

**St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish**

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| **14th January 2018**  **2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**  **Year B** | **Parish Priest: *Rev* *Fr Gerard Johnson***  **School Principal: *Mrs Jackie Purcell***  **Parish Secretary: *Miss Marilyn Robert*** | **46 ORCHARD GROVE**  **PO BOX 2140**  BLACKBURN SOUTH 3130  Email: BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au  *PARISH Phone No: 9877 2292*  *SCHOOL Phone No: 9877 4023* |

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| **Thankyou** | **Thankyou** | **Thankyou** |

**Fr. Dishan - Farewell**

Fr. Dishan has been with us at St. Luke’s Parish since 10th of August, 2015. During this time, he has shepherded us in his own gentle ways in bringing us closer to God. We thank Fr. Dishan for being God’s instrument in our lives and for all his contribution in building our parish community. We will miss him and will continue to keep him in our prayers. Thank you  
Fr. Dishan for everything you have been and done for us. May God give you continued strength and joy as you minister to His people.

## **MASS TIMES**

**Week Days**

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| Monday | R.D.O. |  |
| Tuesday | 11.00 PM | Mass |
| Wednesday | 9.00 AM | Mass |
| Thursday | 9.00 AM | Mass |
| Friday | 9.00 AM | Mass |
| Saturday BVM | 9.00 AM | Mass |

**Sundays**

Saturday Night Vigil Mass 6.00 PM

Sunday Mass 8.30 AM & 10.30 AM

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 9:30 AM / 5:30 PM

Or by Appointment

**Holy Hour - Exposition & Benediction**

Wednesday – 7.00pm to 8.00pm

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Would you like to be a Lector and/or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist – come to the Parish Workshop.

Another way to be involved and to minimise any anxiety of being of service to the Parish. More details to come.

Please send **NEWSLETTER NOTICES**

to the following e-mail address by ***Wednesday 5pm*** – **BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au**

6.00pm Lector: Mary; Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Lorraine

8.30am Lector: Beryl; Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Kana

10.30am Lector: Margaret; Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Lynda

***Food for thought:*** Precisely because it is linked to love (cf. Gal 5:6), the light of faith is concretely placed at the service of justice, law and peace. Faith is born of an encounter with God’s primordial love, wherein the meaning and goodness of our life become evident; our life is illumined to the extent that it enters into the space opened by that love, to the extent that it becomes, in other words, a path and praxis leading to the fullness of love. The light of faith is capable of enhancing the richness of human relations, their ability to endure, to be trustworthy, to enrich our life together. Faith does not draw us away from the world or prove irrelevant to the concrete concerns of the men and women of our time.

*Pope Francis*

**Entrance Antiphon**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O most High!

**Responsorial Psalm**

Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! We have found to Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings truth and grace. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon**

We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

**Year of Mercy**

Pope Francis said he goes to confession every two weeks, knowing that God never tires of forgiving those who repent, but also knowing that having a priest say “I absolve you” reinforces belief in God’s mercy.

Using the literal Italian translation of a Spanish saying, “It’s better to turn red once than yellow a thousand times,” Pope Francis said he knows some people are embarrassed to confess their sins to a priest, but it is the best path to spiritual healing and health.

The only people God will not forgive are those who do not want God’s forgiveness, just like only those who stand in the shade are not warmed on a sunny day, Pope Francis said.

**St. Luke’s Fete – 18th March 2017**

St. Luke’s Fete is just a couple of months away. If you would like to contribute to our ‘Cheap and Cheerful Craft Stall’ for the 18th March, 2018, please start your crafting. If you have any questions, queries, please contact Jo Adams on 0409 935 937. Your time and talent will be greatly appreciated.

**Ordinary Time - Year B**

**We are called***Recessional*

1. Come, live in the light!   
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,   
to live in the freedom of the city of God!  
  
Refrain: We are called to act with justice;  
we are called to love tenderly.   
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.  
  
2. Come, open your heart!   
Show your mercy to all those in fear!   
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,   
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!  
  
3. Sing, sing a new song!   
Sing of that great day when all will be one!   
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!

**Hymns for 2nd Sunday of**

**City of God***Processional*

Awake from your slumber  
arise from your sleep  
a new day is dawning  
for all those who weep  
  
The people in darkness  
have seen a great light  
the lord of our longing  
has conquered the night  
  
Chorus  
Let us build the city of God  
may our tears  
be turned into dancing  
for the lord  
our light and our love  
has turned the night into day  
  
We are sons of the morning,  
we are children of day.  
The one who has loved us  
has brightened our way.  
  
The lord of all kindness  
has called us to be  
a light for his people  
to set their hearts free.

**Fr Gerard - Welcome**

Some weeks ago I wrote to you about my hopes during my time with you as your new Parish Priest. I arrived Wednesday lunchtime this week. I have met our daily Mass goers and several other Parishioners already. I have been a priest for thirty-three years. During that time I have exercised my ministry in various appointments, all of which have assisted in bringing about the Kingdom of God for the Church of Melbourne and beyond. Before arriving here I was working in Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish Keilor Downs/Kealba. I am looking forward to living and working with you. I hope we can consolidate what you have achieved to date while anticipating how best to proclaim the Gospel, being the Church and more deeply becoming it, in the twenty-first century. We live in challenging times and, as the life, death, resurrection and message of Jesus all have a timelessness ingredient, they compel us as adult Christians, even evangelists, like Saint Luke, to witness to it with all the resources at our disposal. Let us do this together and may Saint Luke pray for us. Gentle regards, your new P.P.

And in the words of the ABC character Fr Brown: *“We are sent to where we are needed most”.*