND 13 OCT 2019</u>		<u>19 AND 20 OCT 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Choir	Tony Lobo
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Rosemary Donaldson	Anthony Fernandez
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

12 OCT 2019  
Val Wells & Marie Parker  
19 OCT 2019  
Joan McHugh

### CHURCH CLEANING

19 OCT 2019  
Team 1 (Val's Team)  
Val Fogarty, Jim Fogarty,  
Megan McLean & Anthony Fernandez

### MAINTENANCE

19 OCTOBER 2019  
Team 3  
Joe Brogno &  
Tavite Mafi

**2019 WHITEHORSE SENIORS FESTIVAL** has begun. More details can be downloaded from the Council's website at [www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Seniors-Festival.html](http://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Seniors-Festival.html). Please see Church noticeboard for further details.

**HEART OF LIFE CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL FORMATION:** New Courses now available and information is on our Parish Church noticeboards.

**THEOLOGY IN THE PUB:** Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.facebook.com/tapmelb/) **Website:** [www.theologyatthepub.com.au](http://www.theologyatthepub.com.au)

**THIS WEEK ON THE JOURNEY:** You'll be BAMBOOZLED at the quality of this week's show! We have incredible chats with Mother Hilda Scott, Pete Gilmore, Fr Mark and Trish McCarthy, and that's not even half of the goodness we have in store! You won't want to miss this one! Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

**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](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: 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:t.collier3124@gmail.com) 0456 732 782 or Michael on [michaelpballek@gmail.com](mailto:michaelpballek@gmail.com) 0433 196 549.

**SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB** invites Catholics in 28 to 60 age group to its' next Social. Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October starting at 8.00pm. Location: Benedict House 301 Warrigal Road Burwood, cost \$13 includes lucky door prizes and supper. More details on our Parish 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**

T.B.A.

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**

Maria Pinto, Lina Mafi  
0411 136 043

Marg Yore & Kat Bergin  
9877 4023

**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?*

# Your faith has made you well



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Draw the leper who returned to thank Jesus.



When are some of the times when you can ask Jesus for help?

Fill in the missing letters, then match them up by number in the large boxes to reveal the message of this story.

- Jesus was on h<sub>2</sub>is way to Jeru<sub>10</sub>alem.
- Te<sub>8</sub> lepers asked Jesus to take pi<sub>5</sub>y on them.
- Jesus told them to s<sub>6</sub>ow themselves to the pri<sub>4</sub>sts.
- One of the men disco<sub>3</sub>ered he was heale<sub>15</sub>,  
and returned to Jesus, giving praise to <sub>1</sub>od.
- He b<sub>12</sub>wed down at Jesus' fee<sub>11</sub> and than<sub>9</sub>ed him.
- Jesus then told him, "et up and g<sub>14</sub>.  
Your f<sub>7</sub>ith has made you well."

1	2	3	4

5	6	7	8	9	10

11	12

13	14	15