Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2019 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C

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

This week's readings: 2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thess 2:16 – 3:5; Gospel Luke 20:27 – 38

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: Life after death, in one form or another, is a common belief of most of the major faiths of the world. It is certainly a basic tenet of Christian faith. Because the gospels record Jesus as speaking about an afterlife, we tend to assume that this was a common belief of his time. However, within the different groups of Judaism, there was significant diversity of belief about this point. While the Pharisees believed in resurrection, the Sadducees did not. The Sadducees, whose name means 'righteous ones' were an elite group within the Jewish faith. They were purists in their adherence to the Torah and their rejection of any later teachings or writings – this actually put them in conflict with the Pharisees, although the two groups are often portrayed in the gospels as being united against Jesus. Today's gospel passage depicts an attempt by the Sadducees to ridicule belief in an afterlife by questioning Jesus about an extremely exaggerated scenario. The reply Jesus gives largely ignores the farcical nature of the question. Rather, Jesus makes clear that the resurrected life is not merely an extension of the earthly life. The things that are of concern in this world are not an issue in the next. Through death and resurrection, life is changed; not ended. This idea can be challenging at a time when we are mourning the loss of a loved one, yet we are called to respond to that challenge with a genuine hope and trust in the life that goes on in a different way. Jesus, in fact, dismisses the whole idea of death as an ending by saying that to God all people are alive, whether on earth or in the resurrection. Scriptural context - The Law of Moses: The first five books of what we know as the Bible make up what Jews regard as the Torah (the Law). Right up until the second half of the 19th Century, it was accepted that Moses was the author of these five books. Literary criticism reveals a variety of authors and editors and the books are now thought to have been written at the time of the Jewish exile in Babylon. Despite this, Moses holds a special place in Judaism as the 'Law-giver' because of his part in the Ten Commandments and he tends to be associated with the whole of the books of Law – the Torah.

Gospel Focus – I am who am: The Sadducees quote the Law of Moses at Jesus but he goes one better by quoting the very conversation when Moses encountered God in the burning bush. In this encounter, God reveals Godself to be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God does not say, I was the God of Abraham, but rather I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This distinction confirms that the relationship is ongoing, not stuck in a time before their death. It is in this same encounter that God reveals God's name as 'I am who am' – represented in Hebrew by the letters YHWH from which we get Yahweh.

Have you thought? – **Life after death:** The ancient Greeks, Romans and Egyptians all had detailed mythologies about life and death. For the most part, any concept of what occurred after death revolved around images of an underworld of torment and misery. The Jewish idea of a life after death begins to take shape based on the notion that the love of God for each person is so abundant and so indulgent that it is not limited even by death. However, the notion of resurrection developed to be an understanding of what would happen 'one day' – a great resurrection of all people at the end of time.

THE NEXT SERIES OF OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES & BIANNUAL RECEIPTS 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:** Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Response to the Psalm: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

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

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

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Being the Good News ...

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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, Jim Maguire, Nadia Tarquino, Elaine Chapman, Therese O'Donoghue, Bill Grant and all those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For all who died recently, especially Jim Grant, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, 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:** St Martin of Tours, bishop; **Tuesday:** St Josaphat, bishop, martyr; Friday; St Albert the Great, bishop, doctor; **Saturday:** St Margaret of Scotland; St Gertrude, virgin; Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary. **Sunday Masses:** Preface VII of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. Eucharistic Prayer III. Eucharistic Acclamation No. III.



MONDAY IS REMEMBRANCE ARMISTICE DAY for all of us.

Lest we Forget.



Remembrance Day is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth member states since the end of the First World War to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty.

REGIS INALA SECOND TUESDAY (of the month) MASS occurs this Tuesday, 12th November at 11.00am @ 220 Middleborough Road, Blackburn South Victoria 3130. Parishioners are invited to join the Residents for Refreshments afterwards. All Parishioners are welcome. This is the last occasion for the 2019 calendar.

YEAR 12 PARISHIONERS are well into 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.

SR ANGELICA would like all Parishioners to know how much she appreciated the welcome she received here last weekend, your significant support for the Orphanage in Myanmar and your willingness to purchase her hand made Christmas cards. Your care was palpable for her and her cause for being here, many thanks - dōmo arigatō.

A VOCATION VIEW: You are alive for God. Trust that God will welcome you into the kingdom. (Luke 20:27-38)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17) There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

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. Are you giving further thought to being a member? Please take this opportunity to discuss further your thoughts with a member of the Steering Committee. 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. We have 5 interested Parishioners at the moment ...

OFFICE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE: WALKING TALL. A Journey towards Treaty and Reconciliation. Tuesday 26th November 2019. 7.30pm start. 7.00pm light refreshments Philippa Brazill Theatre, Daniel Mannix Building. Australian Catholic University. 8 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. Orator: Ms Eleanor Burke, Chair: Victorian Aboriginal Treaty Working Group. RSVP/Inquires by Friday 22 November 2019 please 99265727 or justice@cam.org.au ALL WLECOME.

<u>UPCOMING INTER-PARISH WALK</u> - Sat 30 November meet at 1.45pm. Walk along part of the "iconic" Lilydale-Warburton trail. Meeting location details will be provided closer to the date. This is a flat, easy walk, with beautiful bushland. Join us to connect with others from surrounding parishes, have a chat and cake after. Contact Nimmi 0413135889 or Mic 0412 260 406 for any queries or if you need a ride. For more details please see 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

SATURDAY

6:00 PM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 9 AND 10 NOV 2019 Lorraine Kermond Beryl Chelliah Teresa Rhynehart Terry Wells
Kana Chelliah
Val Gardiner

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

SATURDAY

6:00 PM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM

9 AND 10 NOV 2019

Melina Barcellona Kana Chelliah Dale Dixon

16 AND 17 NOV 2019

Bernie Brennan Beryl Chelliah Genevieve Hemsley

WELCOMER'S ROSTER 9 AND 10 NOV 2019

6:00 PM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM

D 10 NOV 2019 16 AND 17 NOV 2019 Rita Gibb Terry Wells

Terry Wells Marie Pekish Pamela & Michael

SLIDE OPERATORS

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

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6:00 PM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM

John LoGiusto 9 AND 10 NOV 2019

Joe Brogno

Tony Lobo Rosemary Donaldson Manny Gonzalez CHURCH CLEANING

16 AND 17 NOV 2019

Choir Anthony Fernandez Manny Gonzalez

MAINTENANCE 16 NOVEMBER 2019

Team 6 Barry Rawlines & Tim Blair

CHURCH FLOWERS

9 NOV 2019
Val Wells & Marie Parker
16 NOV 2019
Jeanette Neumann

Team 5 (Kellie's Team)
Kellie McCarthy, Emma Brodawka,
Toni Wynne & Daniella Manolopoulos

OUR PARISH SCHOOL'S PARENTS ASSOCIATION are joining us this weekend to offer Parishioners the opportunity to purchase 'Jolie Soles' crazy socks as a fundraiser for our School and to get you ready for your KK presents at home, work or school this Christmas. Whatever support you can offer will be most appreciated.

EMMAUS COLLEGE has reviewed and updated their Enrolment Policy, which comes into effect for Year 7 as of 2022. It is our Weekly Bulletin supplement this weekend; please take both with you as you go. "Emmaus is a faith-filled, welcoming school community, the strongest evidence of which are the excellent daily relationships between students, staff and students, staff and parents, and the school and the wider community. Students appreciate the opportunities afforded them and the level of support they receive in wellbeing and the positive working relationships. There is a sound wellbeing program contributing to minimal bullying issues, respectful classroom behaviours and excellent student attendance". So as you can see, our Parish Primary School is not only a 'feeder' school it is a PRIORITY PARISH SCHOOL. If you think this is a good initiative please let Mr Tony Hirst, Principal, know and why: enquiries@emmaus.vic.edu.au

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 Trikilis (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.

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.icr.org.au or www.icr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

PROFOUNDLY REWARDING MISSION: Working in Education, Health and Trades? Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! There are five places left on Palms Australia's January 4th – 12th Orientation Course. You must apply now for a position beginning any time in 2020. Call or text 0422 4PALMS (M-F). palms.org.au

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM WEEKLY COMMUNICATION: You won't want to miss the exceptional lineup we have on the show this week. Getting closer to the season of advent we reflect with Fr Mark, Mother Hilda Scott, Pete Gilmore and Byron and Francine Pirola. You'll hear your all time favourites – Trish McCarthy and Fr Dave Callaghan too. We have lots in store in this week's show, you won't want to miss it! Go to www.icr.org.au or www.itunes.icr.org.au and to ensure that you never miss a show it can be sent to you each week as a podcast via email.

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?



We will be like the angels and will be God's children



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

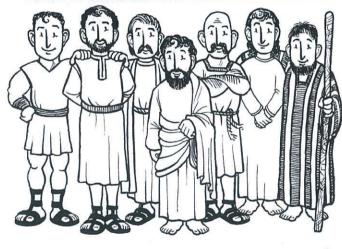
During our life we prepare for a time when God will be with us forever in heaven. Write down things you can do that prepare you for eternal life with God?

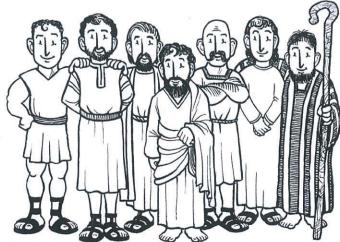


Can you imagine what heaven is like? Draw a picture of yourself in heaven or write down what you think it's like to live in heaven.

Spot the difference

Can you find the seven differences between these two pictures of seven brothers?







New Enrolment Policy for Emmaus College – effective for Year 7 2022

Enrolment Priorities

Emmaus College has amended its Enrolment Policy after consultation with its Canonical Administrators, Regional Primary Principals and Catholic Education Melbourne. The new policy has been approved by the Archbishop of Melbourne. This amended policy is effective for the Year 7 enrolment period of 2022 and beyond.

Please note that the Emmaus College enrolment policy is likely to vary from that of other Catholic secondary schools in the Archdiocese, including those in the Catholic Education Melbourne Eastern Region.

The new order of priority is:

- a) Catholic children who are residents of a designated priority parish (see list of priority parishes) and have attended a Catholic primary school in one of those parishes;
- b) Children from non-Catholic Eastern churches (i.e. Greek Orthodox, Macedonian Orthodox, Coptic Orthodox, Ukrainian Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Serbian Orthodox and Other Orthodox) who have attended a Catholic primary school and are residents of a priority parish (see list of priority parishes below);
- c) Other Christian children who have attended a Catholic primary school and are residents of a priority parish (see list of priority parishes below);
- d) Non-Christian children who have attended a Catholic primary school and are residents of a priority parish (see list of priority parishes below);
- e) Catholic children who are residents of a designated priority parish (see list of priority parishes below) and have not attended a Catholic primary school;
- f) Catholic children from other parishes (for pastoral reasons);
- g) Children from non-Catholic Eastern churches (i.e. Greek Orthodox, Macedonian Orthodox, Coptic Orthodox, Ukrainian Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Serbian Orthodox and Other Orthodox) who have not attended a Catholic primary school and are residents of a priority parish (see list of priority parishes);
- h) Other Christian children who have not attended a Catholic primary school and are residents of a priority parish (see list of priority parishes below);
- i) Non-Christian children who have not attended a Catholic primary school and are residents of a priority parish (see list of priority parishes below); and
- Non-Catholic families that reside outside the priority parish (see list of priority parishes below).

Note:

- Siblings of children already enrolled at Emmaus College (or those that have been accepted for 2020 and 2021) are given priority. Please note that families new to the school from 2022 will not have sibling priority selection each year will be based on the criteria listed above.
- After 2022, children with siblings in the school will be given priority in each of the categories listed above

Children of Emmaus Alumni are also given priority in each of the categories listed above.

In summary

The major change to the Emmaus Enrolment Policy is that Non-Catholic children residing in a priority parish and attending a Catholic school will now be considered ahead of Catholic children residing in a priority parish and attending a government or independent school.

This decision has been made to support the communities of our Catholic feeder primary schools and parishes.

Please note that due to long term high enrolment demand at Emmaus College, not all categories in the amended Emmaus Enrolment Policy can be guaranteed an enrolment at Emmaus.

Priority Parishes:

- Holy Trinity, Wantirna South
- St Timothy's, Vermont
- Holy Saviour, Vermont South
- St Benedict's, Burwood
- St Christopher's, Syndal
- St John's, Mitcham
- St Jude's, Scoresby
- St Luke the Evangelist, Blackburn South
- St Luke's, Wantirna
- St Philip's, Blackburn North
- St Scholastica's, Bennettswood
- St Thomas the Apostle, Blackburn