

Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish Blackburn South

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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2019

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – YEAR C

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

This week's readings: 2 Sam 5:1 – 3; Col 1:12 – 20; Gospel Luke 23:35 – 43

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: The choice of today's gospel passage in the lectionary appears to be twofold. Firstly, the inscription above the crucified Christ reads, 'This is the King of the Jews', one of the scriptural references to Christ's kingship – although that reference is more complicated than it first appears. Secondly, the feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year and the end of the year-long journey through the gospel of Luke. Given that the second half of the gospel is a physical and psychological journey towards Jerusalem and the death that awaits Jesus there, it is fitting that the final reading for the liturgical year is the crucifixion. When the feast of Christ the King was first conceived by Pope Pius XI in 1925, its intention was to emphasise the majesty and power of Jesus Christ, King and ruler of the world. However, our understanding of 'king' as it can be applied to Jesus has changed significantly in the intervening years. Despite earthly notions of kingship and the role of the Messiah, Jesus completely rejected such expectations and assumed the role of servant to the poor and outcast. As we have seen throughout this year, the gospel of Luke depicts in great detail the emphasis and priority that Jesus gave to the lowly and marginalised. The theme that flows through the gospel is again captured in the account of the crucifixion. At this most critical point, it is a criminal, crucified alongside Jesus, who responds in faith to Jesus and asks to join Jesus when he enters into his kingdom. The criminal has a much better idea of the nature of the sort of king that Jesus really is than is revealed by the sign that Pilate has had nailed to the cross.

Historical Context – Christ the King: The Feast of Christ the King was introduced to the liturgical calendar by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The establishment of the feast took place in a world that had suffered through the First World War and was unknowingly heading towards the Second World War. In this setting, the world was experiencing a dramatic growth in secularism and an even more dramatic growth in dictators who were rising to power in various states. The introduction of the feast was a call back from the secular and a call to remember Christ as having authority above and beyond any earthly leader.

Scriptural context – Shepherds and Criminals: The gospel of Luke is underlined by a message of hope for those who are afflicted, outcast and poor. In this gospel, the message and ministry of Jesus are directed specifically to these lowly ones. The significance of the role played by the poor is highlighted by the framing of the whole narrative in this gospel: the birth of Jesus is celebrated by shepherds and his death is accompanied by criminals. Shepherds and criminals – two classes of people on the absolute fringe of society; not dignitaries or wise men from afar – are witness to the birth and death of Jesus.

Gospel Focus – A kingdom of inclusion: In response to the criminal's faith, Jesus assures him, 'today you will be with me in paradise'. There is a certainty and immediacy about the response. Jesus does not tell him that some time in the future he will be rewarded for his faith. No, it is *today* that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and undervalued throughout his ministry. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.

Raise your voices ...

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Response to the Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

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

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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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, Keith Yelland, Peter Murphy, Kathryn Holmes, Tony Grieve, Jim Maguire, Nadia Tarquino, Elaine Chapman, Therese O'Donoghue, Bill Grant, Nadina and all those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For all who died recently, especially Bernard Loh and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Kevin Andrews, 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:** St Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr; **Saturday:** St Andrew, apostle. **Sunday Masses:** Preface of Christ, King of the Universe. Eucharistic Prayer I. Eucharistic Acclamation No. II.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY happens this Sunday at the 10.30am Sunday morning Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Elise and Nader Mitri are presenting their new daughter, Estelle Grace, to us this weekend for Baptism. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

ST V. DE P LOCAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL will be held next weekend. "Mum didn't eat last night so I could. You can help a family put food on the table this Christmas". A local Member will address us about how best we can support this appeal for Christmas 2019.

A VOCATION VIEW: The Church needs shepherds. Pray that the bishops will lead us well and rely on the power of God. (2 Samuel 5:1-3)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: " ... giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." (Colossians 1:12) God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things." Instead, try putting God first in all things. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.

CALL FOR HELP TO ABLE PARISHIONERS: The current Parish Maintenance Roster finishes on 7th December and the next one will begin in 2020. In the meantime our Parish Lawns will require regular attention. If you are able and willing to help please indicate by recording your name and number in the Red Folder on our notice table in the Church foyer or make contact with Darren McLean or Sonya O'Farrell asap.

RECENT DISTRIBUTION OF PARISH STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES:

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. EFT is also available. Investigations are underway for a Donation Tap Portal Machine.

THE 6PM SATURDAY VIGIL CHOIR will serve again this Saturday 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. 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.

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS/READERS: Please pick up your 2020 copy of 'Break Open the Word' from the Priest's Sacristy at your earliest convenience so you can be well prepared to deliver 'The Word' when your turn comes around on the roster.

2019 CHRISTMAS CARE GROUP RAFFLE: A **HAMPER** is in our Church entry/foyer with a sign on it for donations for the raffle this year. **Please note** that suitable and appropriate items wanted this year have a 'use by date' no earlier than mid to late January 2020, PLEASE?

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 jusitce@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.

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>23 AND 24 NOV 2019</u>	<u>30 NOV AND 1 DEC 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM Melina Barcellona	Olive Hammill
SUNDAY	8:30 AM Engelina Nyhuis 10:30 AM Mike Yore	Megan McLean Marg Yore

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

	<u>23 AND 24 NOV 2019</u>	<u>30 NOV AND 1 DEC 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM Olive Hammill	Mia Perang
SUNDAY	8:30 AM Godfrey Thong 10:30 AM Teresa Rhynehart	Darren McLean Jess Kilroe-Smith

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

	<u>23 AND 24 NOV 2019</u>	<u>30 NOV AND 1 DEC 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM Lorraine Kermond	Rita Gibb
SUNDAY	8:30 AM Don McKenzie 10:30 AM Leigh Kelly	Joe Brogno Mary Taranto

SLIDE OPERATORS

	<u>23 AND 24 NOV 2019</u>	<u>30 NOV AND 1 DEC 2019</u>
SATURDAY	6:00 PM David Prabha	Choir
SUNDAY	8:30 AM Megan & Darren McLean 10:30 AM Manny Gonzalez	Liliana Poropat Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

23 NOV 2019
Lesley Cormick & Rebecca
30 NOV 2019
No flowers during Advent

CHURCH CLEANING

30 NOV 2019
Team 7 (Bernard's Team)
Bernard O'Malley, Darren Owens,
Melina Barcellona & Anne Allsopp

MAINTENANCE

30 NOVEMBER 2019
Team 8
Don McKenzie &
Charles Chin

MANY OF OUR YEAR 12 PARISHIONERS are currently finishing their exams. Well done on all you have achieved throughout your school years and especially this year.

OUR LOCAL SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE has Christmas Cards for Parishioners in our Church foyer who would like to purchase them after Masses this weekend.

INVITATION TO ATTEND TRAINING - EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEES:

The (Archdiocesan) Professional Standards Unit is pleased to announce upcoming Effective Safeguarding Committees training. **Why is this training necessary?** The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne's new Safeguarding Children and Young People Framework requires parishes, agencies and entities to utilise Safeguarding Committees to implement and strengthen child safety efforts. Whether your parish has a Safeguarding Committee already in place, or is just starting to think about setting one up, this training is essential. Darren McLean, our Parish Child Safety Officer will attend a February 2020 workshop in Ringwood. Other interested Parishioners are encouraged to discuss with Darren their interest and their availability to attend with him please.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM: Fr Graham with an incredible reflection on this week's Gospel from Luke. As well as that, we have God spots from Pete Gilmore, Marilyn Rodrigues and Mother Hilda Scott to inspire you through the coming week. 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.

"UNPLANNED" - A MUST SEE FILM FOR EVERYONE - ESPECIALLY THOSE AGED

15 TO 30 YEARS Screening at: **HOYTS FOREST HILL THEATRE - MONDAY DEC 9th - 7pm**

Tickets: <https://fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-hoyts-cinemas-forest-hill-2/>

NB: Tickets must be purchased before 10am on 29th November to ensure the screening goes ahead. More details on our Parish notice board. **Unplanned** is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. Now a feature length movie, it is inspired by the book of the same name by Abby Johnson. All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. Her passion for a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood and their fight to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.Until the day she saw something that changed everything.

HEART OF LIFE: Waiting in Joyful Hope with a Quiet Heart (Carole Carmody rsm) Saturday 30 November 2019, 10am-4pm \$60 (including morning tea; BYO lunch). You're invite you to a day of reflection, where the following will be explored: Resting in the Garden, Windows of Contemplation, Opening the Doors to Advent. Poster on our Church notice board for more details.

FRIAR ALESSANDRO AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: You are invited to an evening of Christmas music & readings with internationally acclaimed Franciscan tenor Friar Alessandro. Friar is on his first ever tour to Australia and will be accompanied by Vivian Choi (Piano) and the Artes Christi Choir & Orchestra. ENTRY FREE or By Donation with all donations supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. DETAILS: Sat 7 Dec (7.30pm), St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL at www.voicefromassisi.org.au There is a yellow Parish sign-up sheet on the notice-table in the foyer of the Church and fliers to take with you as well.

THEOLOGY IN THE PUB: The debate of the year as two teams get ready to tackle one of the great theological questions of our time: "Do Cats Go to Heaven?" Monday December 2nd. Doors open on Level 1 at 6:30pm. The debate 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:** [<http://www.facebook.com/tapmelb/>] **Website:** www.theologyatthepub.com.au Please see the poster on our Church notice board for more details.

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

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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)

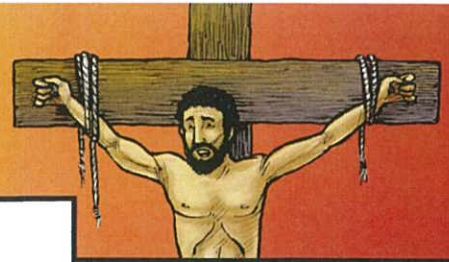
Parish Contact: Margaret Gearon

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?



Jesus Christ is King forever

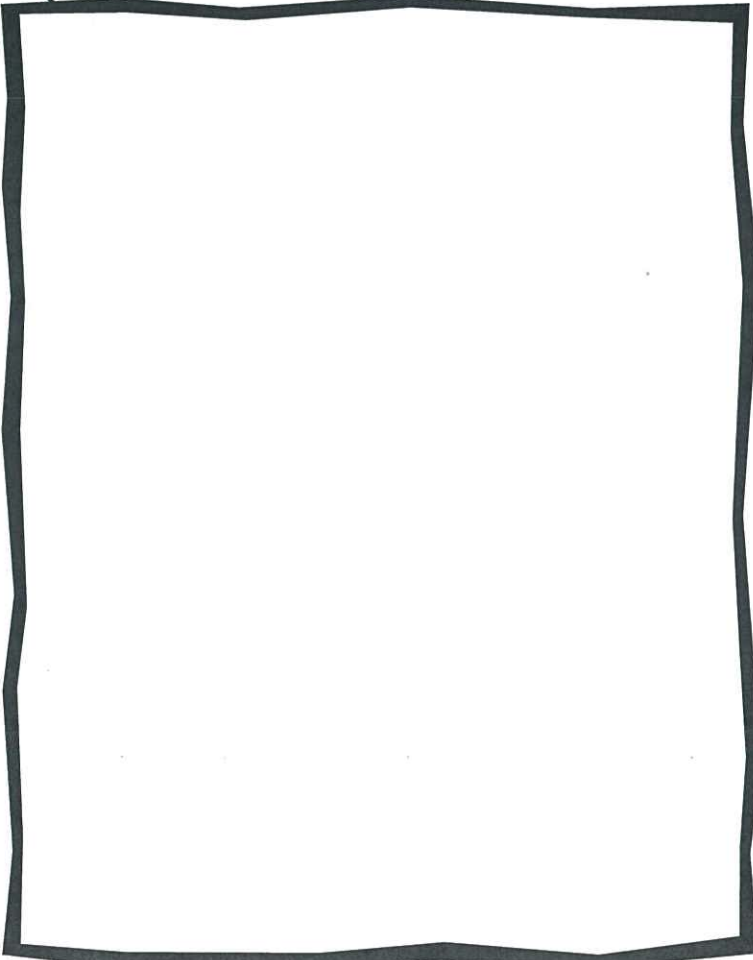


Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year C

Throughout our history there have been kings who were selfish, arrogant and cruel towards their people, while other kings have been kind and wise leaders who have protected their people. What kind of a king is Jesus Christ and how does he treat his people?



Jesus showed his love for us by suffering, dying and rising again so that we too may enter the kingdom of God. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that shows Jesus how you are thankful for the sacrifice he made.



Place a cross † next to the words that best describe Christ the King

POWERFUL

UNJUST

SELFISH

COMPASSIONATE

MERCIFUL

GREEDY

LOVING

DISRESPECTFUL

PROTECTING

FORGIVING

