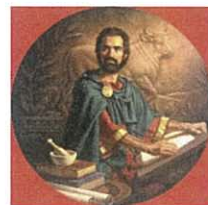


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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2019 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

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

This week's readings: Wis 11:22 – 12:2; 2 Thess 1:11 – 2:2; Gospel Luke 19:1 – 10

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: Through nine or ten chapters of the gospel of Luke and over several months we have been following the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem. In today's gospel, Jesus has drawn very near to Jerusalem – Jericho is just a short distance from Jerusalem – and Jesus is moving steadily closer to the Passion of his final days. Zacchaeus is as keen as the rest of Jericho to see Jesus as he passes through the town. However, because he is so short he can't see past the crowd and because he is a despised tax collector, no one was going to make room for him to see. He goes to the extreme length of climbing a tree just to catch a glimpse of Jesus. Like other characters in the gospel, his determination to simply catch sight of Jesus is an indication of his readiness to accept the message of Jesus. Because of his evident willingness to welcome the message of Jesus into his life, Jesus prompts Zacchaeus to welcome Jesus into his home. The readiness of Jesus to enter into the house of someone regarded as a sinner causes great scandal among the onlookers. What's more, Jesus is prepared to eat with this man as well – a sign of complete acceptance. The welcome of Zacchaeus meets the welcome of God. Jesus declares that salvation has come to Zacchaeus' house and that he is a son of Abraham – one of the faithful. His words are directed to the crowd, not Zacchaeus. They are so determined to draw lines between those who are acceptable and those who are not that they have failed to notice what Jesus has taught all along – that faith can flourish in all people and is not determined by their social status. **Historical Context – Tax Collectors:** Tax collectors were hated by most Jews at the time of Jesus. Firstly, the taxes they collected were going to support Rome – a foreign, Gentile power that was an unwelcome occupying force in Palestine. The Jews' taxes were paying the wages of the army that occupied their country, so tax collectors were seen as collaborators with the enemy. Secondly, the system of tax collection lent itself to abuse and corruption. Tax collectors were required to collect a certain amount from their district; any excess they collected was theirs to keep – that was their income. **Scriptural context – True welcome:** Today's passage begins chapter 19 of the gospel of Luke. Later in that same chapter is the account of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. In that incident, Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem by cheering crowds who spread their cloaks on the ground for him to walk over. Those same crowds, just days later, were yelling for Jesus to be crucified. In today's passage, the crowds line the streets of Jericho to welcome Jesus with great fanfare but also quickly turn on him when he acts on the message of acceptance and forgiveness that he has been proclaiming throughout his ministry. **Have you thought? – Conversion:** When we hear this story about Zacchaeus, our focus is normally on the conversion of heart that appears to take place within Zacchaeus. However, his determination to see Jesus from the outset suggests that the conversion has already taken place within Zacchaeus. It is the muttering, grumbling crowd who are called to conversion; called to soften their hearts and see a faithful man where they have previously only seen a sinner. Throughout the gospel, the welcome and acceptance Jesus extends to the 'outsider' and the 'sinner' confronts and challenges those who would hold themselves up as being better than these others.

THE NEXT SERIES OF OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP THIS WEEKEND. IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY AND WANT TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH IN THIS WAY PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH SONYA IN OUR PARISH OFFICE, WED. – FRI. 10AM – 2PM

Raise your voices ... Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Response to the Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

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

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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SUNDAY MASS

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

**WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY:
Thurs., Fri. & Sat. @ 9:00am**

Rosary prayed after Weekday Mass
times as listed above. All welcome.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am & 5.30pm

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

In recess this week

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, Jim Maguire, Nadia Tarquino, Jim Grant, Elaine Chapman, Therese O'Donoghue, Bill Grant and all those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For all who died recently, especially Sister Willemine, Margaret Stone (*a Crossing Supervisor at St Luke's*) and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Fr John Aldag, 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*).

NEWS FROM THE NETHERLANDS: Sr Lies van der Voort, known here as Sister Willemine, died on 12th August 2019 at the World Headquarters of the Dutch Sisters of the Society of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Boxel aged 95 years. Sr Willemine had been a member of the Congregation for 77 years. Sr Willemine was the last surviving Sister who taught in our Parish Primary School during the 1960's, 1970's and early 1980's. May Sr Willemine rest in peace. Words of Sr Willemine: "*I arrived at St Luke's in 1978. Because the Catholic education is not subsidised in Australia so we were sent from the Netherlands to teach. We had lots of Montesorie (sic) material with us to start this new experience. I don't know the names of the sisters, because most of them are deceased. We came with ten sisters. Ten years before there were sisters of JMJ in the parish. I gave lessons at the primary-school. I remember that we had discipline without a firm hand and religion was highly valued. We went back to Holland in 1984, because the State also subsidised Catholic education. We had accomplished our task. Australia could now take over. It is a memory that for me has been largely forgotten. I'm glad I'm able to do something for you, but the time was very short*". Page 11, Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish and School, 50th Anniversary, 1962 – 2012, Margaret Gearon.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Monday:** St Charles Borromeo, bishop; **Saturday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica; **Sunday Masses:** Preface VI of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. Eucharistic Prayer II. Eucharistic Acclamation No. II.

WE WELCOME SR ANGELICA and her colleague(s) from the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master in Camberwell Sunday morning this weekend, who is here to raise money for an orphanage in Myanmar by selling handmade Christmas cards she has made herself. Please make her welcome.

YEAR 12 PARISHIONERS have begun their exams. The work they have done this year and preceding years will hopefully provide them with the confidence to continue 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: Jesus approaches us and wants to come stay with us. Be ready to change your ways, like Zacchaeus, to follow Jesus. (Luke 19:1-10)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "*But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.'*" (Luke 19:8) We are all called to 'gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

THE 6PM SATURDAY VIGIL CHOIR will serve again on Saturday 16th and 30th November.

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. So far we have 5 interested Parishioners ...

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.

OFFICE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE: You are invited to the 2019 *Rerum Novarum Oration* – titled "**Walking Tall. A Journey towards Treaty and Reconciliation**". Orator: **Ms Eleanor Burke**, Chair: **Victorian Aboriginal Treaty Working Group**. Details on our Parish noticeboard. An RSVP by Friday 22 November – for catering purposes – would be gratefully received please?

THIS WEEK ON THE JOURNEY: "Jesus is saying, salvation has come to this house. I am the salvation of the Father." This week's show we also will hear from Mother Hilda, Fr Dave Callaghan as well as Byron and Francine Pirola! Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

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

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	2 AND 3 NOV 2019	Monica Hodder	9 AND 10 NOV 2019	Lorraine Kermond
SUNDAY	8:30 AM		Godfrey Thong		Beryl Chelliah
	10:30 AM		Margaret Gearon		Teresa Rhynehart

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	2 AND 3 NOV 2019	Terry Wells	9 AND 10 NOV 2019	Melina Barcellona
SUNDAY	8:30 AM		Darren McLean		Kana Chelliah
	10:30 AM		Steve Kilroe-Smith		Dale Dixon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	2 AND 3 NOV 2019	Lorraine Kermond	9 AND 10 NOV 2019	Rita Gibb
SUNDAY	8:30 AM		Don McKenzie		Joe Brogno
	10:30 AM		Margaret Gearon		John LoGiusto

SLIDE OPERATORS

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	2 AND 3 NOV 2019	David Prabha	9 AND 10 NOV 2019	Choir?
SUNDAY	8:30 AM		Megan & Darren McLean		Rosemary Donaldson
	10:30 AM		Manny Gonzalez		Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

2 NOV 2019
 Engelina & John Nyhuis
9 NOV 2019
 Val Wells & Marie Parker

CHURCH CLEANING

9 NOV 2019
 Team 4 (Maree's Team)
 Maree Moss, Lynda Kilroe-Smith,
 Rita Gibb & Peng-Sim Eng

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.

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.

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

TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREE EXHIBITION ENTITLED "The Invention of Melbourne:

A Baroque Archbishop and a Gothic Architect" at Old Treasury Building, Spring Street, Melbourne (1 August 2019 – 2 March 2020), an Organ Concert will be given by Christopher Trikalis (Director of Music at Our Lady of Victories Basilica, Camberwell) in St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday 15 November at 6.00pm. The concert will commence with a short introduction by Rev. Dr Max Vodola PP (Chairman of Diocesan Historical Commission) and Dr Paul Taylor (Director of Music, St Patrick's Cathedral). Please see poster on our Church noticeboard.

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.

THEOLOGY IN THE PUB:

Nathan Costin will be speaking on The New Evangelization. 2000 years since the life, death and resurrection of Christ, we find ourselves in a whole new world. *Nathan works full-time in Campus Ministry at Australian Catholic University.* The call to evangelise is perennial and the Gospel message timeless, however, the Church is seeking new methods and new blood to present it's salvific message to the modern world. This talk will equip you for the New Evangelization and explore how we as Christians share our message with today's culture. Join us for dinner and a talk at The European Bier Cafe. **When:** Monday November 4th. 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 **Audience:** 18 to 35 year olds; Priests and Religious of all ages welcome **Visit us on Facebook:** www.facebook.com/tapmelb/ **Website:** www.theologyatthepub.com.au

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>

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to the housebound

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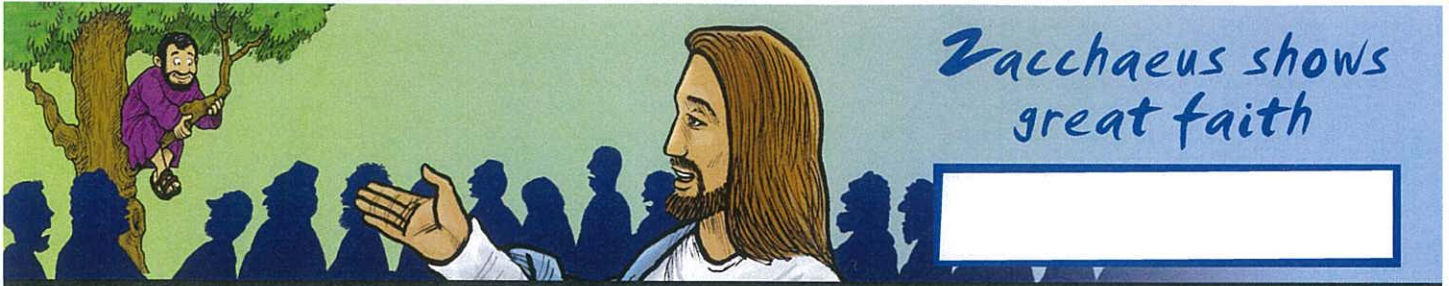
For Assistance: 1800 305 330

(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?



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

In an extraordinary act of faith, Zacchaeus offered to give half of his wealth to the poor and to repay anyone he had cheated four times over. What are three things you are willing to do this week as a sign of faith in Jesus?

Complete the Text maze:

“The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.”

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