

# Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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## WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2019 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

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

*This week's readings: Mal 3:19 – 20; 2 Thess 3:7 – 12; Gospel Luke 21:5 – 19*

**GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER:** This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week's reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today's gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world. The language of passages like today's gospel can be off-putting at times and can also be seized upon by those who would interpret scripture literally. The graphic descriptions certainly lend themselves to predictions of gloom and doom. However, we must also remember that the gospel was written some 50 or more years after the death of Jesus. At the time of writing, many of these things had already come to pass. The message for the community who were suffering through these very experiences is that they should not despair because all of this was anticipated by Jesus and that ultimately the reign of God will come about and the effort and distress that they have endured will be vindicated. Unfortunately, the lectionary has the passage concluding at verse 19; the complete passage continues on for another 17 verses and so we don't get the full effect of Jesus' speech. In the latter portion, Jesus assures the disciples that the kingdom will surely come to pass. It is a promise that we affirm every time we say the Creed.

**Living the Gospel – Comfort:** We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus 'predict' all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.'

**Historical Context – Expectation:** When the gospel of Mark was written around the year 75 of the 1st Century, the people of that community firmly believed that the world was about to end and that Jesus' return to earth was going to happen any day. Another 10 or so years later, the communities of the gospels of Matthew and Luke were enduring persecution and great hardship. They felt that surviving through this time of struggle would be rewarded with the return of Jesus. However, by the time of the gospel of John, another 10 years later, we see an acceptance that the end is still to come some time in the future.

**Scriptural context – Apocalyptic writing:** Hollywood has done very well out of movies about the end of the world and the term 'apocalypse' has come to have this meaning. However, 'apocalypse' comes from the Greek word meaning, 'to lift a veil' or 'to reveal'. The apocalypse is not the end of the world, but rather the revelation that will come at the end of the world. Writings such as today's gospel passage about what will happen at the end of the world and how God will be revealed are described in the Christian tradition as 'apocalyptic writing'. The most famous of these writings is the book of Revelation.

### **Raise your voices ...**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

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

**Communion Antiphon:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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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, Keith Yelland, 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 Greg Jansen 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. Memorial Envelopes can then be left at the Parish Office).*

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** Ordinary Time. **Monday:** Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, apostles; **Thursday:** The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary; **Friday:** St Cecilia, virgin, martyr; **Saturday:** St Clement I, pope, martyr and St Columban, abbot and Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary. **Sunday Masses:** Eucharistic Prayer VI. Eucharistic Acclamation No. I.

**OUR PARISH REMEMBRANCE BOOK** is again available this year for Parishioners to record/remember People in their lives who have died this past twelve months.

**MASS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE FAMILY:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November @ 7.00pm here at Saint Luke the Evangelist, next week. For more details please see our Church noticeboard.

**OUR COLLECTIVE AND GENUINE THANKS** to our Parishioners who live at Regis Inala and have hosted us each second Tuesday of the month throughout 2019. Your hospitality echoes our Parish focus for this year and those of us who gathered with you each month are grateful for your warmth, welcome and generosity.

**AVOCATION VIEW:** Patient endurance will see you through to the end. God will give you the wisdom and the words to speak. Don't let anything hold you back from a wholehearted "yes." (Luke 21:5-19)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." (2 Thessalonians 3:9) Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with our Catholic faith.

**RECENT DISTRIBUTION OF PARISH STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES:** Some Parishioners have chosen to no longer support the Parish in this way, which is understandable for a variety of reasons. However, the Parish needs Parishioners to support it financially via the Stewardship Program so it can budget, meet all its' outgoings and be prepared for unexpected expenses; e.g. recently one of the Church restrooms became blocked and it cost the Parish up to \$500 to have it unblocked. Thanks to those Parishioners who already support the Parish in this way. When you would like to support the Parish in this way, please let Sonya know in our Parish Office. The Parish is investigating a Donation Tap Portal Machine.

**THE 6PM SATURDAY VIGIL CHOIR** will serve again this Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 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. The Steering Committee is finalising the arrangements for membership of the next Parish Pastoral Council. We hope to present the new members to the Parish prior to Christmas. 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. The Supplement this weekend clearly identifies the Guidelines as we move forward.

**OFFICE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE: WALKING TALL. A Journey towards Treaty and Reconciliation.** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019. 7.30pm start. 7.00pm light refreshments Philippa Brazil 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](mailto:justice@cam.org.au) ALL WELCOME.

**UPCOMING INTER-PARISH WALK:** Upcoming Inter-Parish Walk - Sat 30 November meet at 1.40pm. Walk along part of the "iconic" Lilydale-Warburton trail. Meet in the carpark at the corner of Symes Rd and Haggards Ln Woori Yallock (see flyer). 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.

**OFFICE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE:** You are warmly invited to attend Mass next Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 12 noon. St. Mary MacKillop Chapel at ACU This Mass is to pray for Persecuted Christians around the world. Ecumenical and Interfaith gathering, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30pm Forecourt of St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. Go to <https://cam.org.au/justice/RedWednesday> to find resources and ideas to raise awareness. Please see our Church noticeboard for more details.

**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

		16 AND 17 NOV 2019	23 AND 24 NOV 2019
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Terry Wells	Melina Barcellona
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Kana Chelliah	Engelina Nyhuis
	10:30 AM	Val Gardiner	Mike Yore

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

		16 AND 17 NOV 2019	23 AND 24 NOV 2019
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Bernie Brennan	Olive Hammill
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Beryl Chelliah	Godfrey Thong
	10:30 AM	Genevieve Hemsley	Teresa Rhynehart

### WELCOMER'S ROSTER

		16 AND 17 NOV 2019	23 AND 24 NOV 2019
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Terry Wells	Lorraine Kermond
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Marie Pekish	Don McKenzie
	10:30 AM	Pamela & Michael	Leigh Kelly

### SLIDE OPERATORS

		16 AND 17 NOV 2019	23 AND 24 NOV 2019
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Choir	David Prabha
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Anthony Fernandez	Megan & Darren McLean
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez	Manny Gonzalez

### CHURCH FLOWERS

16 NOV 2019  
Jeanette Neumann  
23 NOV 2019  
Lesley Connick & Rebecca

### CHURCH CLEANING

23 NOV 2019  
Team 6 (Sonya's Team)  
Sonya O'Farrell, Rose Knight,  
Joe Brogno & Shirley Prabha

### MAINTENANCE

23 NOVEMBER 2019  
Team 8  
Steve Brennan &  
George Brodawka

**MANY OF OUR YEAR 12 PARISHIONERS** are almost finished their exams. We'll continue praying that you'll continue to do your best.

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO CORINNE BRENNAN**, daughter of Bernie and Steve, who is to be one of only two Emmaus College Captains for 2020.

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

**OUR LOCAL SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE** has the 2020 Columban Calendar available and Christmas Cards too for Parishioners who would like to purchase them after Masses this weekend in our Church foyer.

**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](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact) Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://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, we reflect with Fr Graham on the Gospel from Luke. The sensational words of wisdom from Mother Hilda grace the show as well as the likes of Marilyn Rodrigues, the Peaceful Parent and Trish McCarthy. Kick off your preparation for Advent with our reflections - Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Orientation Course. You must apply now for a **position** beginning any time in 2020. **Call or text 0422 4PALMS (M-F). [palms.org.au](http://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.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://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.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**, commonly referred to as the Feast of Christ the King or Christ the King Sunday, is a relatively recent addition to the Western liturgical calendar, having been instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI for the Roman Catholic Church. This Solemnity, next Sunday, marks the end of Ordinary Time - our current Year of St Luke *the Evangelist* and the beginning of the Year of Matthew for 2020.

**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

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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?*

# **Mr Jim Miles, Acting Executive Director, Catholic Education Melbourne.**

*(Response to request from The Age for recent article on Governance 25 October 2019)*

*The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) and Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) are working together to develop a new form of governance for Catholic schools.*

*Archbishop Peter Comensoli has articulated his vision of the Archdiocese, with the four priority areas being local communities, families, youth and the poor and broken. This refocusing of our mission makes for an opportune time to consider changes to the governance of our schools so that they serve the mission successfully into the future.*

*A steering committee made up of key personnel at CAM and CEM will be joined by parish priests, school principals and a parent representative to guide the process which will result in new governance arrangements for over 290 Victorian Catholic schools.*

*In addition to a renewed focus on the Archdiocese's mission, CAM and CEM are also firmly committed to meeting their requirements under State and Federal Law.*

*New requirements introduced by the Victorian Government seek to implement Recommendation 26.1 of the Betrayal of Trust Parliamentary Inquiry. All organisations receiving funding for services to children must be incorporated and adequately insured.*

*A proposed model for the new governance structure has been shared with parish clergy and school principals, but it is important to remember that this only serves as a starting point for the consultation process that has just begun. All advice and perspectives will be received warmly by the Steering Committee.*

*Parish priests, school principals, education staff, parents and families will have the opportunity to share their thoughts on the future of Melbourne schools throughout the process.*

*CAM and CEM have continued to keep the Victorian Government informed of its progress in this reform process, in order to meet the government mandated deadline to implement new governance arrangements by 1 January 2021. The Church and Catholic education are committed to quality Catholic schools faithful to their mission among the people of Victoria.*

**If you have something to contribute or say about this significant change in practice, please send your emails to this address: [governance@cem.edu.au](mailto:governance@cem.edu.au)**

# St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines

## A community living the Good News through hospitality and outreach

### ROLE OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is made up of those parishioners who, after a process of discernment by fellow parishioners, are invited to share responsibility for the life and faith development of the St. Luke's parish community in partnership with the Parish Priest. The PPC gives witness to the equality, dignity and responsibility of all the baptized to share in the mission of Jesus Christ.

*"Co-responsibility requires a change in mentality, particularly with regard to the laity in the Church, who should be considered not as collaborators with the clergy, but as persons truly co-responsible for the being and activity of the Church."*

*(Pope Benedict XVI)*

The PPC has a role of oversight, looking out for the whole parish community rather than various sectional interests. It works with parishioners to build a community of faithful followers of Christ by being accessible and available to parishioners and working with them so that all may become involved in the life of the parish community, grow in faith and influence the society around them.

*"The thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after battle."*

*(Pope Francis)*

Working in close partnership with the Parish Priest, the PPC seeks out and responds to the ideas, aspirations, needs and concerns of parishioners. It seeks to be aware of what is happening in the St. Luke's community, encouraging the work of existing groups whilst providing opportunities for new initiatives to emerge in harmony with the goals of the Parish Plan.

### PROFILE OF PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Members of the St. Luke the Evangelist Parish Pastoral Council aspire to:

**Servant leadership:** offering their gifts and talents to build up the community in a spirit of shared responsibility through service;

**Co-responsibility:** working closely with the Parish Priest and each other harmoniously for the common good rather than particular interests, and seeking the input of parishioners regarding their concerns and hopes, to establish the direction of the parish;

**Hospitality:** listening to the concerns and aspirations of parishioners as well as welcoming all without judgement, in the spirit of the Gospel.

### MEMBERSHIP AND OPERATION

The Parish Pastoral Council has up to 12 Members duly appointed, and consists of up to 5 ex-officio members including: the Parish Priest, the Principal of the Parish School, a representative from the School Advisory Board, the St. Vincent De Paul Society and the Parish Care Group and up to 7 other parishioners chosen through the parish discernment process.

The PPC meets once every school term for two hours on a weeknight and time agreed by the members. Other opportunities for further involvement in church or school events may also arise because of PPC initiatives and subject to members' availability.

The term of ordinary (non-ex-officio) membership is for two years. To facilitate continuity, it is anticipated that approximately half the PPC members will choose to continue for a second term. Anyone who serves two consecutive terms will then stand down for at least one term.

### **CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

The Parish Pastoral Council will choose a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Secretary. These office-bearers together with the Parish Priest form the Executive of the PPC who will

- Coordinate the business of the Council between meetings;
- Distribute the agenda, minutes and all other relevant material at least one week before each meeting;
- Ensure that the PPC reports after each meeting to the Parish Community of St. Luke the Evangelist.

Each meeting will begin with a period of reflection and prayer arising from the conviction that awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit affects and informs the meeting discussions and decisions.

PPC members will endeavor to:

- Honour, respect and genuinely listen to each other;
- Respect the ideas and initiatives suggested by parishioners;
- Use a consensus model of decision making whilst recognizing the ultimate responsibility of the Parish Priest for the parish community.

PPC members participate in a Reflection/Retreat Day once a year to facilitate a deeper understanding of the mission of the St. Luke's PPC in the context of the Church's mission as well as to enhance the way the members can work best together as a team.

### **KEY TASKS**

The Parish Pastoral Council has the mandate to:

- Develop and implement the Parish Pastoral Plan.
- Build and strengthen unity by bringing the various groups, entities and viewpoints together in a collective direction inspired by the parish vision and plan.
- Facilitate and encourage new initiatives that will enable St. Luke's parish community to more faithfully give witness to the values of the Gospel.
- Find ways to communicate and engage in an invitational way with members of the wider, 'non-churched' or 'non-practising' community.

### **REVIEW**

These Guidelines will be reviewed by the Parish Pastoral Council Members at the end of each two year membership cycle.

*"The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, Especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and Hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ."  
(Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, Vatican Council II)*