

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2019
THIRTIETH 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 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Gospel Luke 18:9-14

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: This week's gospel passage flows on directly from last week's gospel and continues the teaching of Jesus about prayer. Whereas the preceding passage emphasised the need for persistence in prayer, this passage is about the way in which we come before God in prayer. It is the tax collector, whose simple prayer is 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner,' who goes home at rights with God. In this simple prayer, the tax collector recognises that he is not in right relationship with God and asks for God's mercy. This is a hallmark of the lowly and outcast in the gospel of Luke: they recognise their need and seek God's forgiveness and mercy. The model of faith that is depicted over and over again in this gospel is the one who recognises their need for God's loving mercy and asks for it. We are repeatedly reminded that God's mercy, forgiveness and abundant love are constantly out-flowing towards us and all we have to do is humbly desire and welcome them.

Humility is at the heart of this parable. The Pharisee is representative of those who are assured of their own rightness but who rely on comparison with others to make themselves feel righteous and justified. The actions of this man were not limited to Pharisees alone, nor are they limited to a particular time and place. This man's attitude of asserting his own faithfulness and religious observance by comparison with others can be easily seen in the world today. All faiths seem to be afflicted with these characters who assure themselves of their own 'goodness' by railing against those who are different. But, as the parable assures us, it is the humble who are exalted by God.

Living the Gospel – Competitive prayer! For the Pharisee, his prayer is a competition. He prays aloud so that others can hear him and be impressed. Perhaps he thinks that God is as impressed as those who look up to him? His prayer is also an opportunity to make himself look good at the expense of another. Certainly, prayer is a time to celebrate with God our triumphs and successes, but above all it is an opportunity to be truly honest with God and with ourselves. The prayer of the tax collector is the most honest of prayers. This honesty is what is impressive; not the competitive showing off.

From the perspective of ... The Tax Collector Wouldn't you know it? I thought the Temple would be quiet at this time and I snuck in the back to whisper my prayer to God. But one of the great men, a Pharisee, was there praying. He proudly declared before God his good works. Every word he spoke reminded me of how I fail time and time again to do what is right with God. I realised that I didn't belong in that place. My prayer went out of my head and I muttered a few simple words. Why would God listen to me, a sinner?

Gospel Focus – At rights with God We are told that the tax collector, after his simple prayer, went home 'at rights with God'. What does it mean to be *at rights with God*? It is nothing more and nothing less than the entire Judeo-Christian story. The story of the Old Testament is the story of God calling the people to live in right relationship with God and with one another. The Gospels are the story of Jesus calling all people to a richer understanding of his compassionate Father so that they may once again be *at rights with God*. The story continues and it is our constant challenge to be at rights with God also.

Raise your voices ... Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

**Saint Luke the Evangelist
Catholic Parish
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**
10.00am - 2.00pm

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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, Jim Maguire, Nadia Tarquino, Jim Grant, Elaine Chapman, Bill Grant and all those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For all who died recently, especially John Brideson, Fr Chris Toms, & Fr Joe Yu and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Pius and Irene Pereira, may they rest in peace. (When organising a Memorial Mass for a deceased person there are Envelopes on the Notice table in our Church foyer that can be used. Please print their name legibly on the outside, indicating the type of anniversary and enclose a donation; ACBC minimum recommendation is \$20. These Envelopes can then be left at the Parish Office).

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Monday:** Sts Simon and Jude, apostles; **Friday:** All Saints; **Saturday:** The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day); **Sunday Masses:** Preface V of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. Eucharistic Prayer I. Eucharistic Acclamation No. I.

2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC MISSION WORLD MISSION APPEAL will be taken up this weekend at all Masses. The 2019 Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal highlights the missionary work of Jesuit priests Father Raymond De Souza and Father Rajesh Lobo, who are following the call to serve children from disadvantaged areas, broken families, and other situations of need in the remote mountainous state of Nagaland in north-eastern India. Father Raymond and Father Rajesh run the Eden Gardens Children's Home, where over 250 children are given the physical and spiritual water they need to be able to strive towards their dreams. Please see our Church noticeboard for more details. <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/for-parishes>

CHILDREN'S LITURGY this week at the 10.30am Sunday Mass now that School has resumed.

MECWACARE FIRST FRIDAY MASS occurs this Friday, 1st November 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.

YEAR 12 PARISHIONERS have now finished school and now get ready for their exams. The work they have done this year and preceding years will hopefully provide them with the confidence to sit their Year 12 exams and be ready for whatever comes next in their young lives. We'll all be praying that you'll continue to do your best.

A VOCATION VIEW: Be humble and allow God to do great things through you. (Luke 18:9-14)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14) Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should overflow with gratitude.

THE 6PM SATURDAY VIGIL CHOIR will serve this Saturday 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:** The Steering Committee is Darren McLean, Margaret Gearon, Fr Gerard and Mike Yore. They can be contacted via the details on the left & right hand sides of this Weekly Bulletin or via the Parish Office if you are wanting to put yourself forward for one of these position on our next Parish Pastoral Council.

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH FEAST DAY 2019: Thankyou to all Parishioners who assisted in any way to organise, execute and/or tidy up this year. Special thanks to our Parish Secretary, Sonya, for all her time, talent and energy. *The transition from how we have done it in the past to how we did it this year appeared seamless, thankyou one and all!*

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).

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST JOHN'S CAMBERWELL, in cooperation with the **THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF VICTORIES**, extends an invitation to members of the Catholic and Anglican Churches in Melbourne (and all others of goodwill) to join them on **Sunday 3 November at 7:00pm** for a service of **Prayer for Reconciliation** between the two communions. Both **Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli** and **Archbishop Philip Freier** will be present at this service and each will give a short homily. For more details please see 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

26 AND 27 OCT 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Olive Hammill
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Megan McLean
	10:30 AM	Jenny Dixon

2 AND 3 NOV 2019

Monica Hodder
Godfrey Thong
Margaret Gearon

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

26 AND 27 OCT 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Mia Perang
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Rosemary Donaldson
	10:30 AM	Marg Yore

2 AND 3 NOV 2019

Terry Wells
Darren McLean
Margaret Gearon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

26 AND 27 OCT 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Terry Wells
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Marie Pekish
	10:30 AM	Leigh Kelly

2 AND 3 NOV 2019

Lorraine Kermond
Don McKenzie
Margaret Gearon

SLIDE OPERATORS

26 AND 27 OCT 2019

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Choir
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Liliana Poropat
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez

2 AND 3 NOV 2019

David Prabha
Megan & Darren McLean
Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

26 OCT 2019

Kate Skowronska

2 NOV 2019

Engelina & John Nyhuis

CHURCH CLEANING

2 NOV 2019

Team 3 (Joanne's Team)

Joanne Nolan, Melissa O'Mara,

Tina Tempany & Jesse Barrett

MAINTENANCE

9 NOVEMBER 2019

Team 5

Manuel Gonzalez &

Mike Lockwood

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH:

Silver Grove Swing Band for an afternoon of toe-tapping big band music from the 40's and 50's Saturday 9th November 2019 in the St Francis Xavier Parish Hall from 2pm to 4pm Cost: \$ 15.00 per person. Booking is essential for catering purpose. For more details please see poster on Church noticeboard.

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 Please see Church noticeboard for further details.

ARCHBISHOPS OFFICE OF EVANGELISATION will conduct a course on 'The Life of Moses' from Saturday 2nd November till Tuesday 5th November at St Clare's Church Hall. Please see poster on our Church noticeboard.

BACK TO SAINT ALOYSIUS CAULFIELD will be celebrating 100 years on Saturday, November 16th 2019. More details on our Church noticeboard.

THE AUSTRALIAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION: Fundraiser 'BALLOON' (2018) film Sunday 10 November @ 2.00pm Palace BAY Cinema 294 Bay Street Brighton. For Donations and more details please see our Church noticeboard.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS - MERCY

CONNECT MELBOURNE: Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Training Day for new volunteers end of November 2019. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Website: www.mercyworks.org.au Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895 Please see poster on Church noticeboard.

THIS WEEK ON THE JOURNEY: This week on the Journey, Fr Mark Debatista joins us on the show for his reflection on the Gospel. We hear from Mother Hilda and her piece on 'Cicada' as well as Byron and Francine Pirola, the experts in relationships with everything you need to know about 'Couple Projects'. We have lots in store in this week's show, you won't want to miss it! 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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Invest in your most precious asset.....**Your Marriage!** Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. **Next weekend date in Victoria: 15-17 November 2019. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.** Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

OUR LADY'S PARISH, RINGWOOD - CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE: As part of their Centenary Celebrations in 2020, **Our Lady's Parish Ringwood** are planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land (4th - 18th September) with an optional Aegean Cruise & Ephesus extension (17th - 25th September), led by Fr Tony Doran. They would welcome pilgrims from other parishes joining them. **Information Brochures and Registration Forms available** from Fr Tony Doran, Anthony.Doran@cam.org.au or 9870 6056.

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

Bernard Negline

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

Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

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?

Humble yourself and you
will be honoured



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

What things did the tax collector say to God?

How can we be humble like the tax collector?



Colour in the tax collector.

Match up the correct endings

Draw a line from the first half of each sentence to its correct ending.



The Pharisee and the Tax Collector went

you will be honoured.

The Pharisee prayed

"God, have pity on me! I am a sinner."

The Tax Collector prayed

you will be put down.

If you put yourself above others

to the temple to pray.

If you humble yourself

"God, I thank you that I am not greedy or dishonest."